

Weekly
newsletter



Friday 23rd
October
2020



Have a lovely half-term holiday



Important Message

As we start our half-term holiday, I feel we need to remind ourselves of what we are trying to achieve. We want to keep our schools and bubbles open. Our staff, children and families are facing the daily challenge with mixed confidence. Their confidence grows when we all do our part:

- Please stick to the one way system
- Please stick to the staggered in and out times
- Please keep your children near you so you can keep them within their bubble of friends
- Please respect our staff as we don't want to challenge people when they don't follow our requests – but we shouldn't have to
- Please don't shout at or verbally abuse our staff – we are simply following the Government guidelines and not being awkward
- We need to all respect the plan as school tries to minimise any chance of closing a year group or the whole school

Over the last few months we have all watched as society reopened cautiously and then got warned to be careful; not to push the guidance too much. Now hospitality is closed again, Tier 3 restrictions have been enforced and there are calls for a circuit breaker lockdown.

We have achieved so much because of how well you have supported school but this virus only needs one chance to spread. Two or more cases in two weeks would be considered an outbreak and could cause large-scale closures. Please follow the guidance and school procedures and help us to keep our school open and protect every member of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Davies



Masks

We are determined to keep Lowton J and I open in a safe, happy and caring way to ensure that children have as little disruption to their education as is possible. Therefore, we are reiterating our request that parents and carers wear a face covering when picking up or dropping children off at school.

We appreciate that not everyone will wear a mask, but if you choose to do so you will be helping the whole school community. As always, please adhere to social distancing when dropping off and picking up.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Davies



Phone calls home

Thank you to everyone who took part in our phone calls home in lieu of Parents' Evenings. If we didn't manage to catch up with you, we will endeavour to do this in the first week back after the half-term break.

Good communication between school and home is very important and means we can all support the children in the best way possible.

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	98.28%	98.23%
Year 1	97.97%	96.40%
Year 2	97.15%	96.58%
Year 3	94.16%	96.40%
Year 4	100.00%	98.07%
Year 5	98.05%	98.06%
Year 6 (Miss Green)	91.43%	92.58%
Year 6 (Mrs Price)	100.00%	96.23%



Data Collection Sheets

We are still outstanding quite a lot of data collection sheets please can you return this as soon as possible. It is really important that we have up to date contact details for every child in case we need to contact parents/carers in the case of emergencies or illnesses.

If you change your mobile number at any time, please remember to tell the office your new number.
Thank you for your support.



Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Please can you make sure you have completed the e-consent form for the children's nasal flu vaccinations. The link was emailed to you by the school office on Tuesday 13th October. It is important that you complete this form whether you want your child to have the vaccination or not. Thank you.

Lowton J and I Off By Heart Winners 2020

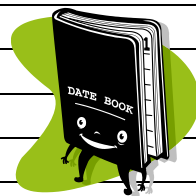
Due to the reception/Y1 bubble self-isolating, we will post photos of Reception and Y1 winners after the October half-term holiday



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Dates for your diary

Friday 23 rd October	School closes for half-term holiday
Monday 2 nd November	School reopens after half-term holiday
Monday 23 rd November	Provisional date for pupils' flu vaccinations
Wednesday 16 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holiday
Monday 4 th January 2021	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	School reopens to pupils after Christmas holiday
Friday 8 th January 2021	Provisional Class Photographs by Tempest
Friday 12 th February 2021	School closes for half-term holiday
Monday 22 nd February 2021	School reopens after half-term holiday
Thursday 1 st April 2021	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 19 th April 2021	School reopens after Easter holiday
Monday 3 rd May 2021	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 21 st May 2021	School closes for half-term holiday (PLEASE NOTE 2 WEEKS)
Monday 7 th June 2021	School reopens after May half-term holiday
Monday 7 th – Friday 18 th June 2021	Multiplications check week
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th June 2021	Phonics screening week
Friday 23 rd July 2021	School closes for the Summer holiday



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