



# Lowther

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Welcome to the last half term of the school year and to a new style newsletter. This is a little bit of an experiment and so things may well change. We're always very happy to receive feedback so please do let me know your thoughts.

We hope you had a fantastic half term break and are ready for a half term of five weeks that is packed full of so many exciting things for the children and their families. We look forward to sharing the buzz of all things Lowther for this half term.



*Do check out the awesome new whole school photo in the Welcome Lobby.*

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR ALL FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all your support this year. As you know, this financial year has been tough for the school. Like all schools in Richmond and across the country, our funding was cut and we have made every effort to make sure that the children's experience hasn't suffered. However, we do need your help and anything you are able to do, even if it seems small, makes a big difference to the children at Lowther.

Examples of ways you can help us:

- ⇒ Set up a monthly donation via Justgiving. If every family was able to pay even £1 a month, that would come to almost £4000 a year.
- ⇒ Pay a one-off donation via Justgiving. So far we have had a whopping £10,000 from this route and this has really helped us to balance the books.
- ⇒ Come to the Summer Fair – you know how much fun it can be, so share the love and invite other friends and family members along.
- ⇒ Recommend us – our school is awesome! The children love coming here, so if you know of people moving to the area, or looking at primary schools, ask them to contact us so we can arrange a tour. We'd love to welcome more children to the Lowther Family and have space in every year group.
- ⇒ Remember us – if you hear of any clubs or groups that are looking to hire facilities, ask them to contact Sharon Day in the office to see if we can help. We'd particularly welcome regular hires.
- ⇒ Photos – all photos in our school are available for you, so if you see one you love, just let us know and we can arrange that for you. A small donation for this is welcome.
- ⇒ Have a think – are we missing a trick somewhere? If you can think of any other ways to bring money into the school, please contact parent governor Tamsin via the school office.



Our awesome allotment is part of the Barnes open garden weekend this Sunday. We are delighted to be involved.



The athletics squad, once more, performed brilliantly against the Borough's other schools last week. Superb work.



Y6 had an awesome time at their annual camp over on the school grounds this week.



Our footballers made their third final of the season. A remarkable achievement. The photo shows the moment Seb slotted in the winning penalty in the semi-finals of the 21 school team tournament.



A special mention to the children in Key Stage 1 who have been working so hard on various different end of year quizzes. So impressed with their attitudes to learning!

## Choosing a Secondary School and preparing your child for transition

A workshop for year 4 and 5 parents



Parenting is all about difficult choices and one of the biggest any parent has to make is which secondary school to send their child to. How to make that choice? How to find the right 'fit'? How to give your child the very best opportunities to develop and shine?



This two hour workshop for all year 4 and 5 parents will help you identify the things you should be looking for and the questions you should be asking to make sure the school you choose will provide your child with the very best education and environment for their learning style, interests and character. Choosing a school simply by looking at their

exam results makes about as much sense as choosing them for their uniform colour – what suits one child may not suit another.

It is well recognised in Education that the first year of secondary school is of vital importance for any young person's future performance. The friends they make, their attitude to school and school work, their behaviour and attendance all impact on their learning and future success. Helping a child make as smooth and stress free transition as possible must be the aim of every good school and parent. During the workshop we'll also look at some top tips for helping your child prepare for transition by working with them on key skills and providing opportunities for developing independence and resilience.

**Please note we will not be giving out information about individual schools**

### Workshop Details

Gill Hines, Education and Parenting consultant, who has worked with local schools for over 20 years, will be presenting this workshop that is open to all. She is well known for her down to earth, entertaining style and is the author of 4 books for parents.

**Date:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Venue:** The Queen's C of E Primary School, Kew, TW9 3HJ

To book go to [www.gillhines.co.uk/workshops](http://www.gillhines.co.uk/workshops)

### The main events coming up

There's only 5 weeks of term, and school year, to go — don't forget our online calendar gives you all the dates you need to know. Some of the big ones include;

- › Healthy Activity Week starts Wednesday 20th June
- › The excitement of Sports Day is Friday 22nd June
- › Y6 will be performing their Shrek show on Friday 29th June @7pm
- › We will issue the new class lists and the teachers for each class on Friday 29th June
- › The fabulous summer fair, organised by the PTA, is planned for Saturday 30th June
- › The wc 2nd July is our Creative Arts Week
- › 2nd July sees Year 6 go away for their week long residential trip to Isle of Wight
- › On Friday 6th July at 2pm we have our annual Grounds day.
- › Reports are provisionally due Friday 6th July
- › Wc 9th July is the last week of any school clubs
- › The LAFTAs are on 16th July
- › Y6 Leavers assembly takes places on Friday 20th July
- › The last day of term is Friday 20th July

There's certainly lots to look forward to. We look forward to seeing you join in the fun over the coming weeks.

## SPORTS DAY 2018



This is our planned schedule for Sports Day on Friday 22/6/18. The current weather forecast is looking ok (fingers crossed!). All the timings below are approximate. Parents are welcome to join us for all or just part of the day. We'd love to see you. Children can come to school in their sports kit for the day and we also recommend the children bring their own named water bottle. It should be a brilliant day!

### Schedule for the day

#### 9.10am Whole school warm up

We all get together outside the main hall for a bit of warm-up. Parents are welcome to join in the fun!

#### 9.25am – 12 Team Field events

The children are put in to 48 teams of approximately 7. Each team has children from across the different year groups in the school with the oldest child in the group being the team captain. Children then complete a carousel of 8 different field based activities. There are medals for the highest scoring teams and certificates for the group that shows the best teamwork.

#### 12-1230 Long distance Pursuit Run

There are no medals for this event but we will be showcasing children's improved fitness. Each year group will run a long distance race from two different starting points. Children in Years 1,2,3 and 4 will run 2 laps. Children in Years 5 and 6 will run 3 laps.

#### 12.30 – 1.20 Lunch

*(Reception will be going for lunch 15 minutes earlier)*

You are welcome to come and have a picnic on the field with your child/children if you'd like to

#### 1.20 – 2.45 Year Group running race finals

Each child will run 1 race. Children have qualified for either the A or B sprint finals. Other children will have qualified for the obstacle A or B final. This year the sprint finals and obstacle finals are for each year group (rather than in class groups) There will be medals awarded for the fastest three in each A final. There will be certificates for the winners of the B finals.

#### 2.45 Parents, teachers and children's relay

There will be a KS2 relay race featuring the fastest 3 boys and girls from each year group. There will be a staggered start to this race. There are no medals for this race.

There will then be a teachers and parents FUN egg and spoon relay race. No need to sign up, just get involved when we ask for parents to race!

#### 2.50 Medals and close

We will finish our day by awarding the medals and certificates to the winning individuals and teams. We expect the day to finish at 3pm. Children will then return to class as normal.

#### 3.15 End of school day

