



Lowther School Family Newsletter

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Staff Team Update edition

A new school year ahead.....

We have great pleasure in presenting our staffing model for the school year 2014-2015. We are all excited and motivated by the challenges and opportunities that the new school year will bring.

Staff Teams 2014-2015 The Foundation Stage Team




Nursery Team			
Nursery teacher	Nursery teacher	Teaching Assistant	FS Teaching Assistant
			
Mrs Blaxland	Mrs Murphy (1.5 days)	Mrs Benrehal	Mrs Asmar

The integrated Foundation Stage model

Although all of the Foundation Stage team have a class base for 2014-15 the team will all work across different parts of the phase. This will ensure all of the children benefit from the different areas of expertise and knowledge within the wider team.

Reception Team				
Willow teachers	Willow Teaching Assistant	Willow Learning Support assistants	Oak Teacher	Oak Teaching Assistant
 		 	Picture coming soon 	
Mrs Webster (4 days) Mrs Murphy (1 day)	Mrs Manly	Mrs Asmar Sarah	Miss Mould	Mrs McNeaney

Staff Teams 2014-2015 The Key Stage 1 Team

Year 1 Team						
Beech teacher	Beech Teaching assistants		Beech Learning Support Assistants	Pine Teacher	Pine Teaching assistant	
Formerly Willow Class in 2013-14				Formerly Oak Class in 2013-14		
						
Miss Meacher	Mrs Innes (3 days)	Mrs Reynolds (2 days)	Mrs Ghamloush	Miss Pat	Miss Honeysett	Mrs Sari

Key Stage 1 Teaching assistants

Year 1 classes each have a full time teaching assistant. In Year 2 teaching assistant support is provided in the morning with the additional adults working with strategic groups across the two classes in the afternoons.






Year 2 Team							
Maple teacher	Maple Teaching assistants		Maple Learning Support Assistant	Elm Teachers		Elms Teaching assistant	Elm Learning Support Assistant
Formerly Pine Class in 2013-14				Formerly Beech Class in 2013-14			
			<i>Picture coming soon</i> 				<i>Picture coming soon</i> 
Miss Treble	Mr Daniels	Miss Pat	Mrs Shammas	Miss Tennant (3 days)	Mrs Cox (2 days)	Miss Kate	Miss Elmes

Key Stage 2 Teaching assistants





Teaching assistants in Lower and Upper Key Stage 2 are deployed strategically across all 7 classes. Classes will have between 2 and 3 hours teaching assistant support in the morning with further strategic deployment across the phase in the afternoon.









Staff Teams 2014-2015 *The Lower Key Stage 2 Team*

Year 3 Team					
3H teacher	3H Teaching assistants			3C Teacher	3C Teaching assistant
Formerly Maple Class in 2013-14			Formerly Elm Class in 2013-14		
					
Miss Hallam	Mrs Peare	Miss Pat	Miss Lubna	Miss Coward	Miss Lubna

Year 4 Team				
4B teacher	4B Teaching assistant	4J Teachers		4J Teaching assistant
Formerly 3T Class in 2013-14		Formerly 3S Class in 2013-14		
				
Mrs Bracegirdle	Mrs Korkmazgil	Miss Jones (4 days)	Mr Agarwal (1 day)	Miss Pembe

Staff Teams 2014-2015 *The Upper Key Stage 2 Team*

Year 5 Team					
5N teacher	5N Teaching assistants	5N Learning Support Assistants	5P Teacher	5P Teaching assistants	5P learning support assistant
Formerly 4J Class in 2013-14			Formerly 4B Class in 2013-14		
		Picture coming soon 			Picture coming soon 
Mr Nelson	Mrs Hazell	Mrs Seward	Mrs Puddephatt	Mr Daniels Mrs Ghamloush	Mrs Hamilton

Year 6 Team			Wider Teacher team		
Y6 teachers	Y6 Teaching assistant	Y6 Learning Support Assistant	Italian Teacher	Cookery Teachers	Learning Mentors
			Picture coming soon 	Picture coming soon 	
Mr Pritchard (4 days)	Mr Tuffney (1 day)	Mrs Farrant	Miss Layne	Paola Longo	 

Sharing skills

Many of our excellent Teaching Assistants are shared between classes. For ease of reading we have shown them with the class they are primarily based with.

The Lowther School Family's shared vision

All the staff team share the vision that Lowther is a school that is inclusive, safe, exciting and a centre of learning excellence for all your wonderful children.

Staff Teams 2014-2015

The Wider School Team

Senior Leadership Team			
Assistant Headteacher	Headteacher	Deputy Headteacher	SENCO
			Picture coming soon 
Mrs Webster	Mr Tuffney	Mrs Colenso	Mrs Said

School Leadership

We have nearly finished our re-deployment and re-structuring of the school leadership team for 2014-15. We will share that with parents before the end of the school year.

We're very happy with the quality and balance of skills and experience across the whole of our staff team. 2014-15 promises to be a great year at Lowther.

The Office Team				
School Business Manager	Site Manager	Office administrator	Front of House	Office administrator
				
Mrs Day	Mr Green	Mrs Allen	Miss Tania	Mrs Johnston

Staff Changes

There are some changes to our staffing for next year. Very excitingly Miss Ross-McCall has decided to venture to the other side of the world and spend a year travelling in Asia and Australia. Miss O'Connor will also be moving on after so ably stepping in for Miss Shaw this year. We wish them all the very best in their new ventures. Mrs. Webster and Miss Tennant are reducing their number of teaching days to four and three respectively as they pursue other interests. We're delighted they're still able to offer all their wonderful skills and experience to the Lowther School Family. Then finally the news that Mrs Wriglesworth is going to be moving on from Lowther to a quieter life-style back in her home town of Hove. Wendy has worked at Lowther for 18 years and I've had the privilege of working with her for 12 of them. She is a truly outstanding teacher and has been a cornerstone of the evolution and development of Lowther over a long period of time. Funnily enough her very first class in at Lowther all those years ago ended up being my very first class at Lowther too! We are having a special afternoon on Tuesday 22nd July to wish our staff leavers "Good bye and good luck" This will start with a special adults leavers assembly at 1.30pm followed by a secret event for Mrs Wriglesworth after. Do come and join us. Indeed, if you have family or friends that were taught by, or know Wendy, then please invite them along too. It should be a fantastic send off!

Our new teachers

We're thrilled to announce the appointments of three fantastic new teachers. We've had huge interest from teachers wanting a position at Lowther and so have spent considerable time making sure we get the quality of teacher your children deserve. All 3 of our new teachers are experienced practitioners who will bring new and exciting things to the Lowther School Family. You'll have the chance to meet Miss Coward (Y3C) Miss Hallam (Y3H) and Miss Mould (Oaks) on Monday 14th July when they'll be here at Lowther for the day. We have a fantastic team of teachers ready to make learning exciting, challenging and rewarding for your children.

Summary of Class teachers for School Year 2014-15		
Class in 2013-14	Class for 2014-15	Class teacher for 2014-15
n/a	Oak	MISS MOULD
n/a	Willow	MRS WEBSTER/MRS MURPHY
Willow	Beech	MISS MEACHER
Oak	Pine	MISS HONEYSETT
Pine	Maple	MISS TREBLE
Beech	Elm	MRS COX/MISS TENNANT
Maple	3H	MISS HALLAM
Elm	3C	MISS COWARD
3S	4J	MISS JONES/MR AGARWAL
3T	4B	MRS BRACEGIRDLE
4J	5N	MR NELSON
4B	5P	MRS PUDDPHATT
5	6	MR PRITCHARD

Super Summer Fair Success!

Thank you to all of you that supported the fair. I think it was the busiest I can remember! A huge thanks of course to our amazing PTA who worked so hard to put on such a great event. We are delighted to announce that we raised over £5000 which will go to support the school. The PTA in conjunction with the school are drawing up a list of things that the school really needs and wants. There's also talk of having a larger project that we fundraise for over a period of time. Look out for further updates. In the meantime, thanks again to you all for being so supportive of our school, I am always slightly overwhelmed with just how much parents and families back our events and way of doing things. It's truly appreciated.



Our School Annual Review

At the end of each school year the school's leadership team and teachers put together an annual review of the school year. Last year the Headship Team report was published on the school website so that parents were able to access the report. We intend to do the same again this year. In addition we are also holding an informal session for any interested parents where I will talk through our successes and challenges as well as some of our plans for the next school year. You'd be very welcome to come along and find out more. The session is planned for Tuesday 22nd July from 545pm until 630pm. There's no need to book a place, just turn up if you'd like to. We really want parents to be involved and happy with the progress the school is making.

Fundraising Update

Mrs.Wriglesworth has been busy counting the funds and can announce with great delight that we have raised £340 for the Royal British Legion and £690 for Water Aid. What a fantastic effort! Thank you to everyone that supported these truly worthy causes.

Y6 Production

Year 6 have been busy rehearsing their Madagascar show—it should be great fun. They do just one performance for parents and families — which this year is on Thursday 3rd July at 7pm. Tickets are available now, the details of which are outlined below.

Y6 PRESENT MADAGASCAR

FAMILY TICKET: £7 (up to 2 adults and 2 children)

ADULT TICKET: £3

CHILD TICKET: £1



DATE: THURSDAY 3RD JULY 2014 AT 7P.M

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM. PERFORMANCE STARTS AT 7 P.M.

The final four weeks of the school year

The last 4 weeks of the year are busy, busy, busy. We thought it might be helpful to have another brief summary of the calendar for the upcoming weeks.

Friday 27th June	School Sports Day
Tuesday 1st July	Back-up Sports Day number 1 (don't want to be pessimistic but....)
Wednesday 2nd July	Y6 show for the whole school
Wednesday 2nd July	Parents evening for new Reception (2014/15)
Thursday 3rd July	Madagascar show for parents and families
Friday 4th July	KS1 Pirate Day
Wc 7th July	Y6 away in the Isle of Wight for the week
Wc 7th July	Pupil reports due out
Monday 14th July	Switch up morning—where children go up to next years class
Wednesday 16th July	KS1 Assembly for parents and families
Wednesday 16th July	Y6 Meal for parents
Friday 18th July	Back-up Sports Day number 2 (hopefully it won't come to this!)
Monday 21st July	The LAFTAs awards evening
Tuesday 22nd July	Staff leavers assembly including afternoon surprise for Mrs Wriglesworth
Tuesday 22nd July	Annual school review for parents
Wednesday 23rd July	Y6 Leavers assembly
Wednesday 23rd July	Terms end — the children come back on Thursday 4th September 2014

Science Homework Challenge

Well done to the Lowther Scientists who entered the homework challenge. We had great fun watching and doing the different experiments. To see what we got up to check out the online video. All the entrants will receive their prize and certificates at assembly this week.