



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Final Newsletter of the Year

Thank you all for a great year at Lowther. I feel very privileged to be working with such a special group of people. The way that parents and children work together with the school is something I believe to be very special. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and come back raring to go in September.



School Journey News

Year 6 had a great time in the Isle of Wight last week experiencing surfing, go-karting, Ice skating and lots more. They were all superbly behaved and brilliant fun. Well done Year 6.

Assessment Results 2012

The children in Year 2 and Year 6 did very well in their recent assessments. The SATs as they are commonly known are an important part of school life. For us as a school the most significant part of these are the progress the children make and how many of their personal targets they smash. I will share this progress data towards the start of next year as it is not available yet. Below are what I call "the raw scores on the doors" These are the actual results, and whilst we are very pleased with how well the children have done they do not tell the full story of the children's academic progress and their social and emotional growth. In addition attitude to learning is not indicated in "raw scores" and I believe this underpins what Lowther is all about. If you want to know more about assessments and data please do come and talk to me. Well done Year 2 and 6 on some cracking raw scores on the doors!

Key Stage 1 Results

Year 2	2011 - 2012		
	2B+	2A+	3
Reading	87%	54%	33%
Writing	76%	43%	13%
Maths	91%	70%	26%
Science	93%	52%	33%

Key Stage 2 Results

Year 6	2011 - 2012	
	Level 4+	Level 5
Reading	91%	43%
Writing	91%	17%
English Overall	91%	35%
Maths	96%	48%
Science	96%	65%

Scooter safety

We have had a request from a local resident that children take extra care on their scooters. Please support the children by talking to them about scooter safety. Thanks in advance.

Recycling Success

The ink cartridge's have raised £91.50 which is great for something that would have otherwise gone in the bin! We're aiming for £200 per term—totally achievable if we all help.

PTA Quiz night

The PTA quiz night was a HUGE success. A complete sell out crowd had a storming evening. A whopping £656 profit was made which the PTA can now use to support your children and their school further. Thanks to everyone that came along and made it such a great night out.



Summer Fair 2012

We certainly didn't let a bit of rain spoil the summer fair. A MASSIVE thank you to the awesome PTA who worked wonders to get the show on the road. It was a lovely day and was really well supported by you all (thank you for that) We made a very healthy profit of over £2500. Awesome!



Royal visit to Barnes

Children from Year 3 were lucky enough recently to meet the Duchess of Cornwall at St. Mary's church in Barnes recently. They represented the school superbly.



Would you like to work at Lowther?

We have a vacancy for a SMSA (school meals supervising assistant) for next year. This is an important role working between the hours of 12.00 until 1.30 each day to ensure the children have a happy and safe lunchtime. Please enquire at the office if you're interested.



Latest Building Update



The building is **really** looking good. Lakehouse are working extremely hard to get a very difficult build delivered on time and to budget. It's certainly not a "box" and the effort we have put into making sure the detail of the design right is worth the wait. At the moment the project is 3 weeks behind schedule (the agreed completion date is August 17th) Lakehouse believe this deadline will be met. Check the building progress part of the website to find out the latest news.

We will have an official opening party in September but will ensure we offer open events that will allow you all to come and have a look around for yourself as soon as we have handover. I think you'll love what you see. Roll on September

The LAFTAs

At Lowther we all fully believe in celebrating success. That may take the form of outstanding achievement or it may show itself through sensational progress. At school we have numerous rewards for children that show a great attitude to school — certificates, stickers, stars, bling blings, medals, competitions, extra play, the golden standard, positions of responsibility, class of the week, attendance prizes — the list goes on. We wanted to expand this further and so hence the LAFTAs were born (Lowther Awards For Terrific Achievement/Attitude) Whilst only a few children won prizes this year we hope this is something we can expand in the future. We hope it will be a great night. Well done to all the children who have been nominated for a very well deserved prize.

Logistics

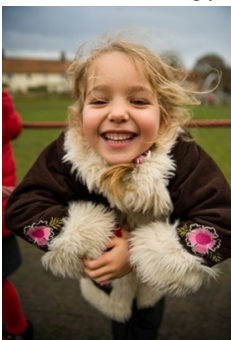
On the next 2 pages are maps of the school buildings. These show the entrances and exits for next year and also where the children will line up and come in. These are all based on the new building being ready. If it isn't we will follow the same routine as this year.

Lunches next year

We have some exciting plans for launching a new and improved hot meal service next year. These are obviously dependent on the new kitchen being ready. We will Parentmail all families at the start of September with the plans. Please do sign up for Parentmail if you haven't already. I can't wait for a healthy hot meal at Lowther!

An extract from the Annual School Evaluation 2012

At the end of each year the whole school team write an evaluation of the successes of the year and the areas we need to work on and develop. This is presented to governors by the senior leadership team. The aim of the report is to allow us to really analyse the school's strengths and areas for developments. From this the governors then work with school leaders to develop the school improvement plan. Below is the closing paragraph from the Headship teams report.



Happy learners = successful learners

So what next for The Lowther Family? Apply the formula above, sprinkle with enthusiastic and skilled teachers and a supportive team. Add in positive and pro-active parents and astute governorship and we're heading down the right path. The changes keep coming thick and fast and Lowther keeps moving forward. That's what we all want—a school that creates the very best opportunities for our children.



Leavers Assembly

We will be celebrating Year 6's graduation from Lowther on Friday at 1.30pm. This will be a happy occasion as wish them all goodbye and good luck as they fly onto bigger and better things. They've been a great class so do come along if you want to give them a cheer.



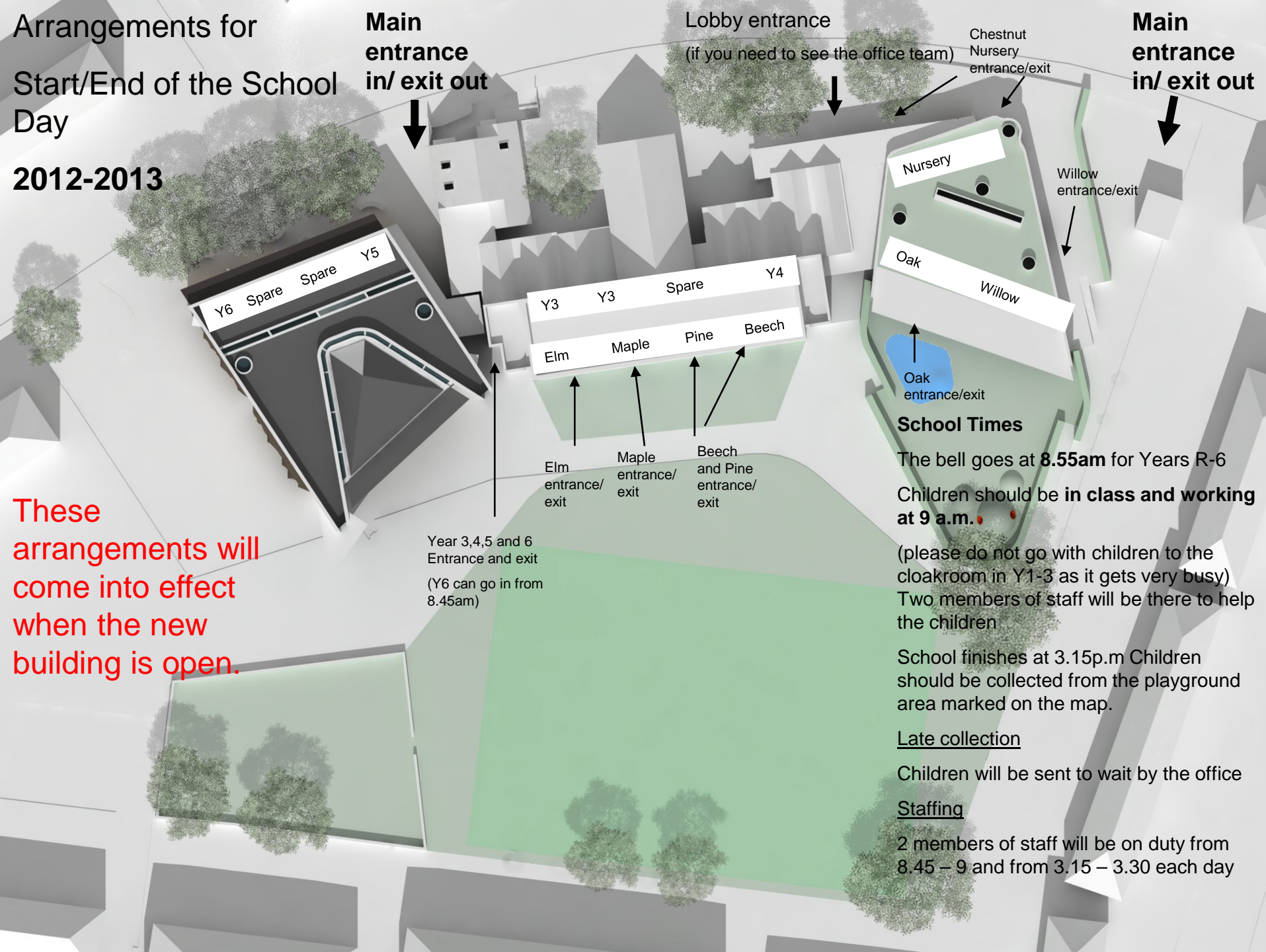
The start and end of school

We finish term at **2.30pm on Friday 20th July 2012**

We come back at **8.55am on Thursday 6th September 2012**

Special visitors

Mr.Dodman and Miss Roberts are visiting on Thursday 19th July in the afternoon. Come and say hello and find out about their adventures. Mr.Dodman will be joining in the Dads and staff football too. If you'd like to play just come along on Thursday at 3.15pm. It should be fun!



Arrangements for Start/End of the School Day **2012-2013**

**These
arrangements will
come into effect
when the new
building is open.**

**Main
entrance
in/ exit out**

Lobby entrance
(if you need to see the office team)

**Chestnut
Nursery
entrance/exit**

**Main
entrance
in/ exit out**

Year 3,4,5 and 6
Entrance and exit
(Y6 can go in from
8.45am)

Nursery

Oak

Willow

**Willow
entrance/exit**

**Oak
entrance/exit**

**Elm
entrance/
exit**

**Maple
entrance/
exit**

**Beech
and Pine
entrance/
exit**

School Times

The bell goes at **8.55am** for Years R-6

Children should be **in class and working
at 9 a.m.**

(please do not go with children to the
cloakroom in Y1-3 as it gets very busy)
Two members of staff will be there to help
the children

School finishes at 3.15p.m Children
should be collected from the playground
area marked on the map.

Late collection

Children will be sent to wait by the office

Staffing

2 members of staff will be on duty from
8.45 – 9 and from 3.15 – 3.30 each day

Arrangements for Playtimes/ Lunchtimes 2012-2013

Lobby entrance
(if you need to see the office team)

Main entrance in

Play Zone A

Play Zone F

Zone C

Ball Games area

Play Zone B

Elm Line Up

Maple Line Up

Beech and Pine Line Up

NO Ball games area

Zone G
Lunch line up

Play Zone D

Staffing of playtimes/lunchtimes

Playtimes

Zones B,D,E are open all playtimes (weather permitting)

Zones A and F are open subject to at least 2 members of staff being on duty

Lunchtimes

Playground is zoned and staffed accordingly

- A – Front - Quiet play KS1/2
- B- Muga- Ball games
- C- New hall - lunch
- D- Climbing Frame area
- E – The field
- F – FS and KS1 only

Play Zone E

Lunchtimes and Playtimes

FS

Lunch = 11.45 – 12.45

KS1

Play = 10.30-10.45

Lunch = 12-1

KS2

Play = 11-11.15

Lunch= Y3/4 – 12.35 – 1.30

Lunch = Y5/6 – 12.45 – 1.40