



Lowerplace Primary School Newsletter

Monday 19th July 2021

Ms Martin's Update

Dear Families,

Welcome to the FINAL newsletter of this academic year.

Another year has gone by and another year of disruption. I know many of you are finding it difficult at the moment but please do not let your children mix with other families whilst they are supposed to be self-isolating, this does include playing out in the evening. Despite all of the disruption it has been great to have your children in school this last term and they have continued to brighten our day with their infectious smiles. We are all looking forward to September, where we are hopeful that we will be able to return to some sense of normality.

Last week the Year 6 pupils had an amazing time celebrating their time at Lowerplace. Despite having to remain in class bubbles I think we can all say that we have marked the end of their primary school days in style. From the presentations of their hoodies, water fights, discos, to a day of adventurous activities including rock climbing concluding with a graduation day and Hogwarts banquet. We are all so proud of them.

We are expecting the hot weather to continue this week so please can we remind you that children need sun hats in school every day and sun cream should be applied before your child comes to school in the morning.

All that is left for me to say is thank you on behalf of staff and governors.

Thank you to everyone for their support this year, we really do appreciate it. Please look after yourselves during the holidays. Enjoy and take time to recharge.

I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

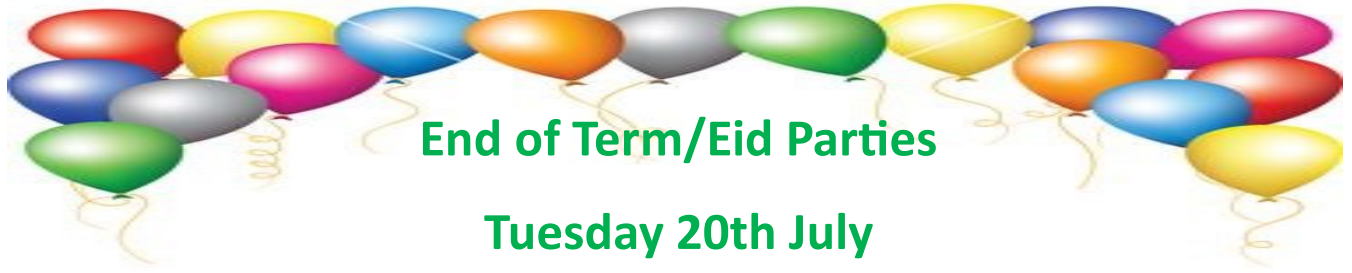
Take care and stay safe

Ms Martin,
Headteacher

Eid Al-Adha



It is Eid this week and I know many of you will want to celebrate with your family. Please can we remind you that we are happy for you to take the day off but it is only the one day. Any extra days will be recorded as unauthorised. We hope that with all the restrictions you can still have a lovely day.



End of Term/Eid Parties

Tuesday 20th July

To mark the end of this academic year classes will be holding parties on Tuesday afternoon. If you wish to donate food for the party please ensure that any food is in sealed packages. This is in line with our Covid risk assessment.

Thank you in advance for any donations

**Non-uniform
day!**

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 21st July

Children can come to school in their own clothes for the last day.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

**WILD WORLD
HEROES**

The Summer Reading Challenge 2021

The Summer Reading Challenge is taking place at libraries across the borough over the summer. This is a free event, encouraging children to visit their local libraries and provides an opportunity for them to access a wide variety of books. For more information visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/summer->

Covid Update

There have been a number of announcements regarding changes to guidance that will happen during the summer break.

The current isolation policy will apply till the 16th August. If after the 19th July an individual is identified as a close contact they should self-isolate and be advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible. From the 16th August, close contacts of positive cases **who are children** will not be required to self-isolate but will be advised to take a PCR test. If the PCR test returns a positive result they must self-isolate and access remote education. Self-isolation is not required while awaiting the result of the PCR test. Those individuals who are symptomatic should self isolate, not attend school and book a test. Schools should not deny education to anyone who does not take a test, unless they are symptomatic. As this may change, for the most up to date guidance, please visit the government website [here](#)

Information for September

Following on from the latest government guidance for schools, including the removal of bubbles, we have been busy planning the return to school in September.

We are pleased to be able to give you the following details about how life in school will look on our return. We are not planning to continue with staggered start and end times.

These arrangements may have to be modified should guidance change over the holiday period.

EYFS start and end times

- 8.40am EYFS doors will be open and children should go straight into class
- 3.10pm EYFS school day ends

Years 1—6 start and end times

- 8.45am Years 1—6 children should line up at their designated spot ready to go into class
- 3.15pm Y1—6 school day ends

Uniform

- School uniform should be worn by all pupils. Please see the school website for expectations.
- P.E. kit should be worn to school on days when the class has a P.E. Lesson. We will keep this in place for the whole year.

Assemblies

- Key Stage assemblies will resume in the school halls

Lunches

- Lunches will be eaten and hot meals served in the halls each day.

Lunchtimes and Playtimes

- Children will no longer be in class bubbles. Children will be able to mix with other classes for outdoor play.

We are looking forward to returning to a more normal school environment but would like to reassure parents that we will continue to maintain high standards of cleanliness throughout.

We have a contingency plan in place if, due to rates of infection, we need to return to class bubbles. This will be published on our school website for the start of next term.

**Children return to school on
Monday 6th September.**