Friday 10th January 2020

Happy New Year, we hope you all had a lovely festive season

School Uniform

Weekly

newsletter

Please can you make sure that all items of school uniform including both indoor and outdoor PE kits and outdoor coats are labelled with your child's name.

Don't forget we have an assortment of excellent quality recycled uniform which is available for a small donation. Please ask at the office if you are interested.

Polite reminders

Jewellery – only watches (not Smart Watches) and plain stud earrings (one in each ear) are allowed.

Headbands/bobbles/slides – please can these be sensible e.g. no tinsel, sparkles, not oversized. Plain colours would be preferable.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

After School Clubs

The after school clubs start from Monday 20th January. Please can you ensure you send payment in by Friday 17th January to secure your child's place. Each club costs £20.00 and they run from Monday 20th January until Friday 20th March inclusive. Once payment has been received, confirmation of your child's place will be sent out. If your child is attending an after school club, please can you ensure you are at school to collect them by 4.30pm.



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**

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. We are currently experiencing quite 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.**

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.



Contact Numbers

Please can you ensure that you let us know if you or any of your family members detailed on your child's contact information have changed their telephone/mobile phone numbers over the Christmas period. Thank you.

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.

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	97.50%	93.13%
Year 1	97.50%	96.50%
Year 2	92.08%	95.46%
Year 3	83.33%	95.67%
Year 4	97.58%	92.14%
Year 5	92.57%	94.60%
Year 6	96.25%	96.78%

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15 th January	Y5 Trip to Tatton Park	
Thursday 16 th January	Y6 Trip to Quarry Bank Mill	
Friday 17 th January	Reception Stay and Play 3 – focus on reading	
Wednesday 22 nd January	Y3 visit to St Mary's Church	
Thursday 23 rd January	Y6 visit to St Mary's Church	
Thursday 6 th February	Y4 trip to Tatton Park	
Friday 14th February	Parents' Open Morning 9.00 – 10.00am	
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term holiday	
Monday 24 th February	School re-opens after half term holiday	
Wednesday 25 th February	Y2 visit to St Mary's Church	
Thursday 5 th March	Y6 Parents' SATs meeting	
Friday 6 th March	Reception Stay and Play 4 – focus on shape, space and measure	
Friday 20 th March	Mothers' Day Assembly	
Monday 23 rd March	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 24 th March	Parents' Evening	
Friday 27th March	Pupil of the Term Assembly	
Monday 30 th March-Friday 3 rd April	Y6 Outdoor Education Week at Low Bank Ground	
Friday 3 rd April	School closes for the Easter holidays	

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