

Weekly
newsletter



Friday 7th
September
2018



Welcome back ! We hope you all had a lovely Summer holiday



Message from Mrs Davies

Welcome back to everyone at the start of our new school year. An especially warm welcome to those children and parents who have joined us this September, we have 30 new starters in our Reception class. Also a very warm welcome to Lily Lewin who has joined our Year 2 class.

I am sure you will all help our new families to settle in very quickly.

When I first came to Lowton J & I there were just short of 100 children in 4 classes, and 9 staff. We now have 24 members of staff and 211 children, which means we are classed as an oversubscribed school – quite a big change ☺. It is testament to everyone in our school community that we continue to retain our small “family” feel.

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. Please remember we are always interested in your feedback and suggestions to make our school even more successful. My door is always open if you want to speak to me, pop into the office and if I am not available immediately, they will happily make you an appointment.

School Uniform

It was lovely to see all the children back in school this week, looking very smart in their uniform. Just a reminder that we have a rail of good quality recycled uniform in the entrance foyer, you are welcome to pop in at any time to have a look. Also if you have any jumpers, PE shorts or shoes that no longer fit your child we would be very grateful if you donated it to our rail. **Thank you.**

School Bags

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you large rucksacks and holdalls etc are not suitable to be used as school bags – this is due to the lack of storage facilities within school. We currently have a lot of children in the Junior classes using these and they are causing a fire hazard in the corridors. Red school bags which fit into the children's trays are available to buy at the school office for £5 each.

Uniform Policy

Our school uniform policy is on the website for your reference. Please can I ask that all children wear suitable plain black school shoes. For health and safety reasons, platforms or girl's shoes with heels are not suitable school foot wear.



School Photographs

Tempest will be coming into school on Tuesday 25th September to take both individual and sibling photographs. Unfortunately, there is not the facility to include siblings (younger or older) who do not attend our school.

Lost Property

We are already getting lots of jumpers and cardigans handed in at the office, which do not have children's names in them. This makes it impossible to return them to the correct owner. Please can you make sure your child's name is in every piece of clothing.

Mobile App Update

There has been a change to how you access the Lowton J & I App if you are using an apple device. Please follow the instructions below:-

- Click on the App Store
- Search for 'School Jotter'
- Click Open
- Once it is downloaded, find the school in the drop down menu or put WA3 2AW in the search bar
- Once you have selected the school it will save for the future

The newsletter is also available via the school website:- www.lowtonprimary.sch.uk or in the school reception area.

Lunch Shop

The new meal charges are now £2.25 per day and you will need to top up your child's account prior to them having a school dinner. You should have received details relating to the new Lunch Shop system prior to the end of last term so if you are experiencing any problems or have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact the school office. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 even though they are eligible for Universal Free School Meals you will still need to set up an account to enable you to pre-order your child's meal. We are also looking at being able to use the system for payment of other items such as school trips. Thank you.

School Letters

Please can you ensure that you check your child's bag for any letters, change etc. they may bring home on a daily basis. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Monday 10 th September	Life Education Caravan "Cyber wise" for Years 4, 5 and 6
Monday 10 th September	New reception start part-time
Tuesday 11 th September	Y2 Swimming lessons start
Tuesday 11 th September	Lowton High meeting for Y5 & 6 parents in the school hall 3.30pm
Monday 17 th September	New reception start full-time
Friday 21 st September	Year 6 Golborne High Primary Progression Day
Monday 24 th September	Lowton High School Open Evening
Tuesday 25 th September	Tempest photographs for individuals and siblings who attend school
Monday 1 st October	Golborne High meeting for Y5 & 6 parents in the school hall 3.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	Building Better Communities – whole school assembly and workshops
Thursday 4 th October	Culcheth High Open evening
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Monday 8 th October	KS2 Parents' English meeting at 3.30pm
Tuesday 9 th October	KS1 Parents' English meeting at 3.30pm
Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th October	Poetry Week
Monday 15 th October	Parents' Evening from 3.30pm
Tuesday 16 th October	Parents' Evening from 3.30pm
Wednesday 17 th October	Poet in school to work with all year groups
Friday 19 th October	School closes for half-term
Monday 29 th October	School reopens after half-term holiday



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