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Hello!

We're in the last term of the school year now and there's so much to look forward to. We hope your children love their last term in their current class.

We are just putting the finishing touches to our teaching team for next year. We will release this for parents when we share the new mixed classes for next year later this term. We can announce though that the release of Mr. Gradidge to teach music across the school will continue (with assistance from PTA funding). We are delighted as this has been a very successful project this year.

As you know from the previous newsletter, we have appointed two excellent new teachers for next year, Miss Palmer and Mrs Sandeman. Both of our new teachers will be spending time at Lowther during the course of this term. We look forward to welcoming them to the Lowther School Family,

Finally, I hope you are able to join us for one of the many events we have in the final term, whether it be Sports Day, The Y6 show or The Summer Fair, there really is something for everyone.



PTA news



We had so many fabulous entries for our Summer Fair poster competition under the theme of "Carnival". A huge well done to Maggie in Year 5 whose lovely illustration was chosen as the winner for this year's fair.

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA whose inaugural auction night raised an incredible £10,000 for our school. This unbelievable feat means we are now in a position to order our much needed new sound system. Thank you to all of you that bid on the lots.

Mr Bracken and I had a great time at Starbucks with our lottery winning children Bonnie and Grace. Thanks again to everyone that purchased a £1 ticket! A huge thank you to all of you that have supported this creative PTA initiative.



School news

You may remember we asked parents a while back now about Homework. Mr Bracken and I have now completed our work with teachers to re-design our homework to ensure consistency across the school. The new framework will be shared this term ready to launch in September 2019. Do look out for it.

Thank you for your fantastic feedback on how to improve homework at Lowther, we hope you like the changes we've made.

Lowther continues to grow in popularity in the local area. Our incoming Reception class for September 2019 is full and we currently have a waiting list too.

We have a number of open days planned for next term (dates are on the school website) so please do encourage your friends with young children to come and have a look at what Lowther has to offer.

We hope you liked the new "Lowther Lowdown" designed by the children for the children. We thought the children did a fantastic job. Look out for Edition 2 coming soon.





We continue to have huge sporting success across the school.

Year 1 girls football saw them play 5 games, win 4, draw 1, score 13 and only concede 1. An amazing achievement!

At Borough sports we were very close to a podium finish in athletics (out of the 40 Richmond Schools) We had 6 individual firsts, a 2nd, a 3rd and two individual 4ths. We also won the whole team sprint relay. Superb sports work by Team Lowther!

PARENTS/TEACHERS vs CHAMPIONS

Want to test our your skills against the elite sports squads we have at Lowther?! Well now you can. As part of Healthy Activity Week the teachers are challenging our Borough runners-up Football team, Borough runners-up Netball team and Borough Basketball champions. We want some parents to join in and help us try and beat them! Do get involved, or come and watch, it'll be lots of fun!

Mr. Tuffney June 2019

Game 1 Wednesday 27th June @9am Netball team vs Parents/Teachers (on the astro pitch)

Game 2 Wednesday 27th June Football Team vs Parents/Teachers (on the field)

Game 3 Thursday 28th June Basketball team vs Parents/Teachers (on the astro pitch)

Team Lowther #1



Please find the details below for this years Sports Day. It's on Friday 28th June and promises to be another action packed day. You are welcome to join us for some or all of the day.

In addition Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th are part of our Healthy Activity Week where we have additional sporting and fitness based activities for the children to take part in.

We have some fun games planned for the morning where the teachers and parents will take on our champion sports teams! Please do either sign up to join in or come along and watch—it's going to be a lot of fun!

SPORTS DAY 2019

This is our planned schedule for Sports Day on Friday 28th June 2019.

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 fitness and stamina. Each year group will run a long distance race from two different starting points. Children in Years 12, 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 – 2.30 Year Group running race finals

Each child will run 1 race. Children have qualified for either the A or B sprint finals or they will have qualified for the obstacle A or B final. 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.

2.30 – 2.40 Year Group Relay race

2 boys and 2 girls from each class will race each against each other in a relay race (1/2 a lap of the track by each child) Y1 Beech v Y1 Pine to start, followed by each year group. No medals etc just for fun!

2.45 Parents and teachers relay

There will then be a teachers and parents FUH 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

A massive well done to all of Y6 as they put in huge amounts of effort to complete their SATS assessments just before half term. I thought it would be helpful for parents to know exactly what we do at Lowther regarding "SATS" and also have a look at (and maybe even try!) some actual SATS questions from this years papers. I've taught in Y6 a long time and am always very happy to talk to parents about anything to do with SATs and what we do at Lowther to ensure it's a really positive experience for the children.

Here's a sample of some of the questions:

Spelling

- Muscle, Creature, Deceive, Thoughtful, Tongue, Grammar
- Underline the **adverbial** in the sentence below
Last week, Ruby went swimming and played football.
- Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below
If you want to enter the competition, you can send your idea by email or post.
- Circle the three **determiners** in the sentence below
William didn't have any cereal in the house, so he went out to buy some cornflakes

Maths

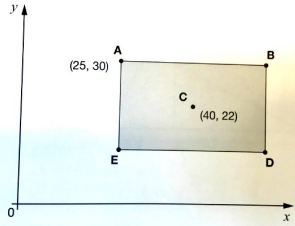
Arithmetic

- $1\frac{3}{4} \times 10$
- 3468×462
- $8051 \div 83$
- $5/6 \times 540$
- 51% of 900

Reasoning

- Adam is making booklets. Each booklet must have 34 sheets of paper. He has 2 packets of paper. There are 500 sheets of paper in each packet. How many complete booklets can Adam make from 2 packets of paper?
- $X + 2y = 20$. X and y are whole numbers less than 10. What could x and y be?

ABDE is a rectangle on coordinate axes.
The sides of the rectangle are parallel to the axes.



Point **C** is the centre of the rectangle.

What are the coordinates of **B** and **D**?

The distance from point **P** to point **R** is 800 metres.

The distance from point **P** to point **Q** is 4 times the distance from point **Q** to point **R**.

Olivia says,

It is 600 metres from point **P** to point **Q**.

Explain why Olivia is **not** correct.



I hope you found the questions interesting and helpful.

Our approach to these parts of school life are completely child centred and focused on children doing their best and working towards achieving their targets and goals. Teachers assess pupils throughout the year based on their work in class — this is called teacher assessment. Tests help feed additional information in too, supporting teachers to make accurate assessments. In Year 6 these tests are known as the SATs—this is a week long series of tests in the core curriculum. Children work really hard towards these as they help indicate their attainment and progress academically. They are however, just a small part of their life at Lowther and do not show their social, physical or moral development. A key part of delivering any assessments is ensuring children are confident, relaxed and focused. Knowing that they are expected to try their best.

Children from across the school attended the recent Barnes Literature Festival as part of work to further promote great literacy at the school. We also had a number of children introducing guest presenters over the course of the weekend. We are fully committed to extending opportunities for all children beyond the normal school day, it's such an important part of what Lowther is all about.



The last term of the school year is always super busy. Here are some of the key events parents may want to be aware of. It contains the main whole school events, please check with your class teacher for class/year group specific events. We hope you find it useful.

Date	Event	Date	Event
Wednesday 12/6	Whole Class Photographs	Wc 1/7	Creative Arts Week
Thursday 13/6	Y6 Camp over at School	Wc 1/7	New class lists and teachers re-leased
Friday 14/6	School Inset Day (school closed)	Tuesday 2/7	New Reception parents evening
Wednesday 26/6	Start of Healthy Activity Week	Friday 5/7	Grounds Afternoon
Wednesday 26/6	Parents/Teachers vs. Football Team @9am Parents/Teachers vs. Netball Team @ 9am	Wc 8/7	Y6 Isle of Wight trip
Wednesday 26/6	Y6 Show: Pirates of the Curry Bean	Wc 8/7	Y6 SATs results due
Thursday 27/6	Parents/Teachers vs. Basketball Team @ 9am	Saturday 13/7	Barnes Fair
Friday 28/6	Sports Day	Monday 15/7	LAFTAs awards evening
Saturday 29/6	School Summer Fair	Friday 19/7	Y6 Leavers Assembly
		Friday 19/7	Last Day of Term Children due back Wednesday 4th September



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