

Newsletter



LOWDHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
MONDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 2009 – 'Making Decisions'

Dear Parents and Carers,

STOP PRESS!! On Wednesday 16th September we achieved the Gold Healthy Schools Award. All staff and pupils have worked very hard towards this award over the whole of the last year, but special thanks to Mrs McNichol, who has led the initiative.

Also on Wednesday **Climate Cops** visited the school as a result of our Green Flag Eco award. Children in Years 4 and 5 had a very exciting day when the hall was full of interactive learning opportunities.

Last week we attended the first meetings to launch us as an Assessing Pupil Progress Pathfinder School for the Local Authority **and** in contrast we have been successful in our bid to become an Enquirer School with Creative Partnerships. More on this in the weeks to come.

Thank you to Mr King for his timely help in erecting our new Community notice board. The board was paid for by the Extended Schools Partnership.

Our new Website

If you haven't already logged on..... please do!

www.lowdhamprimaryschool.co.uk

We have had lots of very positive feedback and we are continually adding to the content. The Newsletter is uploaded on a Monday so if it doesn't arrive home with your child you can check online. A future goal in terms of using less paper will be to ask you to opt for a paperless version.

Open Day

If you have or know someone with a child born between 01 September 2005 and 31 August 2006 please come to our Open day on **October 13th**. I will be showing groups around the school at 9.30am and 1.30pm. If this time is not convenient I am happy to arrange another. In other year groups we have a few spaces in Year 1 but only one space each in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 as five new children are starting with us in October.

Reading Meeting

A reminder to our new Reception parents that there is a meeting to inform you about reading in the school on Wednesday 30th September at 6pm.

'Friends of Lowdham'

We have a very pro-active parents and friends of the school group, who do a fantastic job of fundraising. We would like to invite **all** interested parents and carers to the school for an Open Meeting and the AGM on Tuesday 6th October at 3.30pm. This meeting will take place in the hall and we will accommodate children.



Music Lessons

Please send in payments as soon as possible. For proficient players we have had an offer to lead a group/orchestra. If your child plays an instrument outside school and would like to be part of this group, please let me know as soon as possible.

Clubs

We run clubs in school and also sign-post children to activities out of school. If you have information on any out of school opportunities, please let us know. Still a few spaces in some of the clubs below:

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		Cheerleading course for Years 4, 5 and 6.
Tuesday	Sewing Club for Y2 and 3 Orchestra Basketball Y5	
Wednesday		Spanish for Years 3 and 4
Thursday	Choir KS2	
Friday		

Mathswizards are returning after half term.

This Week:

- On Wednesday Year 5 are off on their Residential visit to PGL with Mrs Burrows, Mrs Hart and Mrs Fayd'herbe. I will be teaching in Year 4 on Thursday and Friday.
- On Thursday Years 3 and 4 go to Sherwood Pines for activities linked to their Science work on animals and habitats. If you have not yet sent in the permission slip and payment please do so.
- (Year 5 and 6 will be going on this visit on 1st October).
- The Strategic Development Committee for the governors meets at 4.30pm on Thursday 24th too. The Pupil and Personnel Committee will meet at 5pm on October 1st.
- Year 2 children will be visiting Wollaton Hall on Tuesday 29th September.

NOTICES FROM THE STAFF

Please ensure that KS2 planners are brought to school every day and that they are signed weekly.

Data Collection sheets **for each child** must be returned to school this week. If you cannot find the one sent out at the beginning of term, please contact the office for a duplicate form.

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day.

Please **DO NOT** park directly outside school, on or opposite the yellow zig zag lines. These areas must be kept clear – they are designated safety zones!!

Children are not permitted to ride scooters and bikes in the playgrounds before or after school.

School dinners must be paid for in **advance** of the meal being taken. Money should be sent in to school on a Monday morning please in a clearly marked envelope. £1.90 per day.

If your child is absent from school, please call in as soon as possible on the morning of the absence. There is an answer phone facility so you can leave a message. It would also be appreciated if you could send in a letter confirming the absence when your child returns to school.

Dates for Year 6 parents for our sessions on SRE: Mondays 28th September, 5th and 12 October all at 2.30pm. The School Nurse will be attending sessions 2 and 3.

As always, our prime aim is to ensure the safety, happiness and progress of your children. If you are concerned about anything please let us know by popping in to school or phoning or emailing us:-

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Best wishes

Mrs Rattenberry