



Lowerplace Primary School Newsletter 1

Friday 8th September 2023

(fortnightly publication)

Ms Martin's Update

Dear Families,

Welcome to the FIRST newsletter of this academic year. It's been lovely welcoming back our all children and also getting to know our new children that have joined us this year. I have been visiting all the classes each day and I am so proud of how the children have settled into their classes and I have already seen some fantastic learning taking place. The reception children have enjoyed themselves, making new friends and participating in all the activities. You really wouldn't know that it was their first week of school.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Fowle, one of KS1 teachers got married over the summer holidays. Miss Fowle is now known as Mrs Hudson. Miss Jones one of our teaching assistants also got married and is now known as Mrs Armitage. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Mrs Hudson and Mrs Armitage and their husbands a long and happy life together.

Some of you may have noticed that additions to the school roofs. During the summer, we have had solar panels installed on both the Kingsway and Charter Street buildings. We are hopeful that these will really help with our bills and most of all support us in teaching our children about sustainability.

All parents should have received an email to set up a School Ping! Account, our new messaging and payment App which replaces Teachers 2 Parents (Text & Email) and Pay360.

In order to ensure that you receive all messages and updates and to be able to pay for trips, dinners etc. you should download the app and set up your account. Please note that payments can only be made via School PING! as Pay360 is no longer in use. If you haven't received the email with your personal login details please contact the school office who will be able to resend this to you.

Thank you to all our families for really working hard to ensure children are in their class lines promptly each morning. On Friday we had no late children—let's keep this up so your children are able to start their learning promptly.

- **Years 1, 2, 3 should be lined up by 8.45am**
- **Years Reception, 4,5, 6 should be lined up by 8.40am**
- **Gates will be locked as soon as all the classes have gone in.**

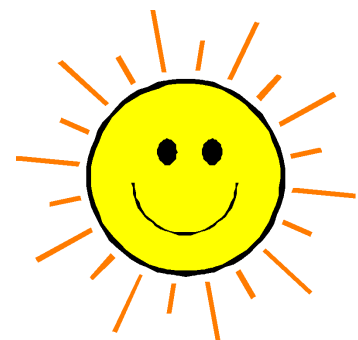
It's forecast to be very hot so remember to take care in the sun.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend .

Best wishes

Ms K Martin

Headteacher





3.30pm—4pm

Thursday 14th September Reception

Monday 25th September Y3 and Y5

Tuesday 26th September Y1 and Y4

Thursday 28th September Y2 and Y6

Please come along to meet your child's class teacher. It's an opportunity for you to find out what your child will be learning about during the year, to visit your child's classroom and to ask any questions.

The meetings will be held after school. We've staggered the meetings across the week to try to help parents who have children in different year groups. If you are unable to make it, please contact the office.

Individual School Photos



- this coming Wednesday 13th September

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 13th September for both individual children, as well as with any siblings that are also at school. **As always please make sure that your child/ children are in their full school uniform.**

Parent Coffee Mornings—Fridays at 9am

Please come and join us each Friday for Parent Coffee Morning from 9am until 10am in the KS1 hall. Coffee mornings are a great way to meet other parents, be involved in school activities and learn new skills.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September—Further details to follow



Free School Meals— are you eligible?

May I remind all families who are eligible for free school meals to make an application via the link <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals>

You do not need to re-apply for free school meals every year unless your circumstances change.

By making your application, school will also receive the correct amount of funding from the Government.

Dates for the diary

We hope you find the calendar of upcoming events helpful. Please pin this to your fridge/add the events to your own calendar.

Dates	Event/Activity (Anything new is in red)
Wednesday 13.09.2023	Pupil Photographs— Individual & family
Thursday 14.09.2023	Reception Welcome Meeting at (3.30pm—4pm)
Thursday 21.09.2023	Year 6 SATs Parent Meetings
Week beginning 25.09.2023	Y1—6 Meet the Teacher Meetings (3.30pm—4pm)
Thursday 28.09.2023	Parent Math's Workshop
Friday 29.09.2023	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 05.10.2023	Parent Year 4 MTC Meeting at 4pm
Wednesday day 18.10.2023	Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Meeting
Thursday 19.10.2023	1b Parent Assembly
Half Term Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October (+ Mon 30th—Inset)	
Monday 30th October	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Thursday 16.11.2023	Parents Evening
Friday 17.11.2023	Children in Need Day
Thursday 23.11.2023	5a Parents Assembly
Friday 01.12.2023	Parent and Child Christmas Decoration morning
Thursday 14.12.2023	Year 2 Nativity
Tuesday 19.12.2023	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20.12.2023	Reception Christmas Songs
Christmas Holidays Monday 25th December—Friday 5th January 2024 (+ Mon 8th —Inset)	
Monday 8th January	INSET Day (school closed to children)