



Lower Farm News

Dates for your Diary

Dates are also available on the School Website:

Training Days 2017/18

Monday 30 October

Friday 22 December

Monday 8 January

Friday 25 May

Assemblies

Tuesday 26 September - 5S

Tuesday 3 October - 6D

Tuesday 10 October - 2P

Tuesday 17 October - SHINE assembly

Harvest Festival - 9am Wednesday
4 October

Non-uniform day - Friday 13
October

Wednesday 1 November - Glo party
disco 6-7:30pm

Thursday 7 December - Christmas
Fair 3:45pm

Monday 11 December - Christmas
disco 3:34-5:15pm

Tuesday 12 December - Telford
Oakengates Theatre trip

Christmas Concerts 6-7pm

Thursday 14 December - Years 1, 2
and 3

Wednesday 20 December - Years
4,5 and 6

Parent's evenings

Monday 18 December and Tuesday
19 December

Monday 26 March and Tuesday 27
March

Friday 2 March - World Book Day

Hello everyone...we have now completed our first month back at school and so much has happened already! I am very proud of our pupils for raising £158.59 for the charity Jeans for Genes this month and for all of the parents that helped to make this possible.



Our first school trip has taken place. Year 6 went on a curriculum enrichment visit to Brownhills, where they enhanced their food technology skills. They were extremely well behaved and it is good to hear we have so many good role models in school to help show the younger pupils how to show respect in and out of school. I'm already looking forward to hearing about the next trip our pupils take.

Extra-curricular clubs have also started this week, with another two sports clubs starting next week. I hope the children enjoy the opportunities these clubs give them and thank the staff for giving their time to run them.

Lastly, our Bug Club reading scheme and online Mathletics is back in full swing. These are excellent resources for pupils to have access to. Please support the school by encouraging and rewarding out of school learning too.

Sarah Milner.

E safety tip

Do you know all the social networking sites that are available and are common amongst youngsters?

The net-aware site is developed to keep parents informed and up to date with new apps and trends.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

Writer of the Week!

Monday 25 September is awarded to Lara for a super piece of writing composed at home. Keep up the good work!



British Values

Friday 13 October will be a non-uniform day for children. A voluntary contribution of 50p is requested. All money raised will be donated to the Bloxwich Remembrance Parade Committee to fund road closures in Bloxwich for Armistice Day.

There will also be a cake sale and again all money raised will be forwarded to the Committee.

Thank you for your continued support.

Little Farmers Playground

Lower Farm have a playgroup who meet each Thursday from 9:15-11:00am. Parents/grandparents and friends are welcome to attend at a cost of £1.50 per child.

A snack and drink is included as well as time to socialise.

E-safety warning regarding Live Me app from our Safeguarding Board

We want to make parents aware of concerns about children and young people using a popular live streaming mobile app Live.me. The app allows its users to post live broadcasts and receive "tips" from other users for completing specific tasks during live broadcasts. These "tips" are in the form "gold coins" and can be

exchanged for money. Users then have the ability to either delete the recording of the live broadcast or post it on their profile. The app also does not have any restrictions on the age an individual needs to be to create an account.

Understandably, this app has attracted young people who may not be equipped to understand the dangers of recording and sharing sexual videos or engaging in sexual activity while streaming live video feeds. They need to understand that anyone on the other end of the live feed can capture a still image or video of them engaged in that activity - all without their knowledge.

Sad news...

It is with great sadness we have learnt that a former pupil of Lower Farm Primary was tragically killed this week at a local railway crossing.

She will be fondly remembered for her happy nature and the friendships she developed with everyone at school.

All of us who remember teaching her have fond memories and are deeply saddened by this tragic event in our community.

Lower Farm send our sincere condolences to her family and friends.



TOUCH THE SPECTRUM

Listen to Everyone, Follow No-one!

Do you have a child or young person with an autism spectrum disorder?

Has everyone got an opinion?

Do you feel confused? Buried under all the information?

Do you want to feel confident in your decisions?

Listen to Everyone, Follow No-one is a one-off session to help you navigate through the incredible world of living with autism in the family.

Guest Speaker: Lee Burden

*When: Thursday 12th October 2017
from 7.30pm – 9pm*

*Where: Manor Farm Community Centre, King
George Crescent, Walsall. WS4 1EU*

Cost: £5 per person

For more details, contact: Paula Holden on 07725 550927 or email
touchthespectrum@talktalk.net

Genes for Jeans Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in our charity day.

We raised £158.59 for this worthwhile cause.

Punctuality

There have been a number of late marks recently.

Please ensure that children are in school before 9am - our gates open at 8:45am.

This will be monitored by school and our Education Welfare Officer.

Before and After School Club

Contact details are: Mrs K Heeley - 01922 710495

Breakfast club available from 7:30am

After school available 3:30pm - 6:00pm

To book a breakfast space please speak to Mrs Heeley (after 3pm). Please speak directly to after school club or the school office for afternoon arrangements.

Special Educational Needs Information Sharing

FACE, working alongside Walsall Carers Centre, have organised an Information Sharing morning over coffee and tea for parents/carers of children and young people 0 - 25 years. Details are:

Date : Thursday 19th October 2017

Time : 10am-12

Venue : The Royal Hotel, Ablewell Street, Walsall, WS1 2EL

The event is designed for the parents/carers to come along to be able to chat to those who offer services to our children in Walsall. The groups confirmed so far as attending are:

Transport

Short Break Services (Heather Maybury)

Phil Wells and Claire Goss (SEND)

In Touch Services

Contact for families with disabled children

Talking Sense

Ideas

PROUD

Touch The Spectrum

Relax Kids

Information, Advice & Support Service (SEND)

Walsall Speech and Language Department

Walsall Child Development Service 'team around the child' and Autism working group.

If you require any further information please speak to our SENCO, Mrs Moorman.