

Weekly newsletter



Friday 8th
December
2017



Going for Gold Assembly

Awards for the week ending 1st December

Pupil of the week:

Reception Oliver Eccleston
Year 2 Zara Percival
Year 4 Lewis McAllister
Year 6 Jonathan Hill

Year 1
Year 3
Year 5

James Scully
William Boydell
Lucy Danson



Playtime Awards:

KS1 Indoor Oliver Eccleston
KS2 Indoor Maddie Gerrard

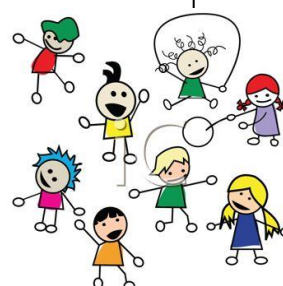
KS1 Outdoor
KS2 Outdoor

Grace Hardman
William O'Shea

Attendance Award:

Year 5

Well done everyone



PTFA Grandparents' Afternoon Tea

Due to overwhelming demand for tickets the PTFA are now holding an additional Grandparents' Afternoon Tea Party on Wednesday 20th December from 2.00 – 3.30pm, with letters having been sent home earlier this week. Tickets are free and additional tickets (for the Wednesday only) will be available on Monday 11th December from the school office on a first come first served basis. Thank you.

Music Lessons

Please note music lessons will begin again from Monday 8th January 2018 so we would be grateful if you could ensure payment is forwarded to the school office on that day for any lessons during the week. Thank you.



Drop off and Pick up times

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that the doors to **Breakfast Club open at 8.00am**. We have noticed that some children are being dropped off and left on their own as early as 7.35am which is not appropriate for Primary School age children.

All after-school clubs finish at 4.30pm, please can you ensure that someone is there to pick the children up at this time, we currently have some children not being collected until nearly 5.00pm. The voluntary after school clubs should not be used as a replacement child care facility.



Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

This year's school Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 20th December. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to Universal Free School meals therefore they do not have to pay for their lunch. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and they would like to have a Christmas lunch, then please ensure you either pre-load their parent pay account or send in £2.10 prior to this date to ensure they receive their meal. The children will be having Roast turkey with all the trimmings followed by a choice of Christmas pudding, ice cream or a mince pie. They can also come to school in their Christmas jumper, Christmas t-shirt or Christmas hat on this day. Thank you.

Y4 Christmas Music Performance

Year 4's Music Christmas Performance is on Monday 11th December at 1.30pm in the school hall. All Year 4 parents and carers are very welcome to attend this and letters have been sent home re the performance. We look forward to seeing you all there.

After School Clubs

All the after school clubs have now finished for this term. They will start again on Monday 15th January 2018 and details have been sent home of which clubs will be running from that date. Please can you return the form with your child's choices and they will then receive confirmation as to whether a place has been reserved for them or not. Once payment has been received their place at the club will be confirmed. The cost for each club is £13.50 for a total of 9 weeks until Friday 23rd March.



School Council "Clear Out for Christmas"

Our School Council have asked for your help. They are planning to hold a Used Toy Sale to raise money so they can contribute to the cost of a "Visiting Farm" to come to the school. They would be grateful for any unwanted, good quality, complete toys that are looking for a new home. Details of the sale will be sent out shortly. Thank you for your support.

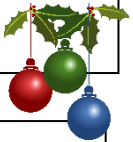
Outdoor P.E. Kit

Please can you ensure your child has an outdoor P.E. kit as well as an indoor P.E. kit in school at all times. There are certain activities the children will do outside, over the Winter months if the weather is dry. A pair of tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a long sleeve sweatshirt are suitable. Thank you.



Christmas Events

Please make sure you check the "dates for your diary" on the newsletter and also on the school website so you are aware of all the events in school in the run up to Christmas. If you need any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Open Morning

We are having an Open Morning on **Thursday 21st December** between 9.00 - 10.00am. You are very welcome to visit your child's classroom and look at their books and work.

PTFA Children's Party

Our PTFA will be holding a Christmas party for all the children on **Thursday 21st December** in the afternoon. All children need to come to school in their uniform and bring their party clothes for changing into in a clearly labelled carrier bag. The children will not need any money. **Thank you.**

Uniform

If you have any jumpers or cardigans, which are now too small, we would be grateful for them to add to our selection of recycled uniform. PE shorts are always welcome too.

Times Tables and Number Bonds Week

A very big well done to everyone who earned a certificate last week. Part of the Maths National Curriculum is that by the end of Year 4, all children need to be able to recall, from memory, all times tables up to 12 x 12. Whilst this is a statutory requirement, we try to make it more fun by offering the children the chance to earn wristbands in our weekly Times Tables Challenge.

As Reception and Year 1 also wanted to be involved in the week, we set them the challenge of recalling number bonds, which again is part of the National Curriculum but also, is one of the foundations for mental maths higher up the school. Thank you for your encouragement and support to help your children last week, it definitely paid off. Well done everyone ☺



Year 2 visit to Spaceport

On Wednesday 6th December, our Y2 children went to Spaceport. They all had a wonderful time and learnt many new facts about space.

Whilst there, teachers from another visiting school commented on how well behaved our children were and the coach driver said they were the best-behaved children he had ever had on a coach! Well done Y2s on being such fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Mr Kruze, Mrs Mills, Miss Burton, Miss Woodcock, Lydia Ryder (Erin's mum) and Gail Rigby (Jamie's mum) for accompanying the children.

Car Parking

Please can I remind everyone to park safely and considerately at drop-off and pick-up times both on and around the school site. Also please do not encourage the children to play "chicken" with the electronic gates. The safety of all our children is of the utmost importance



Year 5 and 6 Football team

On Tuesday, Mr Kruze and Miss Green took the Y5/6 football team to watch Manchester United U19s versus CSKA Moskva U19. Manchester United won 1-0. We are very proud of this year's football team (and the Y4s who have been training ready for next year's team) as although they haven't won a match they've never given up and got better and better each week. Well done boys and girls.



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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 |
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| Reception | 96.07% | 95.51% |
| Year 1 | 94.00% | 96.58% |
| Year 2 | 96.21% | 95.47% |
| Year 3 | 97.42% | 97.32% |
| Year 4 | 93.33% | 96.44% |
| Year 5 | 98.71% | 95.52% |
| Year 6 | 93.33% | 96.10% |

Dates for your diary



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| Monday 11 th December | Recorder performance for Y4 parents/carers 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 12 th December | Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 2.00pm |
| Tuesday 12 th December | Y6 going to GHS for Science show 2.00pm |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Reception Christmas performance 6.00pm (children back at 5.30pm) |
| Thursday 14 th December | KS1 (Y1 & 2) Christmas performance 6.00pm (children back at 5.30pm) |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Grandparents' Afternoon Tea 2.00pm |
| Wednesday 20 th December | Pupil of the Term Assembly 9.00am |
| Wednesday 20 th December | School Christmas Dinner |
| Wednesday 20 th December | Grandparents' Afternoon Tea (take two) 2.00pm |
| Thursday 21 st December | Parents' Open Morning 9.00–10.00 am |
| Thursday 21 st December | PTFA Christmas Party for all children |
| Thursday 21 st December | School Closes for Christmas Holidays |
| Friday 5 th January 2018 | INSET DAY – school closed to pupils |
| Monday 8 th January 2018 | School reopens to children |
| Tuesday 13 th February 2018 | Pop Project – Great British Literature for whole school |
| Wednesday 14 th February 2018 | Y4 trip to Tatton Park |
| Thursday 15 th February 2018 | M & M Productions – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe |
| Friday 16 th February 2018 | Parents' Open Morning 9.00–10.00 am |
| Friday 16 th February 2018 | School closes for half-term holiday |
| Monday 26 th February 2018 | School reopens after half-term holiday |

More information will be available on the school website (www.lowtonprimary.wigan.sch.uk) and in future newsletters regarding school activities.

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