



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Newsletter of the Year

Term has well and truly started—and I must see it's been a really cracking start to term. Seeing the smiling faces of the children as they came back to school on Wednesday was fantastic. We'd had two very good inset days having staff training, getting the school



ready (and with no building work to deal with either!) But something was missing, a school with no children...well it just isn't quite right! The children at Lowther have a wonderful natural enthusiasm for school which rubs off on us all. It is now our job to make sure we provide your children with the very best learning opportunities and experiences. So what are we waiting for....let's get learning!



2012/13 The best bits—more to come!

What were your favourite things last year? Maybe it was Italian Day, using our new ICT room, cooking club, sports day.....the list goes on. Our intention is to develop and support our already very broad range of activities and enrichment that we provide for the children whilst looking at exciting new opportunities too. It promises to be another action packed year at Lowther.



Welcome welcome!

A very big Lowther welcome to all our new families that have joined the school family this September. We are also delighted to welcome our Nursery and Reception children into BIG school this coming week. It's such a special time when children begin these landmark years. I'm sure I'll be giving out a lot of gold stickers in the coming weeks!

Great start!

I was super impressed with how quickly and well the children have settled back into school life. Mind you I shouldn't be surprised really — your children are awesome!

School Entrance

We lock our side gates at 9.05am every day to ensure the safety of all our pupils. After this time you will need to enter and exit through the main office. However, the lobby shouldn't be used as an entrance as otherwise it gets very congested. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



New and improved Climbing Frame trail

A big thank you to the PTA who have paid for the climbing frame trail to be repaired. We have the scramble net back and one or two other elements have been replaced too. It's such a popular piece of playground equipment I'd say that was money very well spent!

Information on the website

Our [school website](http://www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk) is packed full of interesting and useful things about Lowther. Did you know you can find these things on the school website

- [All newsletters](#)
- [Skipper's Scoop](#)
- [Our Twitter feed](#)
- [Galleries of all major school events](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [School meal information](#)
- [Uniform information](#)
- [Learning resources for children](#)
- [Examples of children's work](#)

And many more things too.

We want our school website to be reflective of life at Lowther and recognise that in 2013 parents and children should have easy access to a whole host of school information.

We are always very pleased to receive feedback and advice on how we can develop the school's website further. If you haven't had a look please do visit

www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk

Some dates for your diary

Important school dates are online now on our new and improved [online calendar](#)—we hope that it is even more user friendly. Included below are some of the key dates for the first half term.

September

- 4th – Children back to school
- 17th – 2.30pm KSI Curriculum Forecast
- 18th – 2.30pm Years 3 and 4 Curriculum Forecast
- 19th – 2.30pm Years 5 and 6 Curriculum Forecast
- 25th – 9.15am PTA meeting
- 26th – Year 6 Theatre Exchange

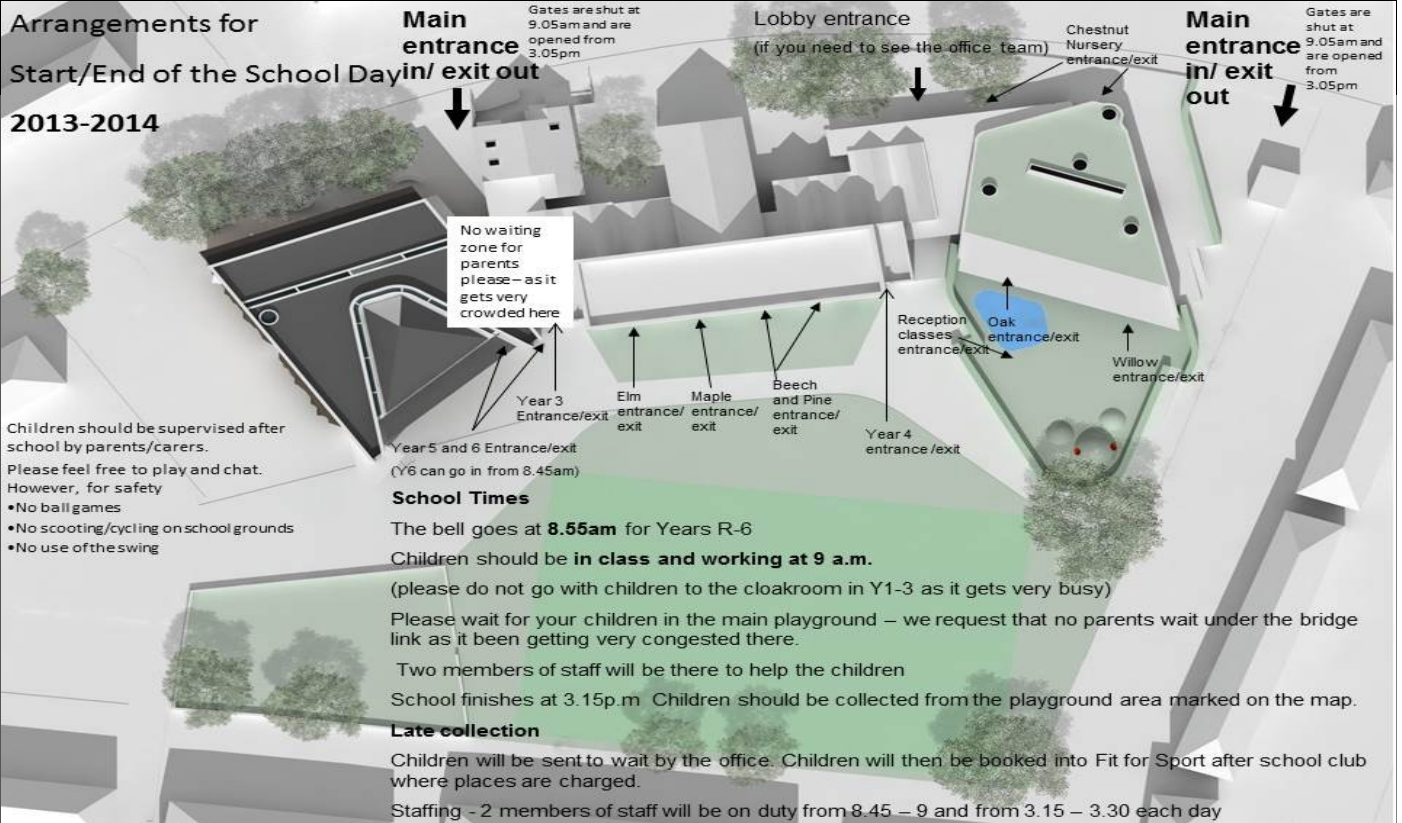
October

- 1st – Year 3T Richmond Museum
- 2nd – Year 3S Richmond Museum
- 2nd – Year 1 Gunnersbury Museum
- 2nd – Year 4 Natural History Museum
- 11th – Year 2 Gunnersbury Museum
- 14th – Parent Consultations
- 15th – Parent Consultations
- 17th – Perform Drama Workshops
- 18th – Year 6 Richmond Museum
- 23rd – 9.30am Harvest Assembly
- 23rd – Harvest Lunch

HALF TERM – 28th Oct – 1st Nov

Home time

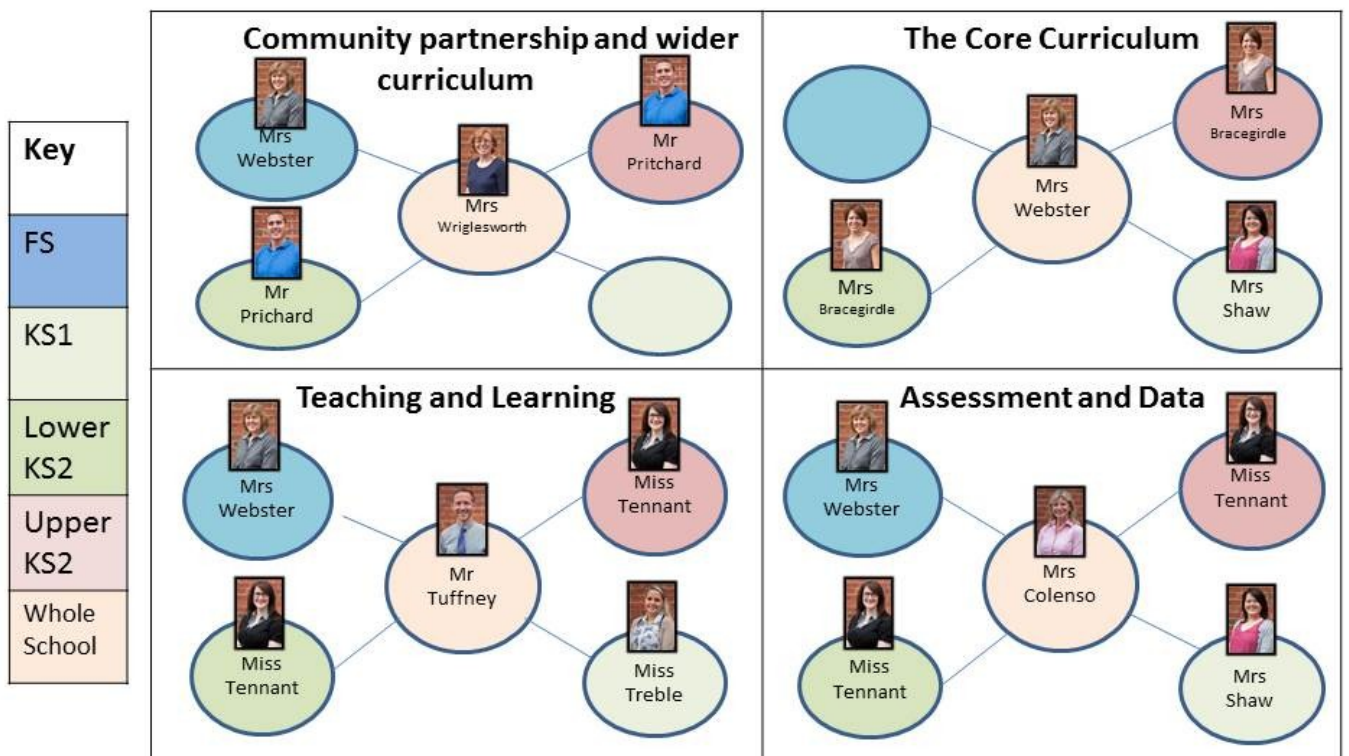
Children must have written permission from someone with parental responsibility to leave the school premises by themselves at the end of the school day. If you'd like your child to go home by themselves please organise collecting a permission form from the school office.



School Leadership

Our senior leadership team is illustrated below. The school's senior leaders (Mrs.Webster, Mrs Wriglesworth, Mrs Colenso and myself) oversee a team of leaders across the school. As the school continues to grow we will begin to split Key Stage 2 into lower and upper. We also want to ensure fantastic communication between different phases of the school to aid sharing the very best practice. The development of the leadership group is a big part of this years school improvement plan.

Lowther Senior Leadership Structure 2013-2014



Administrative roles

Mrs Murphy FS administrator	Miss Treble KS1 Administrator	Mrs Bracegirdle KS2 Administrator (both lower and upper KS2)
Miss Honeysett Inclusion and family liaison officer	Miss Honeysett SEN administrator (Autumn term only)	Mr Tuffney SENCO (Autumn term only)