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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



There really is so much going on at school in these last few weeks! We love this time of year. Walking around the school Mr. Bracken and I continue to see fantastic attitudes to learning and children working hard. I think the children deserve so much credit for maintaining such superb focus on their studies alongside all the different school events going on.

From everyone at the Lowther School Family we wish all of you lots of happiness and a really fantastic Christmas time. The next newsletter will be in.....yes....2017!

Christmas gifts

As a team we are always very appreciative of any gifts at Christmas but really the best gifts are the children's smiles and a well written card goes down a treat too. If you really feel that you would like to give a gift how about making a donation to one of the charities that the school supports?

Charging for references

Please note that if parents wish to apply for a place at a school which requires a reference (whether this be at Year 6 or another year group) there is an administrative charge of £20 per reference. Further details of this are outlined in our charging policy which is on the school website.

Data and Data Evening for Parents

Just a quick reminder that we are holding our annual data evening for parents on the new date of Tuesday 10th January 2017 from 6pm until 7pm. At this evening Mr. Bracken and I, alongside some of our school governors, share with parents the results for the last academic year across the school. We always make this presentation available online so that all parents can see the school data.

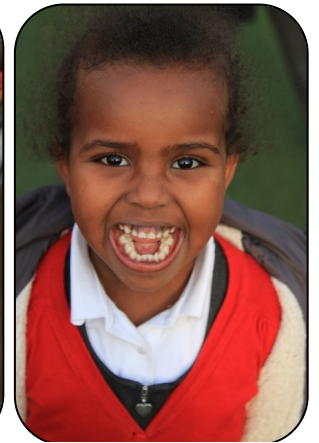
Book Sale still on!

The book sale is still on! The books on offer would make great Christmas and birthday presents for girls and boys. There are picture books, chapter books, information books and sticker books on offer. All are new, and all are at the bargain price of £2

Church Service

Adam from Holy Trinity Church in Barnes will be leading our annual Christmas service. The service is always a great way to draw the calendar year at school to a close. There will be songs and stories from the children all under the theme of "Good News"

Do come and join us if you'd like. The service is at 10am on Tuesday 20th December 2016,



I happened to pop out for a little bit of Key Stage 1 play time this week, I couldn't help but share some photos of the smiling happy faces that I saw in the playground. Play and lunch times are a vital part of the school day and we want them to be a great experience for your child.



Cross Country Stars!

Our cross country team did fantastically well in their recent competition at Richmond Park with the girls, notably doing well, coming 8th out of 28 very strong teams. The daily mile is certainly having an impact.



Christmas Fair Success!

Thank you all so much for supporting the PTA's fair. I know the children had a really super time, it also raised a lot of money for the school— we think we've raised somewhere approaching £5000! That's truly incredible. We're reviewing how we're going to spend the money but we're expecting to use the money for a playground project. More details to follow!



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It's Show Time!

Next week there are a whole host of Christmas performances and shows for you to enjoy. The full programme is detailed below. Please note that if you have young children we ask that you only bring them to the shows indicated here. We also politely request that if children become unsettled during a show that you quietly take them out. Finally, we also request that you keep filming and photography to a minimum as it can distract the children and also spoil others enjoyment of the show. Please be aware of the people around you, especially when using equipment like I-pads. The audience should remain seated for the duration of the show (apart from the rousing encore at the end of course!) I'll be taking plenty of photos which will be available for you to view via the school website. Thank you for your support with this. I'm sure you'll love the shows the children have put together for you.

Christmas Performances at Lowther 2016			
WHEN?	WHO?	WHERE?	Tickets available
Mon 12 th Dec 11AM	Year 2 Dress Rehearsal	History Hall	Parents with young children are welcome
Mon 12 th Dec 2PM	Year 2 Performance	History Hall	
Tue 13 th Dec 9:30AM	Year 2 Performance	History Hall	
Tue 13 th Dec 2PM	EYFS Dress Rehearsal	History Hall	Parents with young children are welcome
Wed 14 th Dec 9:30 AM	Year 1 Dress Rehearsal	History Hall	Parents with young children are welcome
Wed 14 th Dec 2PM	EYFS Performance	History Hall	
Thur 15 th Dec 10AM	EYFS Performance	History Hall	
Thur 15 th Dec 2PM	Year 1 Performance	History Hall	
Fri 16 th Dec 9:30AM	Year 1 Performance	History Hall	
Tuesday 20 th December 10:00AM	Whole School Church Service	Holy Trinity Church on Castlenau	Everyone Welcome