

NEWSLETTER

25th November 2016

Children in Need

We had a fantastic day on Friday 18th November, raising funds for Children In Need. The children all looked amazing in their 'Pudsey inspired' non-school uniform. We will let you know how much we raised in next week's Newsletter.



Dates for Week 5

Thursday 1st December – 3G & 3M Victorian Day
Friday 2nd December – EY1I & EY1W trip to Norden Farm
Friday 2nd December – LPA Christmas Bazaar

LPA Christmas Bazaar Friday 2nd December 3.15pm – 6.00pm

Details of the LPA Christmas Bazaar can be found on the attached letter. We would like to confirm that Prep Club, After School Club, Pro-Direct Soccer and French Club will be running as normal on this day.

KS1 Nativity

Thank you for returning your ticket allocation slips to the office this week. Tickets for the Nativity will be sent home, via pupil post, on Wednesday 30th November. Please can you check your child's book bag on this day as we will not be able to provide duplicate tickets. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate your choices we hope that you will appreciate the difficulty in achieving this and would appreciate your understanding.

Lowbrook Parents Association

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Lowbrook Parents Association



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Lowbrook LPA would like to invite you to our Christmas Bazaar on Friday 2nd December 2016. The event will be running from 3.15pm to 6.00pm so if you can only come for an hour at the end we would still love to see you. Entrance is free and we'll be selling tea, coffee and donated cakes in the Pavilion/Lowbrook Suite along with some alcoholic beverages and soft drinks.

Your children will have the opportunity to visit Santa's Grotto and Santa will be handing out some lovely gifts for all the good children on his list! In the main hall we will have a selection of games and Tombola's along with a Christmas Raffle where you will have the chance to win a Christmas Hamper and lots of other prizes.

This event is designed to raise money so that we can provide the children with equipment to help enhance their time at Lowbrook and we need your support!

Running an event like this costs us hundreds of pounds so anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Please see the list below for some of the things we need to make the Christmas Bazaar an event to remember:

- Raffle Prizes, must have a value over £10 and be new
- Cakes - these will be sold in the Pavilion/Lowbrook Suite
- Adult Tombola prizes - these can be boxes of biscuits, bubble bath, wine, etc.
- Kids Tombola prizes - these can be toys, games, colouring sets etc. and don't need to be new but must be in good condition.

All donations need to be delivered to the school office on the morning of Friday 2nd December

If you would prefer to make a financial contribution to the LPA please contact Claire Pullen directly on 07768 454484 or email lowbrooklpa@gmail.com for more details.

We look forward to seeing you on 2nd December and thank you in advance for your contributions to this event.

Claire Pullen
Chairman

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals for pupils aged 2 to 16 years



The Department of Education (DfE) currently pays schools a Pupil Premium for each child where parents/carers are claiming certain benefits or if the child ceased to be looked after even for a day. The amount can be between £300 and £1900 per child, depending on the individual child circumstances. In addition some children may also be eligible for Free School Meals.

Schools use the funding to provide additional education help even for those children aged 4 to 7 years who are already receive the governments Universal Free School Meal
SO PLEASE DO STILL APPLY – your child may benefit from the extra help

The school may decide to use the Pupil Premium funding to:

- ✓ Provide additional classroom support staff
- ✓ Subsidise buying school uniform
- ✓ Subsidise payment for school trips
- ✓ Provide specially trained staff to help individual children improve in English and Maths or other areas
- ✓ Subsidised Breakfast and / or After School Club



Your child may qualify for additional support with their education and have free school meals if you are claiming any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker Allowance
- Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided you're NOT also entitled to Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

PLEASE NOTE: Parents/Carers in receipt of Working Tax Credit are NOT ELIGIBLE

Pupil Premium funding may be available if your child was ceased to be looked after through

- # Adoption
- # A Residence Order
- # Or if your child is aged 2-4 years and is (or has ever been) in care
- # A Special Guardianship Order
- # A Child Arrangements Order

Unfortunately schools are not advised on whether or not children are or have ever been in care. If your child comes under one of the above categories, and you agree to this information being held by the school and included in a Department of Education return, please provide evidence to the school. More information is available either by calling into the school office or looking on their website.

Schools need to advise the DfE in January each year of children who fall into any of these categories. Applying is quick and easy. Please contact the school office.