



Newsletter



MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER 2009 – Harvest

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest

The School Council have decided that we should buy goats, ducks and worms through the Christian Aid gift scheme.

Please send in loose change to fill large socks in each classroom – these are to represent the worms (which are used by developing countries to improve soil quality). As in previous years there will be a prize for the class that raises the most money. Fresh produce and tins can be brought into school **on the day of the Harvest Festival 15.10.09** and will be displayed, then given to support homeless people. Our service is in the school hall and begins at **2pm** – all welcome. Children may be taken home at the end of the service.



Parents' Evenings – letters were sent out last week about Parents' evenings, which will take place next week. We hope that everyone will attend. Appointments can be made via the slip at the end of the letter or by telephone to Mrs Murden between 9am and 3pm.

'Friends of Lowdham'

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM last Tuesday. Jane Barton was elected Chair, Heather Truman Vice Chair, Jo Deighton and Sarah Anderson as joint secretaries and Melanie Royston as Treasurer. Many thanks for their hard work to Esther Heyhoe and Annette Knowles, who stood down from the roles of Chairperson and Treasurer. The next meeting of 'Friends' is at 8pm on Monday 2nd November at the Magna Charta – everyone is welcome to attend. There is quite a large amount of money from last year's fund raising and I have a 'wish list' to give to this group of hard working parents and friends of the school.

Planners at KS2 and Reading Diaries at KS1

Please sign these at least weekly. **All children need to read at home** and to record this. Research shows that children who are supported in this way are more successful.

Open Day Reminder

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 (tomorrow!)**. 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.

Shoebboxes

Leaflets for this annual project have been sent out today. If your family would like to take part please give your boxes in to school after half term, by Friday 13th November at the latest so they can be sent off.

Photographs

This Friday Sam will be taking our calendar photographs. The calendars are sold to raise money for the school and are very popular. Next week we have another photographer coming in on Tuesday 20th to take individual photographs.

Music Lessons

We still have 1 spare woodwind place. Please see Mrs Murden in the office. Please send in payments as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the newly formed choir!

They sound very good and their first performance will be at the Harvest. They have been invited to perform at Woodborough Hall on Thursday 26th November for a Christmas event and also to take part in the Cornerhouse Christmas celebrations.



Clubs

There are still a few places left 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	Athletics Y3/4
Wednesday		Spanish for Years 3 and 4
Thursday	Choir KS2	
Friday	Homework Club	

- Mathswizards are returning after half term. It will be on a Thursday this year. Please book and pay direct. Sue Byrne, tel. 01949 20983.
- We have had an offer of Tag Rugby and we are particularly interested in linking with any other local sports – any footballing offers would be most welcome!

This Week:

- 12.10.09 Roger Fearnside for assembly
- 13.10.09 Open Day
- 15.10.09 Harvest 2pm – all welcome
Governors' Finance Committee 5pm
- 16.10.09 Calendar photographs

Next Week: WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK!!

- 20.10.09 Individual photographs
Parents' Evening 4-7pm
- 21.10.09 Y1 to the Brewhouse Yard
Parents' Evening 4-6pm
- 22.10.09 Y2 to a gymnastics festival
Bishop of Natal to visit, but we have not heard any details yet!
- 23.10.09 INSET Day. We return on Monday November 2nd.

Christmas Dates!

03.12.09 Reception visit to Mrs Christmas.
08.12.09 Nativity performance 2pm.
10.12.09 Nativity performance 6pm
11.12.09 Christmas Fair 3.30pm
14.12.09 KS2 service at St. Mary's 6pm

NOTICES FROM THE STAFF

Year 4 PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Kit should be in school on these days.

Parents and Carers are still parking outside school - 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!! The police were informed last week of a particularly dangerous driving offence.

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

Parents are reminded that dogs are NOT allowed on any part of the school premises.

Matthew Wooley in Reception Class has lost his coat. Please can all parents check at home to see if you have 2 school coats. It is the reversible fleece. It is named! Thank you.

October Half Term Holiday Sports Programme

Sessions will take place on Tuesday, 27th and Thursday 29th October, 10am to 12pm at the MUGA, Southwell Road, Lowdham. For boys and girls aged 5-11 years. £2.50 per session. Please call Rachel Kemp in Sports Development on 01636 655701 for further details. Leaflets are available from the school office.

If you are concerned about anything please let us know by popping in to school or phoning or emailing us:-

admin@lowdham.notts.sch.uk

head@lowdham.notts.sch.uk

You can also let us know if you are pleased with how things are going – this helps us to stay sane!!

Mrs Rattenberry

Our website is:

www.lowdhamprimaryschool.co.uk