



Lowerplace Primary School Newsletter 2

Monday 25th September 2023

(fortnightly publication)

Ms Martin's Update

Dear Families,

Over the course of the next few newsletters I will be sharing some of the School Development Priorities for 2023/24. The first priority I want to share with you is

1. PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE

This year will be having an even greater drive on attendance and punctuality with the aim of our levels being at least in line with national. In 2022/23 our attendance levels were below national and local rates and our persistent absence rates (attendance below 90%) was well above the national average.

Thank you to all our families who have been working hard to ensure their children are in school and in their class lines promptly each morning. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and is in their class line on time.

To reiterate these are the expectations

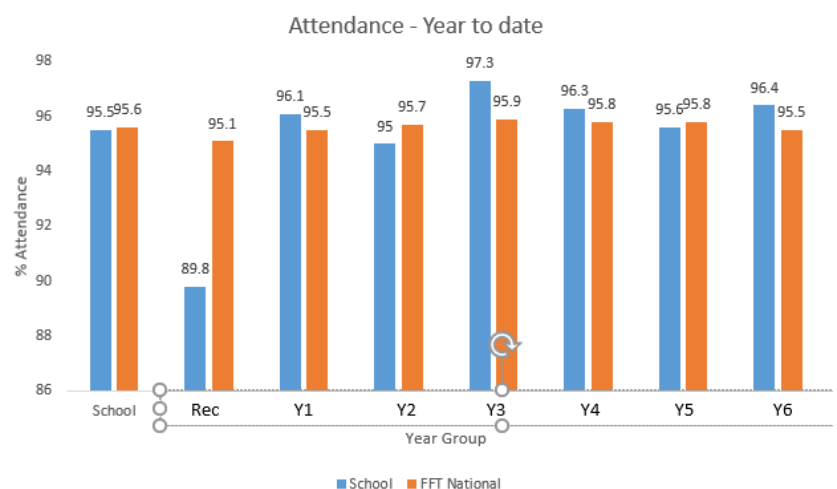
- **Years 1, 2, 3 should be lined up by 8.45am**
- **Years Reception, 4,5, 6 should be lined up by 8.40am**
- **Gates will be locked as soon as all the classes have gone in.**

If you arrive after the classes have gone in, you will need to sign your children in with the office staff who will be outside in the KS1 playground.

As a school we will be introducing high profile rewards and systems to promote good attendance and punctuality. Details will follow in our first Attendance

Newsletter.

Please ensure your children are in school every day unless they are very poorly. If they are feeling a little under the weather, send them in, we'll keep an eye on them and contact you if your child becomes very poorly.



Attendance matters!

It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!



This week—**3.30pm—4pm**

Monday 25th September **Y3 and Y5**

Tuesday 26th September **Y1 and Y4**

Thursday 28th September **Y2 and Y6**

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A reminder that it is this Friday, 29th September 9am - 10am



We are hosting our **Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September, 8:45-10:00 am** in the KS1 Hall as part of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'.

Please come along to our regular coffee morning and donate/buy a cakes. It will be an opportunity to catch up with parents over a cuppa and some tasty treats – whilst raising money to help us make sure no one has to face cancer alone.

The School Council will also be asking children to bring in individual cakes/buns or biscuits for them to sell at break time on Friday. Children will be asked to make a 20p donation for their purchase.

Parking around the school site

Parking around schools is often a contentious issue for local residents and Lowerplace is no exception. We have raised this issue regularly and asked for your support.

Already this term we have had another complaint from residents on Clarendon Street, stating that parents are parking on the kerb/footpath and that parents are sitting in their cars with engines running and loud music playing.

Please park with consideration to our local residents – not blocking drives or parking in a way that endangers the safety children, families or local residents.



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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)