



Lower Farm Times



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Welcome to Lower Farm

We are delighted to introduce you to Mrs Tibbits who will be joining our staff team in September. She will be working in Year 1 alongside Miss Baker and comes with a wealth of experience and tremendous passion for providing children with the best possible opportunities:

Hello, my name is Monika Tibbits and I am really excited to have been given the opportunity to work as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1 at Lower Farm Academy. I can't wait to meet the children and help with the journey that they have already begun at the school.

I have worked as a Teaching Assistant for 8 years, mostly in Year 1, but also in Early years and across the wider school. Along with the time spent raising my own two children, this experience has taught me just how important it is to treat every child as an individual and to make sure they feel valued and confident. I believe that every child with the right support can achieve their potential when they are happy, motivated and inspired.

I'm really looking forward to working in partnership with parents and children to support the Class Teacher and Senior Team in helping to provide a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment. See you all very soon!

Summer Learning



We will be sending out some home learning packs for both our current reception class and our new reception class for September. These will provide some baseline/summer learning activities to help get the children ready for September and give us the most up to date information on your children so we can get off to the best possible start for the 2020-21 academic year.

Our First Harvest...

Since returning, we have had our first potato harvesting day at Lower Farm Academy. The children were excited to see how their potatoes had grown. They also had fun learning about them in the classroom including weighing them.



Chickens come home to roost...

The chickens are really enjoying their new home (thank you Mr Pittam) and having so many people to feed and take care of them. The children are taking great care of them - cleaning, feeding and playing with them. We have learnt that chickens really like peas and bread but they don't really like too many green leaves.



Communication

To ensure you and your children are prepared for September, we will be posting some videos and information to explain what the new classrooms will look like for September and how school will operate in light of new government guidance.



This will be done via Class Dojo (a closed network communication app) with new parents being sent invites via email to join the new reception class communication group. Please understand that this will be during the last week of the holidays as this is when we will have the site handed back to us.

Uniform Orders

To ensure you are ready for September, you will need to place your new uniform orders shortly. You can order official embroidered uniform online at: www.yourschooluniform.com Alternatively, you can order by phone on 01773 837377.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer sizing checks with our samples in school due to current safety measures. However, please find attached order form with sizing and pricing options.

Vaccines - help protect against preventable diseases:

During Covid-19 local GPs have reported a drop in the uptake of pregnancy, infant and pre-school booster vaccinations in Warwickshire.

Attending routine vaccination appointments is important, as it helps to stop an outbreak of serious vaccine-preventable diseases such as Measles, Meningitis and whooping cough. If you are pregnant or have young children, it's important that you continue to attend your scheduled vaccination appointments on time. If you cancelled these appointments during lockdown, please rebook now.

Your GP surgery will have all the necessary precautions in place to keep you and your child safe from COVID-19. If you have any questions about the steps they have put in place, why not talk to the receptionist to help ease your concerns.

Attending your routine vaccination appointments not only protects you and your children from very serious illnesses, but also protects more vulnerable people who would be at very great risk if they were to contract these diseases.

If you're unsure about the schedule and when vaccinations are due, check your child's Red Book or visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

For more information call your GP or text:

- Warwickshire health visitors on CHAT Health: 07520 615293 anytime (responses Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).
- Warwickshire school nursing on 03300 245 204 or text Parentline on 07520 619 376.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th July:	Reports Sent Home
Wednesday 15th July:	Parent/Carer Report Phone Calls - 15:30 - 17:30
Thursday 16th July:	Summer Celebration Assembly - 09:30 - 10:00 (via zoom)
	School Finishes at 13:30