



# Lowther School Family Newsletter

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## WE ARE THE LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY!

A big thank you to Matthew for our wonderful new whole school photo. The picture takes pride of place in our Welcome Lobby. It really shows the family is growing—it sure looks good to me!

We hope you like the children's portrait pictures too, they will be sent home next week. Matthew is a great photographer. We'd love to hear your feedback on the style, price and quality of the pictures.

## School Governors

Our school governors do a wonderful job supporting and challenging our school. Full details of who the current governors are and what their role is are on the school website.

Here are the details of Sharon McNab (our chair of Governors) and Louise Duthart (our Vice – chair)

### Sharon McNab



Community Governor/Chair of Governors/ Course Producer BBC Academy

*Areas of responsibility:* Chair of Personnel & Pay/ Finance Committee

*Length of service:* 14 years

### Louise Duthart



Community Governor/Finance & Resources Director Evelyn Grace Academy/Vice Chair of Governors

*Areas of responsibility:* Chair of Finance Committee Curriculum & Policies/ Personnel & Pay

Governors volunteer their time to help make our school an even better place.

## Fund-raising news

Thank you for helping to support our local and international charities. £75 was raised at the Harvest lunch. Of this

£50 will be going to the Send a Cow charity

Bags of goodies were also given to local elderly residents and boxes of goodies were sent to Spear (a homeless charity which is based in Richmond).

## Cuddly Toys and Teddies Urgently Needed For The Famous Christmas Fair 'Teddy Tombola'!

Please bring any donations to the office by Monday 21st November. Only those in good condition please.

Many thanks from the PTA



## Play more Hoops!

If you enjoy basketball and want to play more then Westside basketball has FREE sessions every Wednesday just up the road at St.Paul's School. The Wednesday session is every week from 6pm to 7.30pm for all school



years up to year 6. The primary school sessions are running from Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Why not go and join in the fun?



## News from your PTA

We're into November which means the Christmas Fair is not far away.

### Christmas Fair

There are lots of things planned—and so, lots to do—please try and get involved to make it a great event for the children.

### Voting in of new co-Secretary – Sarah Seward

The PTA Committee voted in Sarah Seward as the new co-Secretary.

### Wish Tree

We need a volunteer to update the Wish Tree at the front of the school. This is not onerous but would need someone to print out and laminate wishes (outstanding and completed ones) and keep it up-to-date. Please let us know if you are able to do this.

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 25 November** – Whole School Mufti Day, wear your 'home' clothes to school and in return bring wine or chocolates for the Christmas Fair Tombola.

**Wednesday 30 November, 7-9pm, School Hall** – Wrapping Eve for Christmas Fair: **We Need You!**

The PTA are always glad to gain new members — even if you can only get involved now and again do join in. The PTA make such a positive contribution to what the children and families get to experience at Lowther.

## Homework Challenge 2 — School Designs

I had some cracking designs for the school building

Well done to winners

Lottie (Maple)

Elizabeth (Y4)

Emily (Beech)

Xavier (Y3)

Jasper (Y6)

Sara (Y4)

Isobel (Willow)

Celine (Y3) and

Andrew (Beech)

Connie (Y4) and Madeline (Beech)



## Taking Shape

The building site is starting to take shape now. You get a good view of the footprint of the new building from the window at the top of the Y3/4 stairs. Feel free to go and have a peep. This is my favourite vantage point for seeing how the site is developing. Don't forget Raouf in Y6 is giving regular updates on the building via the school website.



## Takeover Day this Friday

This Friday is our annual Takeover Day. 55 children from Y2 to Y6 will become members of staff for the day. The leadership team will be observing lessons and producing a report too. Our "new" teachers are busy planning exciting lessons, our new caretakers will be making sure the grounds look awesome. It should be a fantastic day.



They will all get a tour of the building site. All entries were so good I have awarded lots of the children who entered certificates too,

Look out for a SCIENTIFIC challenge which is due up next.



## Fry up Friday

Next Friday 18th Nov is Fry-up Friday. This is an event we hold for Dads—where you can come and get a lovely bit of breakfast and then go and do some reading with your son/daughters class.

Tania and Chef Sarah will be issuing a separate letter later this week as this is a ticket only event!

## Golden Standards

We have awarded the Lowther Family Golden Standard recently to Carlota (Y2) Frankie (Pine) Emilia (Y6) Nada (Y5), Dylan (Y4), James (Y3), Oliver (Pine) and Liv (Elm). Well done to all of you.

Do check the wall outside the office to see who else has made "The Golden Standard"

## Parents Evenings

I hope you have found your parents evenings useful. We have adapted the format this year in response to parental feedback. With some meetings the children being present and some not. I'm sure your children will tackle the challenges you and their teacher have set them with enthusiasm and excitement,

