



NEWSLETTER

"Shine Like Stars"

Friday 11th June 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy first week back and next week looks even busier with lots of children out on visits.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Many thanks are due to Dr Ian Kilpatrick, who is our current parent governor. He has worked very hard as our Training Governor and Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. We are hoping he will continue in a slightly different role. His term of office as parent governor ends on 31st August and there are very specific rules about how parent governors are appointed (I had no idea it was so complicated until I read the rule book!). With the newsletter you will receive all the paper work for being nominated. The box for nominations will be in the entrance hall. Please consider whether you are prepared to make the time commitment and talk to any of the governors or to me about what is involved. Nominations must be in by Monday 21st June at 10am. If we have more than one nomination an election will follow.

Parent Questionnaires

Also today I am sending out our annual questionnaire. I can honestly say that these have been very positive in previous years and almost all suggestions have been acted on or put into our long term plans. We also use the feedback for our Ofsted inspection – so lots of positives about the school are useful! If you have major criticisms please come and see us – we are always ready to address problems. If and when Ofsted come they will send out an additional parent questionnaire, but it is much shorter.

Gardening: The weeds are growing along with the lovely plants. Thank you for all the help so far. If anyone else would like to help please let me know. There is always more to do... **Everyone welcome!!**

Transition

This year we are trialling an evening to smooth transition between classes. On **12th July (error on the hard copy – sorry!)** between 6pm and 7.30pm we will be holding sessions with your child's new class teacher and we will also have general information and refreshments available in the hall. We would like as many parents as possible to attend so please put this in your diary!

Lunchtime and After School

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Orchestra 12.15pm*	KS2 Mad Science Cricket
Tuesday		Football Y1&2 Gardening Athletics team
Wednesday	Y6 Book Club	
Thursday	Rats' Soloists	
Friday		Football Y5/6

*Please remind children to bring in instruments
Any other offers welcome! We have been offered a cookery course after school for parents with their children. I have already had some interest. Let me know if you would like to do this.

Lowdham Book Festival begins next week – book quickly as demand is high for many events. A big thank you to the Bookcase, who are funding an author's visit on Wednesday 16th June for KS2 (children can bring in £5 for a signed book by Gill Harvey) and a theatre company performance of 'Rainbow Fish' for KS1 on 2nd July.

Lowdham and Epperstone Pre-school will Family Fun Day on Saturday 12th June from 2-4pm at Lowdham Village Hall £2.50 adults, children free.

Lowdham Local History Society Open Day
Saturday 12th June 10am – 4pm at the W.I.
Please see the poster in the entrance hall.

LOST! Please check the school coat you have is yours! We have a missing one. PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS and check 'Lost Property' in the entrance hall regularly.

Friends

Next meeting Tuesday 22nd June to finalise Gala arrangements. 8pm at The Magna Charta – All welcome!!!

Dinners

The current menu can be viewed on the NCC website.

Dinner money for this half term is £64.35.

Dinners are £1.95 each.

Free school meal application forms are (FSM1) are available to download from the public website www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk Or you can request an application form by calling NCC on 0844 980 8080.

Charlotte Birkett, Extended Schools Co-ordinator can be contacted at Colonel Frank Seely for more information about holiday childcare provision in the local area.
Tel: 965 2495 ext 140

Free Shudokan Passes

We still have 3 free passes for June for the Shudokan Honbu Dojo Academy in Sherwood. Please come to the office if you would like one.

'Dappa Dogs'

Holly Hinchley is starting a dog grooming business. Please contact her on 9665525 for more information.

At the start of the day

Children are not supervised on the rear playground until 8.50am and should not be there without an adult before that time.

At the end of the day

Please ensure that your child knows who is picking them up or if they are going on the bus or to a club. We can cope with emergencies, but we have had quite a lot of confusion lately, which can be distressing for the child.

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

admin@lowdham.notts.sch.uk

head@lowdham.notts.sch.uk

Mrs Rattenberry

UNIFORM ORDERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Please get your orders in as soon as possible to give the suppliers time to process all the orders in time for the end of term (they deal with hundreds of schools). Order forms can be downloaded from the website or are available in the school reception. We have order forms for woven name tapes which are available from the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Please see the full list on the website.

14.06.10	Wollaton Hall Tudor visit Y5/6
15.06.10	Wollaton Hall Tudor visit Y3/4
16.06.10	Group 1 cycling continues Y4,5 6 Author visit
17.06.10	Time Travelling Year 2 am Multiskills Y1 at Woodborough Woods am Group 2 Cycling continues
21.06.10	Group 3 Cycling begins
23.06.10	Athletics Olympics
28.06.10	Partake Tudors Year 3/4
29.06.10	Year 5 Maths day at Seely Year 6 to London
30.06.10	Morris Dancing with Liam New Parents 6pm
01.07.10	Transition Day (new classes and Y6 to secondary school)
03.07.10	GALA 12 – 3pm
05.07.10	INSET Day
07.07.10	Chance to Shine tournament Y5 at Caythorpe
08.07.10	Year 5/6 Production of RATS Matinee and 6pm
12.07.10	Alyn Haskey to assembly New classes evening.
13.07.10	Sports' Day am
14.07.10	Chance to Shine tournament Y6 at Caythorpe
20.07.10	Fun Sports End of year Service at St. Mary's 6pm
22.07.10	Break up for the Summer