

Weekly Newsletters

In an attempt to improve our carbon footprint and with the ever-expanding usage of smart phones, from Friday, 2nd March 2018 we will no longer be sending a paper copy of the newsletter home with your child.

The newsletter will be available via the following:-

- Mobile App please search for Lowton Jal School (WA3 2AW) on the App Store. After installing the app and allowing notifications you will be able to go into settings and select the notifications applicable to your child.
- Website <u>www.lowtonprimary.wigan.sch.uk</u> Parents' Communication, Newsletters
- A copy will be displayed in the reception area

If you need any help accessing either the mobile app or the website, please call into the school office who will be happy to help you. A paper copy may also be obtained by request at the school office.

Premier Sport's Half Term Holiday Camp Premier Sport will once again be running a half term holiday club on the following dates: Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st February Prices per day are: 9.00am - 1.00pm £11.00 9.00am - 4.00pm £15.00 If you would like to book a place for your child, please visit the website <u>www.premier-</u> education.com where you will find more details and instructions on how to book.

Welcome

A big Lowton J & I welcome to Joseph and Tilly who have joined our Y2 and Y3 classes. We are now officially oversubscribed as we have 212 children on roll.

Recycled Uniform

If you have any uniform your child has grown out of which is still in good condition we would be very grateful if you would send it into school for our recycled uniform rail. We are running very low on red school jumpers and cardigans, pe shorts and pumps but all items would be very welcome.

Open Morning

On Friday 16th February we will be holding our termly Open Morning for parents between 9.00-10.00am. You are very welcome to visit your child's classroom during this time to look at their books and some of the work displayed around the room. The staff will also be available for an informal chat. I appreciate that you have to wait after dropping your child off for the doors to reopen but this is to allow us to take registers, order dinners and ensure all normal day-to-day routines are completed.

ROBLOX

We have received an email from Greater Manchester Police concerning an app called "**ROBLOX**". The app itself is legitimate and allows users to create their own games and play them with other app users; the app is used by millions of subscribers and can be downloaded from the app store, playstore etc.

This week is e-safety week in school and the children are taking part in lots of activities to highlight how important it is to keep themselves safe online. During the activities we have realised over 70% of our Y1s & 2s are playing this game. A great many of the children admitted that they have online friends that their parents did not know about. It appears that there have been many reports in the press of children receiving game messages from "strangers" that they were not telling their parents about. Children in lots of schools have disclosed inappropriate content in the games and messages.

Please can I ask that you check your child's "**ROBLOX**" account and look to see if they have friends that they do not know. Please also check your child's in games message inbox to check if they have been receiving inappropriate messages.

We need your support to ensure all children are safe on-line at all times. Thank you

Mrs Davies

Charity Cake Sale

At the suggestion of Emma C, Emma H & Olivia in Y4, our school council have today organised and held a cake sale to raise money for the protection of endangered species of animals. We will let you know next week how much money our cake sale raised for this excellent cause. Well done everyone.

Medicine and Inhalers

If your child has been prescribed medicine or an inhaler, which they will need to take during school hours, please can you ensure that you hand them into the school office and complete the necessary paperwork. We can only accept medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor and the child's name is clearly marked on the pharmacy label. **Thank you**

Chinese New Year

Our Chinese New Year themed menu will be on Thursday 15th February. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and they will be having a dinner on that day, then please ensure you send in £2.10 to cover the cost. The menu choices will be Chinese chicken noodles or vegetable chow mein with chocolate and mandarin brownie for dessert.

Sickness Bug

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.**

Lowton J & I Times tables Challenge Well done to everyone below on earning their wristbands. Also a big well done to everyone who tried, keep

up the practise. **3s & 4s** Sophie Smith **8s & 9s** Alissa Collier & Hannah McMillan **11s & 12s** Callum Pagroon 8



Callum Pearson & Katelyn Patrick

M & M Productions

M & M Productions will be in school again on Thursday 15th February to perform "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" for the children. If you have not already done so, please can you forward the £5.00 contribution into school as soon as possible. Thank you.



At Lowton J & I we aim The school's over	for all children to have rall attendances for ec	
Year Group	Last Week	Yearly Attendance to Date
Reception	89.66%	93.88%
Year 1	94.67%	95.66%
Year 2	95.67%	95.62%
Year 3	96.56%	97.46%
Year 4	94.33%	96.20%
Year 5	98.06%	96.23%
Year 6	95.67%	96.08%

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13 th February	Pop Project – Great British Literature for whole school	
Wednesday 14 th February	Y4 trip to Tatton Park	
Wednesday 14 th February	Reception trip to Liverpool for Chinese New Year	
Thursday 15th February	M & M Productions – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	
Friday 16 th February	Parents' Open Morning 9.00–10.00 am	
Friday 16 th February	School closes for half-term holiday	
Tuesday 20 th February	Premier Sport's Half-term holiday camp	
Wednesday 21 st February	Premier Sport's Half-term holiday camp	
Monday 26 th February	School reopens after half-term holiday 8.45 am	
Wednesday 28 th February	"The adventure of the missing number" performance for whole school	
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day	
Friday 2 nd March	National Child Measurements – Y6	
Monday 5 th March	Y6 parents' meeting re SATs	
Wednesday 7 th March	Y3 trip to Chester	
Thursday 8 th March	Y6 trip to Quarry Bank Mill	
Friday 9th March	Mother's Day Assembly 9.00am – everyone welcome	
Thursday 15th March	Y1 Kenyon Hall Farm trip	
Monday 19 th — Friday 23 rd March	Y6 Outdoor Education week at Low Bank Ground	
Monday 19 th March	Y3/4 Let's Sing at Robin Park	
Monday 26 th March	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 27 th March	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 29th March	Pupil of the Term assembly 9.00am	
Thursday 29th March	School closes for Easter Holidays 3.30pm	
Monday 16 th April	INSET Day – school closed to pupils	
Tuesday 17 th April	School reopens to pupils 8.45am	
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th April	Y5 Outdoor Education week at Hinning House	
Thursday 3 rd May	Local elections – school closed as used as a polling station	
Monday 7 th May	Bank holiday – school closed	
Monday 14 th — Friday 18 th May	KS2 SATs week	
Friday 25 th May	Parents' Open Morning 9.00-10.00am	
Friday 25 th May	School closed for half-term holiday	
Monday 4 th June	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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