

THE "LOW" DOWN

Lowerhouses CE (VC) JI
& EY School

17th July
2020

*Working and achieving together to enrich lives
and nurture bright futures*

Mrs Shaw's final message

As we say goodbye to the academic year of 2019-20, I am left with mixed feelings. I have experienced, as many of you will have, many highs and lows throughout this year. What started off as a fabulous year in September with the children settled, working hard and keen to do their very best, ended with many of our children not able to attend our wonderful school. For many of you, life at home with your children will have also brought about its own challenges; juggling work, trying to complete school work and keeping your families safe as well as the joys of seeing friendships build between siblings, time to experience things that would usually pass us by and spending precious time with our loved ones. As we move forward to our return to school in September, we recognise that it could be difficult for everyone involved. Parents may find it hard to leave their children, children might not want to leave their parents and friendships with others may have dwindled, but I want to reassure you that we will work our hardest to make the return to school as safe and as positive as we possibly can.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this period of time. I know it has not been easy getting information at different times and then information changing but I am grateful that you have supported us and been patient.

And for those of you that managed to complete some work at home we salute you! Teaching your children at home is extremely difficult (as a parent myself I have experienced the same as you!) and we are thankful for all that you managed to do. I hope you can continue to maintain some of this over the summer, there is no doubt at all your children will benefit from this. We have sent home some summer learning packs, made by us, and some activities from the British Library which may be fun to do. We would also ask that you find the time to read with your child as this is the key to unlocking academic success.

As we move through the summer holidays, you can help your children prepare for their return to school by:

- Getting them back into a routine of getting up 1 or 2 weeks prior to our reopening
- Talk to them about coming back to school – highlighting the positive but offering reassurances if they are nervous
- Remind them of all the things they loved about school – I know there are lots!
- Being positive – your feelings will affect how your child responds to coming back

Finally I would like to say a special farewell to all our wonderful and very special year 6 pupils. You have been amazing throughout your time at Lowerhouses and everyone will miss you so very much. I am sorry we couldn't say our traditional goodbyes to you but we look forward to hearing about your wonderful achievements in the future.

I would like to wish you all a lovely summer break. From all of us at Lowerhouses School we hope you stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you on the 8th September.

Staff farewells

As we approach the end of the academic year we say a fond farewell to several members of staff. We wish Miss Briggs, Miss Killick and Mrs O'Connor all the very best in their new roles.

Breakfast Club from September

An important email has been sent out regarding the breakfast club arrangements for September. If you require a place for your child in September you must return the request form, places will only be granted where absolutely necessary for working parents. Please do not send your child to breakfast club unless you receive a confirmation of place email through the summer.

After School Clubs

Clubs will run for KS2 children only, within year groups, from September. Details will be sent out the first week back with information about how to sign your child up.

Change to school meal prices – September 2020

The price of a school meal will increase in September to £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. This represents fantastic value for a 2 course hot meal made daily in our kitchen. The menu has been changed slightly to include some new tasty dishes. As soon as this is available it will be placed on our website to view.

Autumn Milk payment

A reminder that the Autumn term milk payment is now overdue. If you pay for your child's milk, please log into their ParentPay account and pay £11.50 asap. If you wish your child to continue receiving milk, payment must be made before the start of the new term as milk has to be ordered before September.

Holiday Dates 2020 – 2021

*Please note we are operating a staggered start for children in nursery and reception

School Opens

School Closes

***Tuesday** 8th September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 26th March 2021

Tuesday 13th April 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

Other dates to remember

Friday 4th December 2020 – Training day School closed

Monday 3rd May 2021 - May Day School closed