

Weekly  
newsletter



Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2020



# 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 Jathusan and Darisana Atputhanathan who have joined us in Year 5 and 6 and Coel Hill who has joined us in Year 6.

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

We will have 224 children in school this year, which is so different from the J and I I first came to work at. It is testament to everyone in our school community that we continue to retain our small "family" feel, which is a very important part of our school ethos.

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 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.



### Staggered School Day

Thank you to everyone for taking the current staggered times in your stride; we really do appreciate your understanding and patience at this time.

As always, our main objective is to keep everyone of our school community as safe as possible. Please continue to respect social distancing when waiting to enter the school grounds.

Thank you.

### Car Parking

We have already started to receive complaints in the school office about the parking at drop off and pick up time.

**Please can you ensure that you park legally and considerately at all time in the local area.** The gym car park is a PRIVATE car park and must not be used.

As always, I have advised the local business and residents to contact the police and traffic wardens with registration numbers if they feel any parking laws have been broken.

### 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

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Swimming Lessons Begin
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Tempest Individual and Siblings - Photography
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Golborne High School Primary Progression Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Golborne High to see Y5/6 parents at 3.30pm
TBA	Lowton C of E High School Y5/Y6 parents at 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Golborne High School Open Evening
TBA	Culcheth High School Open Evening
TBA	Lowton High School Open Evening
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Potential Parents' Evening subject to change due to COVID-19
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Potential Parents' Evening subject to change due to COVID-19
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Tempest Class Photographs
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Poetry Week
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Potential Parents' Evening subject to change due to COVID-19
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Potential Parents' Evening subject to change due to COVID-19
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Closes for Half Term



**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE DUE TO THE CONTINUING PANDEMIC**

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