

# Lowther School Family Newsletter

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## And the learning is go, go, go!

One and half week in and the children are off to a flying start! have been delighted with the positive attitude the children have shown to their learning in these early weeks of the school year. I can see that I'm going to need to order more Bling Blings very soon and am expecting a lot of Hong Kong Phooey target smashers this year. Keep up the great work children!



Our Leadership team for 2012-2013 is illustrated below. We no longer have traditional Key Stage leaders. The school's senior leaders (Mrs.Webster, Mrs.Wriglesworth, Mrs.Colenso and myself) oversee a team of leaders across the school. As the school grows we want to ensure there is excellent communication between phases and sharing of great practice. In addition we also don't have subject leaders – this is done by cross-phase teams of teachers. We hope the new leadership structure of the school will allow us to move forward as a whole school

Responsibility	Foundation stage	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2	Senior Leader
Curriculum	Mrs.	Miss	Mrs.	Mrs.
	Webster	Tennant	Bracegirdle	Webster
Teaching and learning	Mrs.	Mrs.	Mr.	Mr.
	Webster	Shaw	Tuffney	Tuffney
Assessment and Data	Mrs.	Miss	Mrs,	Mrs,
	Webster	Tennant	Colenso	Colenso
Community links and extra curricular	Miss	Mrs.	Mr.	Mrs.
	Jenkins	Wriglesworth	Pritchard	Wriglesworth
Administrator	Mrs.	Miss	Mrs.	Mrs,
	Murphy	Treble	Bracegirdle	Colenso

#### **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM 2012-2013**

# Ofsted — coming soon (probably!)

As you may or may not know we are rather overdue an Ofsted inspection. As our previous inspections have been good and our results have been excellent we are part of their 5 year cycle. Our last



inspection was October 2007. There is a now a new framework (which has just started). As part of that, parents are encouraged to write about their views on Parent View (http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/) Parents are also allowed to write to the inspector personally once the inspection has started—we would very much encourage you to do so if you have views that you'd like them to know. There is short notice (we get a call at lunchtime and they come in for the next 2 days) before an inspection now and so thought it would be useful for you to

know this in advance. We are very positive about an inspection and hope to show just what Lowther is all about.



#### Open House and chances to have a look around

There are a number of chances for you to have a look around our new facilities.

**Saturday 22nd September 10—Ipm** (as part of Open House)
We are delighted to again be part of Open House weekend. This is a Lon-

don wide opportunity for the public to see buildings they wouldn't normally be able to.

**Monday 24th September 8—8.45am** (the children will be using the building from Monday 24th September) and **2-3pm** 

Tuesday 25th September 8—8.45am and 5.30-6.30pm

# Information on the website

(and forthcoming changes)
Did you know you can find
these things on the school
website

- All newsletters
- Galleries of all major school events
- Term times
- School meal information
- Uniform information
- Learning resources for children
- Examples of children's work

And many more things too.

We want our school website to be reflective of life at Lowther and recognise that in 2012 parents and children should have easy access to a whole host of school information.

We are always very pleased to receive feedback and advice on how we can develop the school's website further. If you haven't had a look please do

www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk



#### **Coming soon**

The new whole school photo will be up in the lobby soon.

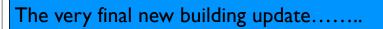
#### Gold!

Well done to Lauren-Mai (YI), Raymond (Y6), Ellie (Y3) and Amanda (Y2) who are the first children to be awarded the Golden Standard this year.













the LOWTHER School family invites you

to the openaing of our wonderful new School

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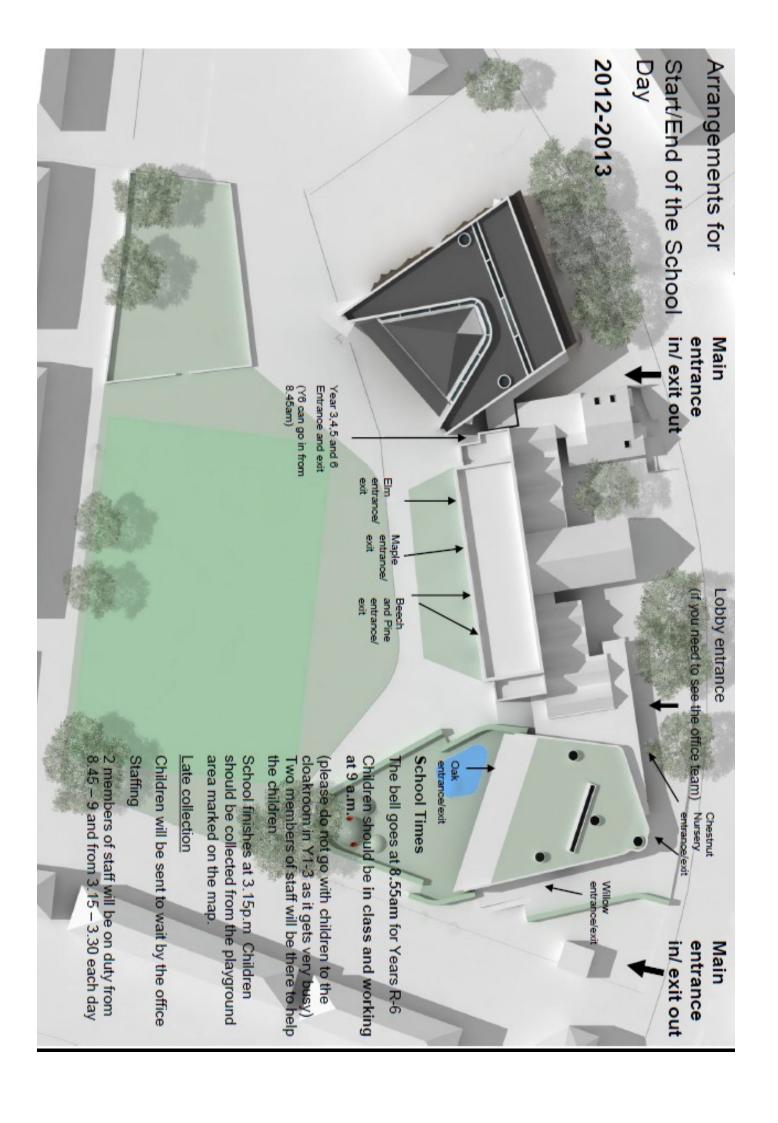
Where: Lowther Primary School - The Great Hall

When: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012

from 2pm - 3pm followed by the community tea party, games and

tours between 3pm and 5pm.

All members of the community are welcome — come and join the celebration.



# Summary of Changes now the new building is ready (effective from 24/9/12)

- Breakfast club will operate from the Great hall (new hall) every morning from 7.45am enter by the West Gate.
- The staff room is located on the first floor of the new building
- Year 5 and 6 will be based in the new building at the front of the first floor
- Year 3 and 4 are based on the first floor of the Edwardian building
- Our library and main ICT room are based at the front of the new building
- The new headship room is located opposite Beech class in the Edwardian building
- School meal provision summary—all lunches will be in the Great Hall from the 24/9/12

**Tuesday 25th September** — all of Key Stage 1 (including staff) to have school dinners in the Great Hall (no packed lunches please) ISS our caterers are offering this for FREE. KS2 to bring packed lunches.

Wednesday 26th September — all of Key Stage 2 (including staff) to have school dinners in the Great Hall (no packed lunches please) ISS our caterers are offering this for FREE. KS1 to bring packed lunches.

From **Thursday 27th September** there will be our new cooked from fresh menu available for all families that wish for their child to have a healthy hot lunch.

#### Information for Reception Families

Monday 1st October - Oak class to try school dinners for free. Willows to bring packed lunch

Tuesday 2nd October—Willow class to try school dinners for free. Oak to bring packed lunch.

From Thursday 4th October there will be our new cooked from fresh menu available for all families in reception that wish for their child to have a healthy hot lunch.

- School clubs start w/c 17th September unless otherwise indicated.
- Mrs Moore-Stanley and Mrs Anderson will be based on the first floor of the new building.
- There are now 2 main entrances to the school site (see map) East Gate at the Boileau Road end and West Gate for the new building, as well as going through the lobby should you need to see a member of staff or the office team.



## Thank you ALL

I can't wait to start using the new facilities! Whether it be cooking, teaching, assemblies, lunchtimes, basketball or even relaxing in the staff room I'm itching to get started! Our new facilities should help us take Lowther to the next level.

I'd like to say a personal thank you to the whole of the school family for being so patient and flexible with our arrangements over the last year or so. I think it says much about our school community's positive outlook that everybody has had the same enthusiasm and positivity about the changes. Roll on the 24th!

No more notices for now, so here are some pictures of your children's new school building!



