

WATSON BATTY ARCHITECTS

Our First Edition

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter! We aim to update you monthly on the progression of our building, our plans for our curriculum and our continued vision for our amazing new academy.

National Offer Day

National Offer Day was last week and you should have received an offer of a place at a school. We are offering a drop-in (venue and date to be confirmed) to allow parents to come along and discuss the offer they have received with us.

Whether you're pleased with your offer, want further information to make an informed decision or concerned about the place you have been offered and want to consider a place at Lower Farm Academy instead, please do come along and talk to us.

Shape our School

We value the contribution our families make to our school and will regularly ask for your opinions and feedback, as well as your ideas.

We will be organising some events where we can meet and discuss the academy's development and next steps (see next issue for dates). We will ask for your involvement in shaping our school, from the name of our newsletter to your opinions on breakfast and after school clubs.

We look forward to hearing your ideas!

We are putting together a range of activities over the coming months. Our programme of events will allow you to get to know our staff, find out more about our academy and to meet other Lower Farm families.

Even more importantly, these will be opportunities for us to get to know your children!



Building update

We have been working hard alongside the DFE, Clugston and Gleeds to shape the design for our amazing new academy and are really pleased and excited to share the proposed designs. In our next edition, we will also be able to share final floorplans, but we hope you agree that these illustrations look fantastic.

Those of you who live very locally to Lower Farm will have seen the construction team on site preparing the temporary site ready for September. Please keep checking our website <u>http://lowerfarmacademy.org/</u> as well as both Facebook and Twitter.

Staffing

We are really pleased to introduce our first teacher - Miss Stacey Crickmore who is equally excited to join to the team. We had a wealth of experienced teachers apply, but are really pleased to have such a fantastic and experienced teacher on board to help shape the future of our school. Here is a little introduction:

My name is Miss Crickmore and I have been a Reception teacher for 5 years and an Early Years Leader for 3. I am very passionate about ensuring children have the best start to their education and that they develop a real love for learning that they can carry with them throughout the rest of their school lives. I am really excited to develop the setting with the children and allow them to create their own learning space that they are keen to learn in. I truly value the importance of home learning too and I look forward to building strong relationships with each of you that positively influence the children's development. I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you and your child(ren) over the year to come. Thank you.

We currently advertising for a School Business Manager which is advertised on the Reach2 website amongst others - <u>http://reach2.org/vacancies/listing/school-business-manager-lower-farm-academy</u> and will be recruiting a Teaching Assistant and Site Supervisor shortly, so watch this space!