



Lowerplace Primary School Newsletter 6

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Ms Martin's Update

Dear Families,

We're on the final stretch of December with just four more school days left after today. The children have been extremely excited as we count down to the Christmas Holidays. We have seen the Year 2 children perform beautifully to the school and their parents and family last week. They sang with such gusto and helped everyone think about the meaning of Christmas for Christian people everywhere.

The PTFA also held their first Winter Discos. They were really well attended and I would like to say a big thank you to all the PTFA volunteers who have given up many hours to help prepare and then co-ordinate the discos. We will share the amount raised once everything has been counted.

This week we continue our countdown

- Tuesday 19th December; School Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 19th December; wear a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation to Save the Children
- Wednesday 20th December; Reception children will be performing a medley of Christmas songs to their parents
- Friday 22nd December; class end of term parties. Children can wear their own clothes. Please bring a donation of food for the parties if you are able.

You may recall at the start of the year I shared that Mr Lowe has been seconded to a neighbouring Rochdale school as acting Deputy Headteacher for this term, this secondment has been extended. Therefore Miss Henry will continue in her role of Assistant Headteacher for the Spring term.

Please look out for a special newsletter that will come out at the end of this week, it will be a photo montage celebrating all the recent events.

Finally I would like to wish all our families celebrating Christmas a very Merry Christmas and to all our families, please have an enjoyable holiday with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 9th January for the start of the new term.

Best wishes
Ms K Martin
Headteacher



This week we say goodbye to two members of staff.



- **Mrs Kelly, Learning Mentor**

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Kelly has taken the difficult decision to retire at the end of this term. We held a special coffee morning on Friday to celebrate all her hard work over the last 24 years. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for all her years of hard work for our children and parents. We wish her many years of happiness as she begins her retirement.

- **Mrs Hussain, Year 3 teacher**

Mrs Hussain will also be leaving Lowerplace this Wednesday to take up new challenges closer to home. The arrangements for Year 3 have been shared with the parents of children in Year 3. Mrs Hussain has worked at Lowerplace for 17 years and we have appreciated all her hard work during this time. We wish her lots of luck in the future.

- **Mrs Hinsley and Mrs Conway**

Both class teachers have an exciting time ahead. Mrs Hinsley started her maternity leave last week and Mr Laughton, has been appointed to teach class 5C. Mrs Conway will be starting her maternity leave on the 12th January. Miss Meepe has been appointed to teacher class 1c and will be joining Lowerplace at the start of the Spring term.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Hinsley and Mrs Conway for all their hard work and wish them well as they prepare for the arrival of their first children.

Attendance Matters

How well is your child's class doing against our school target which is currently 94%?

Class % attendance Week commencing 10th December							
RA	90 %	2A	96.8 %	4A	91.1 %	6A	96.3 %
RB	87.5 %	2B	93.3 %	4B	93 %	6B	97 %
RC	77.7 %	2C	91.4 %	4C	90 %		
1A	96 %	3A	91.4 %	5A	92 %		
1B	85.6 %	3B	93.4 %	5B	86.7 %		
1C	89.6 %	3C	88.3 %	5C	84.7 %		



Well done to
1A 2A 6A 6B
for meeting or exceeding
our target of
94 %

It is important that you try to ensure your child is in school everyday.

If you are having difficulties, please speak to a member of staff and we can see if we can help.

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
Thursday 12.10.2023	Reception Reading meeting at 3.30pm in the KS2 hall
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)
Tuesday 9th January	Children return to school