



Lower Farm Weekly



Friday 23rd September 2022

Welcome Back

It is great to be able to welcome everybody back and welcome so many new faces to the school – pupils, parents/carers and staff. We are really excited to work with you all moving forward and get to know you better. We have some exciting events coming up, some of which are detailed below and we really hope to see many of you there. Please also find the attached school calendar with key events for the year listed (this will also be available on our school website) and there is a list of key events for the Autumn term at the end of this newsletter. If there is anything you need to know/ask please get in touch or come and speak to us at drop off/collection times.

Attendance

For week beginning 20th September:

Beech Class:	100%
Birch Class:	100%
Cherry Class:	97.5%
Chestnut Class:	92.6%%
Elder Class:	93.1%
Elm:	100%



Congratulations to those classes that have reached an attendance of 97% or above. It would be great to see every class reach 97% or above next week.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30th September 2022

13:30 - 14:30



Parents/carers are invited to join us for refreshments (tea/coffee and snacks) in the school hall and give a donation to Macmillan. It will be a chance for you to catch up and for some of our new parents to meet up/network. Children will not be coming down to the hall due to numbers/capacity, but we still hope to see many of you there to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. All donations will be made via <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/donate/how-to-donate> and given directly to Macmillan.

Parents/carers will access this event through the wooden gate at the side of the school and then into the hall through one of the side doors. There will be class clipboards where all parents/carers must sign in and out for this event.



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Lower Farm and REAch2's Colour Run

Friday 30th September 14:45 – 15:10 -Reception – Year 3



To help celebrate REAch2's 10th birthday, we will be completing one of our 11before11 promises in a truly colourful way - by holding a Colour Run.

Following our MacMillan Coffee afternoon (13:30 – 14:30) children will be going onto the school field at 14:45 to complete our Colour Run. Parents/carers will be invited to join us on the school field where, one class at a time, the children will run down a coned area flanked by parents/carers on one side and school staff/pupils on the other. Parents/carers from each class and school staff will be invited to throw paint at their children as they complete the run.

You should have received an email already with an attached waiver and letter to explain arrangements/safety measures in more detail, but a full risk assessment for the event has been completed which includes the following measures:

All participants and their parents/carers will be advised to wear sunglasses or other type of eye covering through the event - school can provide children with a pair of sunglasses for the event, but you can provide your own eye protection for yourselves and your children if you would prefer.

Only staff and parents will be throwing coloured dye, with guidance that it will be from the neck level and below. Powders can be placed (not thrown) on any participants with respiratory illness, to ensure they are included. Please notify school if you feel this step is necessary for your child(ren). Only children who have had a signed waiver returned to school will be able to participate in this event.

Children will need to come to school dressed in a white or light coloured T-shirt, a pair of shorts and a pair of trainers/shoes suitable for running/jogging in that you do not mind getting covered in powder paint. The powder paint used should wash off in a washing machine. Throughout the day, they can wear their school jumpers on top if they need to, but we will remove these before the Colour Run starts.

Any children attending after school club on this day (Friday 30th September) will need a change of clothes to change into for the club and a plastic bag to store dirty clothes in. All other children will be dismissed by class teachers to parents on the playground after the event.

Reception children will be collected from their outdoor area (normal gate) and Years 1-3 will be collected from outside their class doors where parents/carers will need to sign themselves out on the class clip boards which staff will have ready.

We really look forward to as many of you supporting these events as possible.

Parents/carers will access this event through the wooden gate at the side of the school and then the green fence at the bottom of the playground (unless you have come to the Macmillan Coffee Event first). There will be class clipboards where all parents/carers must sign in and out for this event. You will then need to sign out when collecting your children from the class teachers at the end of the Colour Run.



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Morning Drop Off

The Nursery gate opens at 08:30 and Nursery children should be walked to the gate to be greeted by a staff member.

For the rest of the school (Reception – Year 3) gates open at 08:35 and close at 08:45. Any pupils arriving after 08:45 will need to enter school through the main entrance at the office and will be recorded as late.

Parents/carers using the drop off lane, please be aware that staff will be out at 08:35 when gates open to start this facility. Parents/carers should not let their children out of their cars before this. There have been some parents/carers letting children out of their cars before 08:35 to stand at the side on their own and this is not safe.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Dinners



Now that ParentPay is fully operational again, please can we ask all parents/carers to complete menu choices as far in advance as possible, **but by the end of Friday the week before at the latest.**

We understand that there is a settling in period, but office staff are currently having to chase parents/carers over the weekend and this is not something that can continue. Moving forward, if children are not booked in for lunches via ParentPay by the end of Friday the week before, we will not be able to guarantee them a dinner or their preferred choice of dinner and you may need to supply a packed lunch instead.



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 30th September: MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 13:30 - 14:30
Lower Farm and Reach 2's Colour Run 14:45 - 15:10
Letters of details of above have already been sent

Wednesday 12th October: Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30

Tuesday 18th October: Parents/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings 13:30 - 18:00

Thursday 20th October: Friends of Lower/PTA Halloween Disco (details to follow)

Half Term: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Monday 14th November: Anti-bullying week - wear odd socks to school

Friday 18th November: Non-uniform day - wear yellow/spotty clothes for Children in Need

Friday 25th November: Non-uniform day - Bring in a bottle for Christmas tombola

Friday 2nd December: Non-uniform day - Bring in chocolate for Christmas tombola

Wednesday 7th December: Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30

Monday 12th December: Reception Nativity 14:00

Thursday 15th December: Christmas Fayre 15:30

Friday 16th December: Non-uniform Day. **School closes at 13:30 for Christmas Holidays**

Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January

Tuesday 3rd January: Staff inset day - school closed

Wednesday 4th January: School opens - spring term