

**Weekly
newsletter**



**Friday 18th
December
2020**



***Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from us all.***



END OF TERM AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES
School closes today Friday 18th December
for the Christmas holidays and reopens to children on
Tuesday 5th January 2021

I'm sure you'll all agree it's been one heck of a difficult year. We've all made lots of sacrifices and will need to make still more this Christmas and New Year as we continue to try and keep a lid on the Coronavirus. However, the relaxation in restrictions from 23rd to 27th December means we will all have the chance to spend time with up to two other households, some of whom we maybe haven't been able to see for many months.

With vaccines appearing to be ever closer, I would urge you all to continue to follow the guidelines and remember the basics. In particular, if you do decide to take advantage of the limited relaxations remember to wash your hands frequently, give other people space and try to keep rooms well ventilated. We have given up too much to go backwards now and it's important we all do everything we can to keep everyone safe.

Have a lovely two weeks break. I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Take care, stay safe and look after each other.
Mrs Davies

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 of 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.

Outdoor P.E. Kit

When we return to school in the New Year 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.





Autumn Term 2020 Awards



Pupils of the Autumn Term

Our Pupils of the Autumn term are:

Reception: Harry P
Year 1: Enya P
Year 2: Jack H
Year 3: Lily D
Year 4: Isabelle W
Year 5: Erin S
Year 6: Jessica O & Lili-Boo P
 Well done to everyone 😊

Autumn Term Achievement in the Arts Awards

This term's award winners are:

Reception: A'Donta S D
Year 1: Isabella C
Year 2: Ruby P
Year 3: Dean R
Year 4: Patrick N-Y
Year 5: Megan W
Year 6: Amelia G & Cameron F
 Well done to everyone 😊

Spelling Champions

This term's Spelling Champions are:

Reception: Skye L
Year 1: Connor F
Year 2: Molly W
Year 3: Malek S
Year 4: Oliver H
Year 5: Scarlet D
Year 6: Maya G & Maddie G
 Well done everyone!

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Thank you

Wow! What an amazing response from everyone. We collected a fantastic 177kg of food for the Foodbank! The gentleman who came to collect everything said that it really was quite an achievement and was exceptionally impressed with the generosity of our school community.

Sam Baird's (Y2) Nana had made a magnificent hamper and the Foodbank said that sadly they would have to take it to pieces – we decided if we raffled it amongst the staff then we would be able to donate money to the Foodbank to enable them to buy things they were short of. Together with some donations we had already received from families and the money raised by the staff raffle we have also been able to donate £154.00!

This is such a difficult time for many families, with jobs being lost, people on furlough etc. and your generosity will help so many children and their families – we feel so proud to be part of such a wonderful and caring school community. Thank you.

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	98.33%	97.87%
Year 1	96.28%	95.83%
Year 2	95.52%	95.87%
Year 3	95.13%	95.98%
Year 4	98.00%	97.62%
Year 5	95.70%	96.52%
Year 6	96.00%	93.36%
	94.00%	94.97%

Dates for your diary



Monday 4 th January 2021	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5th January 2021	School reopens to pupils after Christmas holiday
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 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 Whit half-term holiday
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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