Lowerplace Newsletter

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A message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this month's newsletter!

I do hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break. This half term promises to be a busy one. We will soon be full steam ahead into Christmas activities and celebrations. Do check the diary dates within this newsletter so that you don't miss any of this half term's events.

Becoming Part of Hollingworth Learning Trust

We are delighted to share the exciting news that our school, as of 1st November, has now officially converted to academy status and is now part of Hollingworth Learning Trust (HLT) under our new name, **Lowerplace Primary Academy.**

This marks an important milestone in our school's journey and opens up new opportunities to work closely with other schools within the Trust. Through this partnership, we will benefit from greater collaboration, shared expertise, and access to wider opportunities that will help us continue to provide the very best education for our children.

For pupils and families, however, day-to-day life at school will remain very much the same. Children will continue to be taught by the same dedicated staff, follow the same curriculum, and enjoy the caring, inclusive environment that makes our school such a special place. Our values, commitment to our community, and focus on ensuring every child thrives remain unchanged.

While our name has changed to Lowerplace Primary Academy, the things that matter most to our families remain at the heart of everything we do. We are proud of our school's history and excited about the future as part of Hollingworth Learning Trust. We would like to thank our families, staff, governors and wider community for their continued support as we begin this exciting new chapter together. We look forward to building on our strengths and creating even more opportunities for our children in the years ahead.

With kind regards,

Ms Martin,
Headteacher

Attendance

Today you will have received our attendance newsletter, which includes details about attendance during the last half term. We are pleased to see that our overall attendance has improved compared to the same period last year.

Thank you to all our families for the support you give in ensuring that children attend school every day and arrive ready to learn. Good attendance plays a vital role in children's academic progress, wellbeing and sense of belonging, and your ongoing commitment makes a real difference.

We appreciate your continued partnership in helping every child make the most of the opportunities available to them at school.

Children in Need

Next Friday, 13th November, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need and inviting children to come to school wearing spots, dots or bright colours to help raise awareness for this fantastic cause.

We are kindly asking for a £1 donation, which will help raise money for this worthy cause.

Whether it's spotty socks, a polka-dot top, colourful accessories or a full spotty outfit, we'd love to see everyone joining in the fun. As always, children should wear clothing that is comfortable and appropriate for a normal school day.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing a sea of spots across school and raising money to help make a difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK.



Remembrance and Armistice Day



As we approach Remembrance and Armistice Day, we will be joining people across the country in taking time to remember and honour those who have lost their lives in conflict and those who continue to serve today.

For children, remembrance is about taking a moment to think about the sacrifices made by others so that we can live in peace and freedom today. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the importance of kindness, respect and working together to build a better future.

Poppies will be available to purchase on the school playground before school each morning in exchange for a small donation to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

At 11am on 11th November, the whole school will observe the national two-minute silence as an opportunity to reflect and pay our respects.

We are also proud that Class 5A will be representing our school at the Rochdale Remembrance Ceremony, where they will join members of the local community in commemorating this important occasion.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Thurs 5th November	Rock Steady Launch
Fri 6th November	Year Group Curriculum Overviews sent home
Week beg 9th Nov	6A Bikeability
Tues 10th & Thurs 12th Nov	Year 6 Bake Sale
Thurs 12th November	Michael Rosen 2026 'Huge Poetry Party'
Fri 13th November	Children in Need Day
Week beg 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Week beg 16th November	6B Bikeability
Wed 18th November	4B Class Assembly
Week beg 23rd November	6C Bikeability
Mon 23rd November	3C Class Assembly
Fri 27th November	Winter Crafts Morning – parents welcome
Mon 30th November	Year 6 Mocks Week
Wed 9th December	EYFS Christmas Balance Bike event
TBC	Christmas Jumper Day & Dinner Day
Tues 15th December	EYFS Christmas Songs to parents
Wed 16th December	Y2 nativity 2pm
Thurs 17th December	Y2 nativity 9.30am
Thurs 17th December	Christmas Parties
Fri 18th December	House point treat; Santa visiting EYFS and KS1
Fri 18th December	School closes for Christmas Holidays
Mon 4th January 2027	INSET Day
Tues 5th January	Children Return