

Friday 5 October 2018



Lower Farm News

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER

- 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
- 25th School photographs
- 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 was wonderful to see so much green in school on Wednesday to support dyslexia awareness. We are a very inclusive school so thank you for your support with this!



Our Harvest assembly is Monday 8th October so please come along to celebrate with us. The children have been practising and I'm sure they will perform superbly. Our charity this year will be a local food bank - a very good cause to help families in need.

Online Safety

Mrs O'Donovan recently sent out details of online safety training for parents. This is part of an accreditation we are working to achieve as a school. <https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/lowerfarm>

Staff and Governors are also partaking in the training.

Please can we urge as many parents as possible to complete this training? It will certainly be informative. We can work together to keep our children safe in the online world.

Sarah Milner.

Safeguarding: keeping our children safe

If you have any concerns about a child please report this to our Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Milner.

In Mrs Milner's absence Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Miss Holford, Mr Turner, Mrs O'Donovan, Mrs Broughton, Mrs Swain & Mrs Basu.

Concerns can also be reported to:
MASH - 0300 555 2866
NSPCC - 0808 800 5000

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the month of September was 97.1%.
Well done to classes: RB with 97.8%, 2H with 98.4% and 5S with 99.4%.
Keep up the good work as each day you are at school counts!

Football

Year 2 children having lots of fun playing football at Streetly Academy!



Girls took part in a Year 3 and 4 football festival at Streetly. They all played fantastically and worked well as a team. We won 1 match - well done!



Lower Farm took part in their first year 5/6 football match held at Streetly Academy. Although the girls persevered, worked as a team and grew in confidence. Well done!

Books

If you have any good quality children's books that you would like to donate to the school then please send them in with your children. If they are not suitable for your child's year group then you can still send them in and we will deliver them to a suitable year group. Many thanks.

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.

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.

E-safety

Be careful when sharing data with apps. Some social apps will request access to your contacts and data. Would the people in your contacts list be happy if their details were shared with these apps? Would you be happy if someone shared your details with these apps? Consider what data the app really needs access to and why, eg calendars, photo's, music. If there is no need to share this data it might be worth considering other apps that do not rely on data sharing such as this.

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.

Writer of the week!

Monday 1st October is awarded to Harry in Year 6 for writing a super 'build up' in his story.

Well done!



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.

We're really sad that Mrs Stoddart has decided to leave Lower Farm after 29 dedicated years. Mrs Stoddart gave so much to so many children and families during her time with us. This was not only through her teaching but her commitment and enthusiasm in organising residential visits for our children. We wish Mrs Stoddart best wishes in her time with family and friends and a well deserved rest! We hope she will come back to visit Lower Farm too.

Whole School Oliver Production DVD orders

Not long now until the Oliver DVDs are delivered to school!

They are currently at the printers. We will let you know when they are ready!

Go Green for Dyslexia!

Dyslexia Awareness Day was really successful. We raised a total of £183.41 for The British Dyslexia Association. The children have had an assembly about dyslexia and taken part in discussions in class. Some quotes from the children are;

"People with dyslexia might struggle to do things." Andreas Y4.

"My grandad is dyslexic but he's very good at a lot of things like maths, telling stories and finding things" Erin Y5.

"Dyslexia is when people learn things in a different way" Declan Y1.

Thank you for your support.

