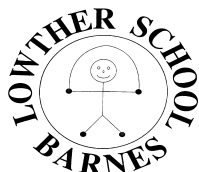


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER



What a year!

I can't begin to tell you how much I've enjoyed this year! Your children have been totally amazing! Thank you all as well for your fantastic support over the course of the year. We're very lucky to have such a supportive community and one that truly lives the Lowther ethos. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful summer, enjoying some great family time as well as having a break from the school routine. See you in September—it's going to be awesome!



Y6 Superstars!

As you can tell from the photos the Year 6s have been having a great time. Their trip to the Isle of Wight was fantastic and they put on a really super production recently too. They're certainly looking ready to take their next step to secondary school.



Secondary school meeting

Thank you to those of you that came to the recent secondary school meeting. I thought it was really useful and gave us a clearer insight into the picture for our pupils when they move on from Lowther. We've organised for Hatija to come back to Lowther on 16th September at 9am to go through the secondary application process with parents of pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. There's also secondary transfer meetings for parents if they can't attend open days at York House in Twickenham on 15th September at 1 pm and 20th September at 6.30 pm. Enquire at the office for further details.

To see where our current Y6 are moving on to this year please see the table below. We wish them lots of future success and happiness.

Secondary School	Number of pupils transferring from Lowther
Richmond Park Academy	18
Christ's	5
Grey Court	2
Ibstock	1
West London Free School	2
Harris Academy	1
Oratory	1
Orleans	1
Putney Academy	2
Burlington Danes	1
Kew House	1
Falcons	2
Fulham Boys	1
Twickenham Academy	1
Holland Park	1
Abroad	1

Leavers Assemblies next week

We have two leavers assemblies next week. One for staff and one for our Year 6 pupils. The staff leavers assembly is at 2.15pm on Wednesday. We'll be saying goodbye to our teachers that are leaving as well as our teaching assistants—Mrs Korkmazgil, Miss Mandy, Miss Sonja and Mrs Seward. You're very welcome to come along.

Our Y6 leavers assembly is at 2pm on Thursday where we'll give them a great send off to secondary school. Again you are very welcome to join us.

Sing up Success!

Well done to Y4 who sang fantastically well alongside Colet Court and St Paul's school recently. The concert at Watham Hall was first class and Lowther pupils performed very well indeed.



Summer holidays

Yes, they're nearly here! The summer holidays are just around the corner and we hope you enjoy some quality family time together and come back refreshed and excited for the new year ahead. I know it's going to be a great summer! Have fun!

Grounds Afternoon Fun!

I thoroughly enjoyed Grounds Afternoon and hope that you did too. I thought the children from Nursery through to Year 5 did a really marvellous job. Thanks for coming along to watch and support the children.



Skippers Scoop coming soon....

The final edition of the year of Skipper's Scoop is ready to hit the street! Mrs Puddephatt has done a superb job pulling it all together with the children. We hope you enjoy the read! Copies will be available for you next week.

Pupil Reports

We hope you found your child's end of year report useful and interesting. Teachers are very happy to talk to you about any aspect of your child's report. Across the school the children have done superbly well this year. Please do take the time to fill in the feedback form enclosed with the report. Thank you in advance.

School events photography

Just to remind all of you that we're very happy for parents to take photos of **their own children** at school events. However we must ask that you please don't put any photos on social media of children at school other than your own.

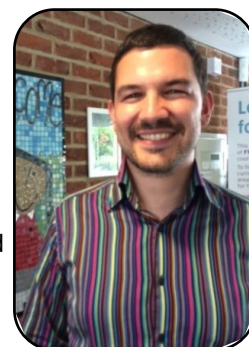
LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY STAFF TEAM 2016-17

Welcome to the Lowther School Family to the new members of our staff team. We're delighted to have recruited such great additions to our team. All of them have already been in to school and started getting to know the children. You may well have met some of them already but we thought it might be helpful for you to know a little more about the newest additions to the Lowther School Family.

Welcome to Mr Ripley who will be teaching Year 3R next year....

Hello! My name is Alastair Ripley and I am very excited to be joining the Lowther School Family, teaching in Year 3 and working with the leadership team. I have been teaching for eight years at different schools in London, across Key Stage 2. I have worked at my current school in Streatham for the past six years. I am very pleased to be continuing Science leadership as I love finding out about the world and conducting investigations! I believe strongly in the important role a school plays in the community, and I am looking forward to getting to know the families of Lowther and being a part of the school community!

I love reading and can often be seen walking along with my head in a book. I also love football (and all sports!), travelling and films. I live in South London, am married and have two young daughters, Ivy and Kira. One of the main reasons I love teaching is a joy for learning, and learning together, and I can't wait to get started at Lowther in September! Woo woo!



Introducing Mrs Chalbot who'll be in Upper Key Stage 2 teaching Year 5C next year...

I am thrilled to have been offered the opportunity to work at Lowther and have thoroughly enjoyed spending some time here before the holiday, getting to know the school and the children. After studying and working in the graphic design industry for a number of years, I took time off to spend with my children before entering teaching. I have lived in the area with my husband (hence the French name) and two daughters for a number of years after originally moving to London to study, so am particularly pleased to be working alongside a fellow Welshman in the form of Mr Nelson in Year 5! I have received a wonderfully warm welcome from everyone at Lowther, and am really looking forward to getting started in September.

A big Lowther welcome to Mr Picken who's Year 4P's teacher next year....

Greeting from a future Lowther family member! Hello all! My name is Jack Picken and I will be teaching in Year Four from September. I am very excited and cannot wait to get started.

I am currently working at Holy Trinity Primary School in Richmond. I have worked there for eight years.

Having completed my final teaching placement at Lowther, I was able to experience the great team ethic, as well as the wonderful relationships between pupils and staff. Having met my future class, 4P, as well as many other pupils at Lowther, I'm excited to start our adventure together come September.

My interests include sports, in particular football and cricket, music, guitar and cooking. And for all my sins, I am also a Chelsea fan.



A warm Lowther greeting to Miss Tittle who's our new Y1 Pine class teacher for next year

Hi I'm Miss Tittle!

Between Christmas and Easter this year I completed my final placement of my degree at Lowther. I enjoyed being at the school so much when a job came up I just had to apply!

Next year I will be teaching Year 1, Pine class. I have loved spending the last two weeks at school getting to know the children in my class as well as catching up with some familiar faces.

I love being active and when I have a spare moment I can be found by the river rowing. I also enjoy travelling and will be spending a month in Australia this summer.

I am really excited to join the Lowther School Family and get involved in the incredible variety of school events as well as creating fun learning opportunities in my classroom.

Roll on September!

Introducing Ms Fitch who is going to be our new SENCO for 2016-17.....

Having already had such a warm welcome into the Lowther family, I'm pleased for the opportunity to introduce myself to those I haven't met yet! My name is Ms. Fitch and in September, I will have the privilege of looking after Mrs. Said's SEN provision while she is off on maternity leave. Before Lowther, I was an Assistant Head / SENCo at a special school in Islington, and I have many years of experience working with children with ASD, physical, learning and behavioural difficulties and children with hearing impairment. I'm thrilled to be able to bring some of this experience to mainstream primary and hope that I will have many opportunities to support colleagues and families of young people with special educational needs over the next year. I will be busy getting to know many of the children at Lowther in September, and would welcome parents to come and introduce yourself if you see me around!

