

Weekly
newsletter



Friday
1st March
2019

We hope everyone had a
lovely half-term
break.



Parents' Evenings April 1st and 2nd

Letters for our Spring Parents' Evenings were sent home earlier this week. We are aiming to confirm your appointment as soon as possible to give you plenty of time to make the necessary arrangements, so it would be helpful if you could return the completed slip at your earliest convenience. Parents' evenings are an important part of the school year and provide parents and teachers with time to discuss children's progress and future targets, please do attend if you can.

PE Kits

All children need an **indoor** and **outdoor** PE kit in school at all times. There are currently quite a few children with one or more pieces of kit missing. Please can you check with your child that they have all their PE kit in school.

Thank you

Sickness Bugs

The school policy on sickness (vomiting & diarrhoea) is that children should not return to school until at least 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. I understand and appreciate this causes difficulties with working parents and childcare however we are currently experiencing a lot of children and staff being sick and in order to try to eradicate this current bug, we would ask parents/carers to continue to support us by complying with the current policy.

Thank you.

Nail Varnish

Pupils are not allowed to wear coloured nail varnish to school (see School Uniform Policy). Please can we ask that if your child attends a "pamper" Birthday party, nail varnish including gel nails are removed before they come to school.
Thank you for your support in this matter.



Let's Sing

Our annual Lowton & Golborne Let's Sing concert takes place on Monday 19th March for all Y3s. Tickets should be with us very shortly and we will get them out to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day is on
Thursday 7th March.

The theme for this year's World Book Day is "Share a Story". We are asking all the children to bring in a story to share with their class and to dress up as a character from that story. No football strips please. If you are struggling for ideas, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher for help. Please do not go out and buy expensive costumes, this is not something we expect or want you to do. We will try to help you with some ideas using clothes, outfits you already have at home.

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Advanced notice

School will be closed on **Thursday 2nd May** as we are being used as a Polling Station for the local elections.

School will also be closed the following **Monday 6th May** as this is the early May Bank Holiday.



Education Penalty Notice Warning for Non School Attendance

Lowton J & I are passionate about providing your children with the very best education and it is vitally important to us that each child arrives on time and ready to learn.

The key notes to mention about our policies are that if your child falls within one or more of the following categories within a 12-week period you may receive a penalty notice: -

- 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence with under 90% attendance
- 20 sessions (10 days) of unauthorised absence
- persistently arrives late to school after the close of registration

We totally understand that you may be late on the odd occasion and it is only if this becomes a regular occurrence that it would become an issue.



KS2 (Y6) SATS week

This year's statutory KS2 tests will take place in the week beginning Monday May 13th. Please ensure your child is in school on time every day. As usual, we will be running our special Y6 breakfast club all week, which gives the children an opportunity to have a healthy breakfast and chat with their friends and staff in a relaxed atmosphere.



Y5 Hinning House Week Parents' Meeting

There is a meeting for parents/carers of all Y5s going on the Outdoor Education Week in April. As lots of information is shared, it is important that all children have a representative at the meeting.

Open Morning

Thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who came into school on the morning of Friday 15th February for our Open Morning. We hope you enjoyed being able to look round your child's classroom and have the opportunity to see their work.



Homework Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the homework questionnaire. We are currently analysing all the comments and suggestions and hope to have an updated draft homework policy written early in the Summer term. We will send out a copy for final comments before the policy is implemented in September 2019.

Parents' KS2 SATs meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents of Y6 children on Wednesday 6th March at 3.30pm. Mrs Price will be explaining what is on each of the SATs papers so you will be able to support your child at this time. She will also talk about the expected standard and explain what scaled scores are. Please do try and attend if you possibly can.

School Dinners

Please can you ensure you order your child's school dinner each day before 8.45am otherwise they will have to wait until everyone who has ordered their lunch has been served. If necessary, we may have to contact the parent/carer to bring in a packed lunch. Thank you for your assistance.

School Mobile App

Please can you ensure that you sign and return the reply letting us know that you have installed the mobile app or you that you need help to do this, as soon as possible. It is vital that you download the app, as this is replacing the call parent texting service and will also give you access to the weekly newsletter.

The app will also provide additional information including copies of all correspondence and the school calendar, and will alert parents/carers if the school is closed for any unexpected reason (like in the recent bad weather). If we have not received your reply by Monday 4th March, we will be contacting you again.

Thank you for your continued support.

Consultation on Removal of The Lowton and Golborne Co- operative Learning Partnership as the Foundation for Lowton J & I

Early this week I sent home a document explaining what as a school we wanted to do and asked for your views. Please take the time to fill in the consultation reply slip and return it to the school office. If you have any questions or are unsure on any of what is in the document, please ask.

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At Lowton J & I we aim for all children to have 96% attendance or over.
The school's overall attendances for each year group are:

Year Group	Last Week	Yearly Attendance to Date
Reception	94.33%	96.78%
Year 1	93.67%	96.17%
Year 2	99.33%	96.79%
Year 3	99.00%	96.52%
Year 4	96.67%	96.10%
Year 5	97.10%	96.21%
Year 6	99.68%	96.62%

Dates for your diary

Monday 4 th March	Y5 Parent's meeting for HH week
Wednesday 6 th March	Y6 Parents' SATS meeting at 3.30pm
Friday 8 th March	The Fun Food Chef in school to work with Y3 & 4
Friday 15 th March	Y6 trip to Quarry Bank Mill
Monday 18 th March	Provisional LOGOS Let's Sing Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	Y2 trip to Martin Mere
Friday 29 th March	Mothers' Day Assembly 9.00am
Monday 1 st April	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 2 nd April	Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 th April	Pupil of the Term Assembly 9.00am
Friday 5 th April	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 23 rd April	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
Wednesday 24 th April	School reopens to pupils at 8.45am
Mon 29 th April – Fri 3 rd May	Y5 Outdoor Education week at Hinning House
Thursday 2 nd May	School closed to pupils as being used as Polling Station

