

Friday 17 February 2017



Lower Farm News

Dates for your Diary

Dates are also available on the School Website:

Teacher training days 2017

Friday 26 May
Monday 5 June

Class Assemblies

Tuesday 7 March - 5ZB
Tuesday 14 March - 3SP
Tuesday 21 March - 4TM

Friday 24 March - Red Nose Day

Hello everyone... as the half term ends the whole school has celebrated work on "honesty" as part of our Values curriculum . There is also some wonderful creative work displayed around school to celebrate this - well done children!



We are always keen to celebrate positive behaviour at Lower Farm and have a zero tolerance approach to bullying. As part of our Behaviour Policy we regularly monitor patterns of "bullying" behaviour. Parents of all parties are informed via a meeting and appropriate action is taken. Thankfully, these are rare occurrences at our school as behaviour is extremely good. I wish all of our families a safe and restful half term.

Sarah Milner.

E safety tip

Supporting Young People Online.

An information and advice leaflet for parents and carers supporting young people online can be downloaded at:

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Supporting-young-people-online.pdf>

Writer of the Week!

Monday 23 January is awarded to Lucy for a brilliant newspaper report.



Writer of the Week!

Monday 30 January is awarded to Megan for super independent writing.



Writer of the Week!

Monday 6 February is awarded to Andreas for a super story book made at home.



Digital Leaders

The Year 5 & 6 Digital Leaders have completed their first training session with Mrs O'Donovan. During the session the children took part in online training where they considered their own 'digital footprint' and also learnt about effective ways to deal with cyberbullying.

The children are all looking forward to sharing their knowledge with the rest of the school during our 'Online Safety Week' coming up later in this year.



Attendance matters!

Attendance at Lower Farm is currently 96.4%. It is important that your child attends school regularly and that any absence be reported to the school office as soon as possible for safeguarding reasons.

The class with the highest attendance is 2CJ with 96.9%.

During the 2016 autumn term 136 children achieved 100% attendance - well done!

Arts and crafts at Lower Farm!

Children who attend our popular before and after school club have recreated our school logo using lots of different materials in a mosaic style. It is proudly displayed in our school hall for everyone to see as they eat their dinners.



Children's Mental Health Week.

This is a growing issue with 1 in 10 children aged 5-16 suffering from a diagnosable mental health disorder. More than half of all adults with mental health problems were diagnosed in childhood, but less than half were treated appropriately at the time. In a recent survey by Place2Be of over 700 Year 6 pupils, 63% said that they worry all the time about at least one thing to do with home life, school or themselves. When asked what adults should do to help, over 80% said being kind and listening are very important. In 2017 the aim of Children's Mental Health Week is to spread a little kindness and place2B suggest the following simple ways to help your child:

- * Point out kindness whenever you see it, in the news, in a bedtime story, in your family, on the street - helping your child notice acts of kindness all around them will inform and inspire them.
- * Involve your child in helping out a friend or neighbour, they will learn from your example.
- * Notice when your child is being kind and comment on it, a little bit of kindness goes a long way.
- * Be kind to yourself, which is easy to forget. Being a parent can be hard work.

RRB Assembly

Reception helped us to celebrate Valentine's Day this week with a lovely assembly which helped us all to remember to look after and appreciate our loved ones. Well done Reception you did a great job!

Mrs Broughton.



Values Curriculum

Our value this half term is "honesty."

Wool appeal

If you have any unwanted wool at home, especially red, we would be very pleased to receive donations. School will be involved in an exciting project of knitting poppies in order to display them at a local church very soon!

Litter

We are currently having a "tidy up" around school. Please can parents be mindful of using the bins for litter and encourage children to do the same. Thank you.

Parent view - Autumn 2016

Thank you to our parents who completed questionnaires. Below are a selection of comments received:

"I think that this school increases student's knowledge in all subjects. It is a very unique and creative school that all the children will enjoy being in."

"I think the teachers do well to learn each child as an individual and are then able to meet the needs of each child."

"I like it that the school offers after school and breakfast club as well as play scheme. Love the text reminders too. Keeps the parents up to date and gives enough warning of events that are coming up."

"Encourages children to be creative and enjoy other activities."

"I think the school promotes good behaviour and positive attitude towards learning."

"Provides excellent feedback and opportunities for parents to voice concerns and share ideas. My child is very happy at school."

"All children are treated as unique individuals and encouraged to showcase their talents. All children are encouraged to take part in different activities and prove they have an important role to play. The school is always progressing yet remains friendly and approachable."

"Fantastic school, always highly recommended."

We will also take on board your suggestions for improvement in future planning for school improvement.