



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Learning Review

We review the quality of teaching and learning that takes place at Lowther all the time. This includes working in partnership with the local authority to help us make accurate judgements on where Lowther is and what we can do to make the school even better. On a recent school review amongst many comments made by our local authority inspector included "Children are polite, helpful, cooperative and engaging" "Children enjoy learning and are fully engaged in class activities and school life" We will use all the feedback given to make decisions that help to move our school forward.

Building update



A lot has happened on the site over the last week or 2. You should continue to see a hive of activity over the coming months as your new school really takes shape. If you would like me to talk you through the building plan then do pop in and see me.



PTA Annual General Meeting – Monday 19 March, 9.15am

Dear Parents and Carers,

The PTA Annual General Meeting will take place on **Monday 19 March at 9.15am** in the Staff Room. Please do come along as we review the past year, look ahead at activities for the coming year, and discuss the appointment of a new Chair.

Please put this date in your diary and we will look forward to seeing you then!

School Council News

The school council have been working on a project since their inception about a month ago. They were delighted that Monday 12th March 2012 saw the opening of the Lowther School Council's Healthy Tuck shop.

Initially the council are planning to open the shop for 2 playtimes a week. On Monday from 10.30—11.15 and on Friday from 10.30—11.15.

Prices at the shop vary from 20p to 50p and children are able to buy

- Dried fruit
- Juice
- Water
- Chewy bars
- Cereal bars and other healthy snacks.

Children may bring in up to £1 to spend at the shop. This should allow them to buy any drink and snack combination. The shop will be run by members of the school council and all profit made will be put back into the school council funds. So come shopping at the Tuck shop and grab yourself a healthy snack!



Parent's Evenings

I hope you have found the meetings with the class teachers useful. Children make the most progress when school and home work in partnership.

If you haven't managed to see your child's class teacher yet please do make sure you make an appointment.

Well read!

Thank you all for supporting the book sale recently. We are delighted to announce that the school made nearly £500 from the sale. A MASSIVE thank you to Mrs. Johnston who organised the event. There are still a few £2 books left so grab them while you can!

YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!

We DO! We are looking for a brand new Chair for Lowther's brilliant PTA, which could be any one of you!

Message from Maxine — current chair of the PTA.

After 2.5 years I will be stepping down from the position and would like to pass the baton to the next generation.... As most of you are aware, the PTA's primary purpose is to raise funds to help buy extras to enhance our children's learning experience at Lowther and, of equal importance, to support the existing good relationships between the school, parents, children, staff, and the wider community. You do not need to know the hows and whys all you need is bags of enthusiasm to build on what has already been established, the role can even be done with two co-Chairs. There is wide support from a fantastic committee of: Vice Chair, Treasurer and Co-Secretaries as well as class reps and lots of volunteers. And I'd be more than happy to give advice wherever, whenever (if ever) needed!!





GET YOUR GROWN UPS GROWING! This year we want to encourage the children to bring along their grown ups (parents, grandparents etc) to join us in the allotment for the beginning of the new growing season. Please leave your name at the office for the attention of Wendy Wriglesworth if you would like to spend a little time planting amongst other thingspotatoes, wheat (we are growing our own bread this year!) and other tasty vegetables.

Community Day 2012 — Friday March 23rd 2012

Our annual community day is just around the corner. This is a fun day we have run for the last 7 or so years. The aim of the day is for children to work together as a whole school community. As such we'd love parents and extended family to be involved in the day.

Community Day Running Order and extra detail

9am Teachers will register the class as normal.

9.10 Short assembly outside

9.15 Whole school warm up

9.20 The Fun Run will start

KS2 will go off first (with their aim to make it around the course twice)

Then KS1 and FS go (with their aim to make it round once).

We will have the local roads all closed by the police to ensure complete safety for the run. It should be brilliant—do join us if you'd like.

The teachers then have a series of activities planned for the day—again do come and join in for some or even all of the activities.

The children should wear their normal school uniform, however we recommend that they wear trainers for the day as they will be more practical – especially as many events involve running about!

There are 2 additional exceptions to normal school uniform. If children bring along £1 (all proceeds go to Sport Relief) they may

- Wear crazy socks (the crazier the better!)
- Have a bad hair day (the groovier and funkier the better!)

Please do get involved!

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help on the day. If you haven't and would like to please let me know.

The overall timetable for the day is as follows:-

8.15 Breakfast — please book a place at the office

9.00 am Children register in class as normal

9.10 am Short assembly in the school grounds to start our community day

9.20 -9.50 Sport Relief Fun Run

9.50-10 Register and get ready for activities

10-11 Activities 1 -3

11 Morning Break

11.15 – 12.35 Activities 4 – 9

12.35 – 1.15 Lunchtime

1.15 – 2.45 Activities 10 – 15

3.00 Closing ceremony (children then go back to class)

3.15 – 4.30 Fairtrade Tea—all welcome

3.30 – 4.15 Dads/mums and staff football/netball —there are sign up sheets in the lobby

4.15 -5.15 Mr.T's Current Lowther team vs Chris' Lowther Alumni match



Just some of the fun we had last year!