LOWTHER PRIMARY SCHOOL 09.09.09 (our special historic date)

Dear All

The Children

What a difference a summer holiday makes – our "old" Reception children have grown and developed so much this summer that they already look and sound like Year 1 – we've begun! and that is the same for each class. I've watched our 'old' Tops climb the stairs to Year 3. I am sure they've all been practising the "I'm in KS2 now" look!!

As for the new Year 6, I'm looking forward to them being outstanding role models for our school family with Mr Tuffney's motivation, energy and challenge.

Our new Reception classes and Nursery children are making history as they begin their learning journey in the new building. Welcome to all our reception class families.



New Reception building

The staff

Welcome and welcome back to the school adults who bring a huge range of talent, commitment, energy and excellence to the education and care of all our children.

Welcome back to our newly married Mrs Lorraine Dickson – Year 2 teacher and to all our dedicated adults.

The Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Team will be working in the new part of our school with Carol Webster leading the talented, enthusiastic, excited and dedicated team of familiar adults and Sally Peacock.

Welcome to:-

Sally Peacock

Dina Kraus

- Nursery Teacher
- Toni Benrahal
- Nursery Assistant
- Peta Day
 Year 1 Teacher
- Pela Day Rhian Dunn
- Year 1/Part Time Teacher
- Frances Bracegirdle
- Part Time Support Teacher providing class teaching in KS2
- Part Time SENCO

Welcome back to Wendy Wriglesworth who will slowly but surely return to full time teaching during this term.

You will notice that some of us have changed classes and support work and have slightly different jobs within the school. However, our commitment to providing excellent learning and pastoral care remains at the heart of our work.

Pauline Crawford is inspirational in getting services and activities for our community so now for introductions to new faces based in the new building who will help us provide even more services.

- Tania Hodges She has a great title of Children Centre Champion and will join Sharon Day, Teresa Allen and Irene Johnston at the welcome desk.
- Alice Davidian who is the leader of Our After School Club which will be based in the "old Nursery". Look out for a change of name!
- Lubna Baig, a former pupil and now a colleague in our welcome team.

Finally, I welcome Eyullahemaye Henry-Miller the Local Authority Children's Centre Manager who will be based with us to provide new services for families across Barnes, Mortlake, East Sheen and Kew.

The new school year will grow and blossom over the next 12 months but we have already started by having a well planned and prepared school building, grounds and curriculum. David Green and Sharon Day have been crowned King and Queen of Lowther. They have worked throughout the summer to ensure the new building was finished, the existing building is newly decorated and the grounds and garden are perfect and it is now known as the Lowther Palace. Our first school behaviour target is to look after the Lowther Palace!!

The school adults have planned exciting, imaginative and challenging work for every child and you, I am sure, have prepared your child for the fun and discipline of learning and school work.

Mark Tuffney and I; Sharon Day and the welcoming team, David Green, the site supremo and all the Lowther School adults promise you and your children a school year of excellent learning, discovery, confidence and high achievement.

Tours of the new extension, led by "Tour guides Tuffney and Green". This Thursday from 3.15 - 4.15.

The opening celebration is on Thursday 17th September from 2 pm – 4.30 pm. The Mayor will "open" the new building at approximately 2.45 followed by cake! (Donations of cakes appreciated).

The Curriculum Assemblies are at 2.30 pm:

Tuesday 22nd September for KS1 parents Wednesday 23rd September for KS2 parents

The school year has begun; now it is "real" for the adults as we watched the excitement and anticipation on the children's faces in class, in assembly and in the playground.