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Hello and welcome back!

It's 2019 and a half! We're now officially in to the second half of our school year—it's been a great year so far—one where we've seen so much fantastic learning and progress in all aspects of school life from the children. Whether that be developing their spelling skills, becoming a more adept artist or learning new Scientific investigation skills we want your child to have a broad and enjoyable curriculum and school experience. All the teachers at Lowther are fully committed to providing your children with the very best learning opportunities. Here's to a truly awesome second half of the year and more brilliant learning and exciting opportunities for your children.

World Book Day is officially next Thursday (7/3/19) but as in previous years we will be having our Book Day on the Friday (8/3/19) as this has worked well for the school over the years. We're looking forward to seeing more amazing costumes from the children and the teachers are planning lots of exciting activities to celebrate the joy of reading and the magic of books. You can help us to celebrate World Book Day by buying a book for our fantastic school. The PTA will be selling books in the New Hall on Thursday and Friday. Every book has been specially chosen by a Lowther teacher. Your child can write their name on a sticker and pop it in the book to feel they've really helped. The book sales will take place on Thursday 2:45pm - 4:15pm and Friday: 7:45am-9am & 2:45pm-4:15pm.



One of our favourite annual events of the year is coming your way soon. We are of course talking about our Community Day. We love this day—it's full of fun, fitness, great learning and teamwork. As usual we'll be getting the whole school out in the playground for a dance/warm up session before embarking on our annual fun run around the school. During the rest of the day the children will have the opportunity to take part in a series of different activities. Parents and families are very welcome to join us for any part of the day. More details to follow, we just wanted to make sure you had the date firmly planted in your diary—FRIDAY 22nd MARCH 2019. We look forward to seeing you there.



At Lowther we love putting on shows for you to enjoy with us. Year 4 are currently busy working on their upcoming production—the intriguingly titled "Cats and Dogs" The dates for the production are Monday 25th March @5:30pm and Thursday 28th March @ 6:30pm It promises to be quite a show.

The flyer to the right showcases the Rich Dance festival. We've been lucky enough to be invited to take part in this event, alongside specialist dance schools. Miss Mason is taking a dance team to the event and you'd be very welcome to go along and watch.

Our Netball team and boys football team both won their local leagues this year. A truly fantastic achievement as the standard is always very high.



Our rugby team put up a battling performance against St Osmund's at the end of term only losing narrowly. A great team effort.



Our Year 3/4/5 football team did amazingly well coming runners up in the St Paul's Year 5 tournament. A superb achievement, and made even more impressive by the fact we included children from the younger year groups. Superb skills boys!



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Upcoming events for your diary

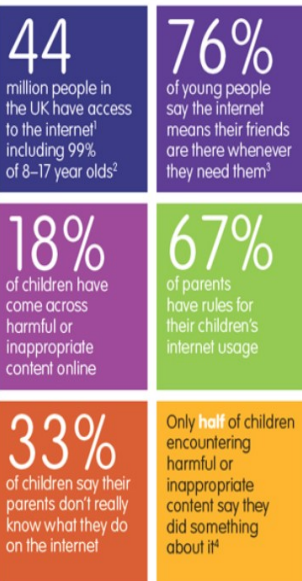
You may have spotted the posters advertising the PTA's annual Quiz Night. Please do come along—we guarantee you'll have fun. It's always a mixture of fun quiz type rounds e.g. music, film, general knowledge as well as some games and challenges. Last year we had table tennis and model building! There's a bar and it's a great fun way to support your school. Please do try and come!

Free tickets to St Paul's School Year 6 Play

We've got our Year 6 play coming up; *Sharp as Needles*, and we'd love to offer some free tickets to families from your school.

In this newly adapted Sherlock Holmes mystery, inspired by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and written by Paul Birch, the game is very afoot, as an ever thickening plot and mysterious goings on occur in the light of Queen Victoria's impending Jubilee. Expect lots of mischief, live music, shadow play and storytelling – Hilarity guaranteed.

For tickets, email JPB@stpaulsschool.org.uk with LOWTHER 19 in the subject bar. The body of the email should provide a contact name and the number of tickets requested.



We do lots of work with the children about staying safe online—but do you also do this at home? Do you have clear rules around going online? Are you monitoring your child's online activity? Please do talk to your children regularly and openly about the sites they're using and the games they're playing. Please also monitor their internet history and their contacts. We often hear children talking about unsupervised internet use and being signed up to social media sites and playing games such as Fortnite which are not for children of primary school age. Please ensure your primary age child is not accessing these sites without your knowledge. We all need to do more to support and protect children online. This is such an important part of growing up for children now and needs very close supervision and monitoring by parents and teachers. Some stark statistics which highlight the importance of this issue are illustrated below.



These logos are all instantly recognisable but do you know their minimum age rating? (This is not their recommended minimum age but their legal age rating, the same as there are with movies etc) Here are some interesting facts for you regarding social media platforms

- ⇒ Twitter's minimum age is 13 years
- ⇒ WhatsApp's minimum age is 16 years old.
- ⇒ Instagram is 13 years old minimum.
- ⇒ The minimum age for Fortnite is 12 years old.
- ⇒ Snapchat's minimum age is 13 years.
- ⇒ Musicaly's minimum age is 13 years.
- ⇒ Facebook's minimum age is 13 years.

One of the key roles of the governors is to support and challenge the school on how well the school is performing. Governors use a range of different ways to evaluate school performance. We review regular lesson observations, learning walks and evaluate school practice to ensure we have a clear understanding of what the school is doing well and what we could improve further. Just earlier this term we conducted a learning walk focused on Science This involved groups of teachers, governors, support staff and school leaders visiting every class room in the school to look at the quality of teaching and learning in Science. We then produce a full and detailed report of the findings to share with the staff team and governors. This way of working really aids school improvement. If you would like to contact governors to discuss any school related matter then please visit the school website where the contact details are available.

Sharon McNab (Chair of Lowther's Governing Body)

Please can parents of children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 NOT accompany their children upstairs in the morning or collect from upstairs at the end of the day. Children should be dropped off/collected downstairs. Thank you for your support with this.



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