



# Lower Farm News

## Dates for your Diary

### SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Teacher training day
- 4th Teacher training day

### OCTOBER

- 2nd 6N assembly
- 3rd Dyslexia Awareness day
- 8th Harvest festival
- 9th 5W assembly
- 10th Music assembly Year 5&6
- 16th 4N assembly
- 17th Music assembly Year 3&4
- 23rd 3S assembly
- 24th Music assembly Year 1&2
- 26th Break up - Autumn half term

### NOVEMBER

- 5th Return to school
- 7th NSPCC workshop for parents
- 16th NSPCC buddy workout day

### DECEMBER

- 21st Break up (children not in)
- 21st Teacher training day

### JANUARY

- 7th Return to school

### FEBRUARY

- 15th Break up - Spring half term
- 25th Return to school

### MARCH

### APRIL

- 12th Break up - Spring term
- 29th Return to school

### MAY

- 24th Break up - Summer half term children not in
- 24th Teacher training day

### JUNE

- 3rd Return to school

### JULY

- 22nd Teacher training day
- 22nd Break up - Summer term children not in

Hello everyone....it has been lovely to welcome our students back and to welcome our new Early Years pupils into the Lower Farm family. Thank you to parents who have ensured that all of the children have come back looking so super smart and with the correct uniform.



During assembly on their first day I spoke to the children about setting goals for the new school year and remembering our Lower Farm Values (Friendship, Tolerance, Co-operation, Reflection, Happiness, Honesty and our overarching value of Respect) which make our school such a lovely place to learn. I have already been impressed with the behaviour and attitude of our pupils in only a few days - well done!

We will continue to focus on enhancing progress in reading across school this year so please support your child in reading a range of books - both from school and home. Reading for pleasure is proven to enhance children's wider understanding so there are huge benefits. If you're able to volunteer to hear readers in school, please contact the school office, we can offer you a free school lunch! I look forward to another rewarding year for everyone at Lower Farm Primary and thank you for your continued support.

Sarah Milner.

## Writer of the week!

Monday 10 September is awarded to Ameila for super editing of her work.

Well done!



### YouTube accounts

If your child has their own YouTube channel, it is important to be aware of what they post and who can view it.

We would recommend you have a conversation with them to understand what might or might not be suitable for them to share. Are you and your child comfortable with the idea that a video could be seen by anyone all over the world? Does the video contain identifying features - school uniform, your house, or local area - which might enable a viewer to trace them? If the videos contain other people your child should ask their permission before uploading them. It can be difficult to keep ownership or control of a video once it has been posted on the internet. The video may be copied or reposted without your knowledge and it can then become difficult to remove every copy online. We recommend starting a supportive, ongoing discussion with your child around their digital footprint and what kind of content they are sharing. Similarly to other social media platforms, YouTube has a private messaging function where users can send each other messages and videos. For more information relating to the risks children and young people face online, visit

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents).

### Keeping your child safe online

If you have any concerns about grooming, sexual abuse or exploitation on YouTube or on any online app or site, report to CEOP (the National Crime Agency's child protection command) at [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre).

Having regular conversations with your child about their online lives is an important part of keeping them safe online.

For information about how to best start these conversations and guidance on other popular apps, visit Thinkuknow parents and carers website [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents).

### PUPIL PLANNERS

Your child has been issued a new planner this week to enable them to record their homework in it. Please can you look at it each week and sign to say that you have seen it? Non-urgent messages can be put in too. Urgent messages are better by telephone or email. Please can all parents/carers read and sign the Home School Agreement which is near the front of the organiser?

### Safeguarding

New Safeguarding Guidance for schools requests that we have to hold more than one emergency contact number for each child so please ensure that if we currently only have one number that you let us know an alternative number or provide us with another person to contact if you are unobtainable.

## **E-safety**

**Beware of phishing scams. Don't open emails, texts, online 'security' alerts, text notifications or other things from anyone you don't know, don't recognise or wasn't expecting. Often this is 'phishing' - scammers send out enticements hoping someone will click on them, which may allow entry to your device. Phishers make their messages look authentic by copying logos from companies such as Amazon, Google and banks, but they often make mistakes such as using unusual grammar, incorrect**

## **Whole School Harvest Festival Monday 8th October at 9.00 am**

**Children in each year group will be performing a Harvest song, poem or story to celebrate Harvest.**

**This year we will be supporting a local Food Bank. If you are able to, please help by donating any tinned and dried foods: cereal, pasta, rice, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned soup, tinned fruit and tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, biscuits.**

**If you have anything to donate, please can you give them to your child to be placed on our harvest display from Friday 5th October so that we can get them arranged on our display in the assembly.**

## **Whole School Oliver Production DVD orders**

**Thank you for all your Oliver DVD orders. We will let you know when the DVDs have been delivered to school.**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Please let us know if you have changed mobile numbers or addresses so we have up to date contact details. Also, please ensure that we have got up to date information about medical issues. If your child needs medicine or an inhaler to be kept in school, please pop into the reception to discuss and fill in the relevant paperwork. For students with serious medical issues please feel free to contact Miss Holford, our Care, Guidance & Support Manager if you need to discuss care plans etc.**

## **Values at Lower Farm**

**Respect will be our main value for this half term. Children have been asked to think about being respectful and treating others how they would like to be treated. Lower Farm will continue to encourage and praise acts of respect and other values by nominating a Values Ambassador, for each class, in our Friday celebration assembly.**

### Year 6 workshop

All Year 6 children completed a workshop called Switch off prejudice and delivered by the Anne Frank Trust.

Children took part in activities looking at the experiences of Anne Frank and how this relates to discrimination and prejudice today. They then did some work on internet safety and being responsible on line. They completed the day by writing their own pledge towards these themes.

### NSPCC parent workshop assembly

All parents, carers and friends are invited to an assembly on Wednesday 7 November at 9:30am. This will be led by a NSPCC co-ordinator. We look forward to seeing many of you there to listen to the important messages they have to deliver to keep our children safe.

### Dyslexia awareness

During the week of 1st - 7th October we will be raising awareness of Dyslexia by taking part in Dyslexia awareness week. On Wednesday 3rd October we are asking children to show a green light to dyslexia and wear something green. This could be green socks, a green jumper, a green headband or any other item of clothing.

To support this good cause we are asking for a voluntary contribution of 50p.

For further information visit [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk)

### Music concerts

Mr Spence, our Rock It music teacher, will be conducting music concerts with children and parents/carers/friends are invited.

The dates are: Wednesday 10th October - Years 5 and 6, Wednesday 17th October - Years 3 and 4 and Wednesday 24th October - Years 1 and 2.

We look forward to seeing you there.