



Lower Farm News

Dates for your Diary

Dates are also available on the School Website:

Training Days 2017/18

Friday 25 May

Assemblies

Tuesday 23 January 4N

Tuesday 30 January 2P

Tuesday 6 February 4TM

Tuesday 13 February 1B

Parent's evenings

Monday 26 March and Tuesday 27

March

Monday 23 July

Friday 2 March - World Book Day

(children to dress up as a book character)

Osmington Bay residential weekend

Friday 6 July - Monday 9 July

Hello everyone...it has been a busy start to the New Year and term at Lower Farm.



The children enjoyed the performance of "Cinderella" yesterday in school and their behaviour and attitude were a credit to Lower Farm — well done.

Our value this half term is "happiness" which I am sure will keep us all feeling positive during these dark winter days!

Sarah Milner.

Attendance

Regular attendance is extremely important at Lower Farm for your child to achieve and get the best possible start in life. It also helps children develop socially with their peers.

Highest class attendance from September 2017 to December 2017 is 6D with 97.3% - Well done!

During the month of February each class attendance will be monitored and the class with the highest attendance will be awarded extra play!

In the coming months there will be extra prizes and competitions regarding attendance.

E safety tip

The UK Safer Internet Centre offers advice for families wanting to set online safety resolutions for the new year. Tips include: have an open and honest conversation; create a family agreement; look at all your accounts; use the internet together.

Source: UK Safer Internet Centre blog

Guide Dogs for the Blind

On Friday 16 February school will be holding a cake sale to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. We have, thanks to your generosity, raised a fantastic £1,221.89. If we are able to raise a total of £1,500 it means that school will have the privilege of naming a guide dog.

Cakes will cost 50p each and we are always grateful for your support.

If any parents, grandparents or friends of the school would be kind enough to donate cakes or make your own school are always thankful to you.

Clubs

A variety of extra curricular clubs at school will be starting week commencing 22 January for a period of eight weeks.

A letter has been sent out for your child to sign up and participate in and enjoy learning new skills.

Watch out for photographs of the different activities on offer at Lower Farm.

Rock Steady music sessions

The first Rock Steady sessions took place last week with children from Reception to Year 6.

There are still a few sessions available so if you would like to give your child this opportunity or would like to find out more about Rock Steady you can contact them directly on 0845 094 1259 or email contact@rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents

Lower Farm is 50!

Lower Farm School turned 50 on Tuesday 9 January!

We will be marking this special birthday at school on Friday 26 January with various exciting events through the day for the children and an assembly on Monday 29 January which parents and friends are invited to.

Around school will be displays of old newspaper cuttings, previous productions, previous residential visits and other exciting things that have happened during the past 50 years.

We hope you enjoy them as much as we have!

Year 1 visit

Year 1 had a great time at Bantock House. They looked at old toys and learnt about what they were made of. We even designed and made our own peg dolls!



Fizz Pop Science!

All children received an exciting assembly from Fizz Pop Science on Tuesday. Letters have been sent out to all parents/carers with an option of signing up for the after school club.



School have received the following guidance on regarding YouTube:

What is the problem?

You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on YouTube. These are videos that, at first, appear to be for children, as they include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig, or characters from Disney films such as Frozen. However, later on, the videos become violent or disturbing. One, for example, shows Peppa Pig being tortured at the dentist. The videos can appear in YouTube search results when children look for genuine children's videos.

YouTube says that such videos will be age-restricted, *if they are reported by users*, so they cannot be viewed by anyone under 18.

What safety options are there on YouTube Kids?

The YouTube Kids app **automatically filters out inappropriate content**. However, YouTube explains that "no algorithm is perfect" and "your child might find content you don't want him or her to watch". To help protect your child in YouTube Kids, you can set parental controls and change settings: tap the 'Lock' icon in the bottom corner of any page, enter your custom passcode and click 'Settings'. Here you can:

Turn the search function off, so your child can only see recommended, curated videos under each category on the home screen: toggle 'Search' to off

Set a timer to limit how much time your child spends on the app: select 'Timer' and use the slider bar or the plus and minus icons to set a time limit, then tap 'Start Timer'

You can also block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch:

Tap the 3 dots ('more') at the top of the video, tap 'Block' and select 'Block this video' or 'block this channel' to block the whole channel associated with the video. Tap 'Block' again, then enter the numbers you see written on the screen, or your custom passcode

To report content to YouTube that you think is inappropriate, use the 'flagging function': tap the flag icon next to a video or comment and select your reason for flagging.

The app does have advertising, but YouTube says it restricts adverts that aren't child-friendly.

What safety options are there on YouTube?

Turn on 'restricted mode'

This hides videos that may contain inappropriate content. YouTube says that "no filter is 100% accurate, but it should help you avoid most inappropriate content". To do this:

On the website: click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account; in the drop-down menu look for 'Restricted Mode'

In the app: tap Settings, then 'Restricted Mode Filtering', and turn it on

Flag inappropriate videos

If you think a video or a comment on a video is inappropriate, you can use the 'flagging feature' to prompt YouTube staff to check it and decide whether to block or restrict it:

Tap or click the flag icon next to a video or comment and select the reason for flagging

Flagged content is constantly reviewed to check for any violation of YouTube's Community Guidelines.

How else can I help ensure my child's safety online?

The tips below will help you to set rules for your child about accessing videos on the internet and their online behaviour, and support them to understand the risks and what to do if something happens.

Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet, and discourage them from using headphones

Chat to your child about what online videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share

Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate, or create a playlist for them

Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty

If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before they upload it

Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them, such as a school uniform or street name

Regularly check comments made on your child's videos. Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happensIf another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this content to be removed by using YouTube's privacy complaint process