



# Lowther

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Welcome to the final newsletter of the year! What a fabulous year of learning, fun and opportunity we've had at Lowther. I've loved it, more importantly I hope your child has loved coming to school. We are fully committed to ensuring each and every child has a school experience that sets them up for their next step. Talking of next step Year 6 are getting set to graduate! Their SATS results are in (more to follow but they are awesome!) they've been to the Isle of Wight (see picture) and lots more besides. We will wish them well for their next step at their Graduation Leavers Assembly on Friday 20th July at 2pm. All are welcome. Let me take this opportunity to say thank you for all your incredible support this year. The backing of the families for our school is amazing. We wish you all a very happy and restful holiday time with your friends and families and we'll see you back at school on Tuesday 4th September. Happy holidays Lowther School Family!



## News of recent events and activities

We have a wonderful team of support staff here at Lowther who contribute so much to your children's learning. Three of our team will be leaving Lowther at the end of next week. Miss Amparo is heading back to Spain, we wish her lots of happiness and huge thank s for the fantastic support she's given a whole host of children. Mrs Crowley and her family are moving back to Australia after 7 years here in London. We wish all of the family a happy move back and special thanks to Mrs Crowley for her fabulous efforts in Upper Key Stage 2 over the last two years.

Finally, Miss Andrea is retiring having cared for and supported our children at lunch times over recent years. We wish her a very happy retirement.

There is a short leavers assembly for the adults leaving Lowther on Thursday 19th July at 230pm. You are welcome to join us.

We wish Miss Hallam and Miss Coward lots of future happiness too. It's good bye and good luck from all of the Lowther School Family.

Our Y1 and Y2 basketball club took part in the first ever Richmond Knights KS1 basketball festival. The future looks bright as there was a lot of talent on show!



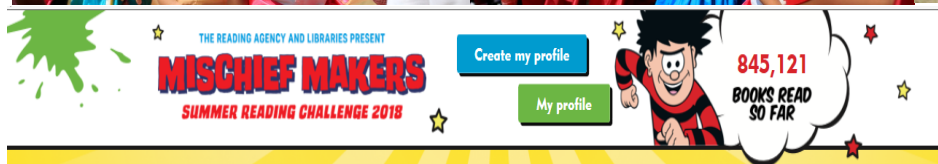
The art gallery set up as part of Creative Arts Week was fabulous. A whole range of different media, materials and artistic styles were evident. All of which were of a very high quality. Well done children!



The children were absolutely brilliant during our annual Grounds Afternoon - the range of dances and their enthusiasm, skill and teamwork on display were marvellous. Thank you for coming out to support the children in such great numbers too. We hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed performing.



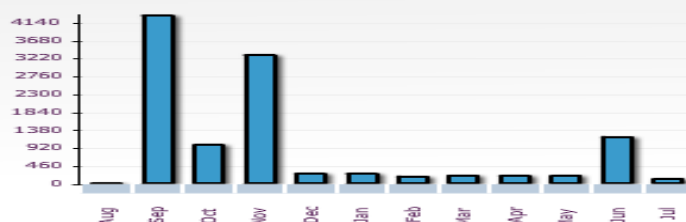
## GROUND'S AFTERNOON IN PICTURES



The local library on Castlnau runs a super Summer Reading challenge each and every summer holiday. This year it's called Mischief Makers — go explore — the children will love it!

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

## Donations received



Total donations received

**£11,760.00 Last 12 months**

Wow! The amount of money you have raised this year is simply incredible. Thank you all so much for your wonderful support of our school this year. The donations via Virgin money giving has raised an amazing £11,760 this year. This has proved invaluable in helping us ensure we can plan high quality resources for the children. The PTA have also managed to raise £7545 through the Summer Fair—so not only was it great fun it raised huge amounts of much needed funds for the school. We will update you next term with our plans for the monies raised. Thanks again for your brilliant support.



## Your class teachers for 2018/19

Foundation Stage	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Nursery—Mrs Murphy	Y1 Beech—Mrs Hughes	Y3M: Miss Mason	Y5N: Mr Nelson
Oaks—Mrs Hunter	Y1 Pine—Miss Tittle	Y3R: Miss Rogan	Y5R: Miss Newton
Willow—Miss Barker	Y2 Maple—Mrs Tucker	Y4G: Mr Gradidge/ Mr Mahi	Y6R: Mr Ripley
	Y2 Elm—Mrs Cox/Mr Agarwal	Y4P: Mr Picken	Y6C: Ms Chalbot

## POLICY NEWS

We've been busy behind the scenes updating some of our school policies over the course of the year. As you will know we have reviewed our School Trips policy and this was issued to parents last week. This week you will have received an email about our packed lunch policy. We have also been preparing our new homework policy—this will be launched in September at the start of the next school year. These policies have all been researched and developed with the school community and governors.

The promotion and development of children's physical and mental well-being is an important part of school life. As a school we have done a lot of work promoting health and well-being over time. You only have to look at the amazing sports results we've had in the last couple of years as a simple example of the development of fitness and health across the school. Over the course of this year we have been working on developing a new and improved Healthy Eating Policy which covers packed lunches. We have now finished this piece of work and the policy has been sent to you all via Parentmail. There are some changes to what we will allow for packed lunches. These are very much in line with other primary schools and what nutritionists recommend. The policy will be effective from September 2018 - please familiarise yourself with it in advance of this so that you can ensure your child's packed lunch is compliant with the policy. The policy also applies to school trips. Mr.Bracken and I will be monitoring it's implementation in September and so please come and see one of us if you should have any questions regarding the policy.

We're sure you'll agree this is a really positive step forward for our school and more importantly, will help support and ensure our children are as fit and healthy as possible.

The Year 6 performance of Shrek was fabulous. They all worked so hard to put together a real treat for parents and families. As we reach the end of the school year we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. They've been a truly fantastic cohort of children who have shone academically (just wait until we share their SATs results soon!) as well as on the sports field and in all aspects of school life. They're ready to graduate—good bye and good luck Year 6.



Y6 PRODUCTION IN PICTURES