



Lower Farm Times



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Building has started!

We are all delighted to break ground on the permanent site and can't wait until we can move into the finished building. We have come through an incredibly challenging time and I cannot thank all our staff, parents, carers and wider community for all their help, support and patience in getting to this milestone. We are looking forward to seeing the building progress and can't wait to see our amazing pupils in their permanent home. Thank you to everyone involved!



New Playground Markings

In order to further enhance our outdoor space for the children and add to their outdoor learning provision, we approached the company WJ South as part of their Community Projects Initiative. They were incredibly helpful in working with us to get the best design for our children, incorporating all of our wishes to provide our children with a bright, colourful and stimulating learning resource and as you can see, they have certainly gone above and beyond all expectations. We not only have an amazing tricycle track which we can use for a variety of role play opportunities including road safety, but also a hopscotch and a lovely, bright compass. This has all been made possible by the generosity of everyone at WJ South and all the staff and children at Lower Farm Academy would like to say a huge thank you to Roy William Snr, Roy Williams Jnr and Rob Haley for making our dreams come true - we are truly grateful for all of your hard work to make this happen.

Parent/Carer Meetings

Our parent/carers meetings to discuss pupil progress and how they have started this year will be held via zoom on **Wednesday 11th November** between **13:30 - 18:00**.

Please call the office to book your 10 minute zoom appointment. Please understand the need to keep these to 10 minutes as otherwise parents/carers with later bookings can end up waiting for a considerable amount of time.

The zoom appointment will also cut off after 10 minutes. If you feel you need longer than 10 minutes for a specific reason, then please contact us to explain why and we will try to make a longer appointment, possibly on a separate date.

When logging into zoom, please make sure your ID identifies you clearly so that staff can admit the correct parent/carers to the meeting. If we have more than one parent/carers in the waiting room and they are down as phone or laptop, we won't know who to admit next. Thank you.



School Dinners

We have been informed by our caterers that we have been sent the incorrect menu for the 2nd half of the Autumn term. With this in mind, we have been asked to end the current menu on Friday 6th November 2020 and publish the new menu in time for you to book your child's meals for the next few weeks leading up to the Christmas break. I apologise for the inconvenience caused as I know several of you like to ensure that the meals are booked up in advance. Due to the above we will need you to log onto your ParentPay account and rebook for your child's meals from Monday 9th November onwards. Please remember it is your responsibility to ensure that your child's lunches are booked in advance. If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

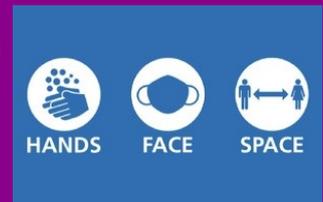


Friends of Lower Farm

Thank you to our Friends of Lower farm group for organising the Pumpkin competition and Mr Pittam for putting the display together for the local pumpkin walk - we were amazed with your amazing creations and hope you enjoyed the display as much as we did!

Covid-19

As we enter a second national lockdown, it is important to refocus on keeping our community safe by following government guidance. Please can we all make sure we wear masks, maintain 2m wherever possible and regularly wash hands and encourage children to do this at home as well as in school.



Also, please continue to follow the school's one way system when driving. Thank you in advance.

Children in Need



We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November with a theme of wear something spotty. If you don't have something spotty and can't get to the shops with lockdown, please wear something bright. Please bring in a donation which will go directly to Children in Need.

Friendship Week

To recognise National Anti-Bullying Week, which will take place Monday 16th - Friday 20th November, we will be holding a 'Friendship Week' to promote positive relationships in school. We will start with an 'Odd Socks Day' to mark the first day on Monday 16th November to celebrate our differences and diversity.

