



Lower Park School

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450th Edition!!

Dear Parents,
It's hard to believe the beacon has been going for so long, this is our 450th edition!
However, the feedback you have given is really positive – thank you!
As it is a special 450th edition, we have some special news in our first four items this week.

New Website Available Next Week

Website

You may have tried to access our website lately and found that to be difficult. This is because it is being updated in a different format. We expect the website to be live on Tuesday 14th November. It will not be the finished package as we are still developing it and there are still some places still in need of updating further. We will text you next week when it is 'live,' so please take a look.

Lunchtime Activities Happening Again

I am very pleased to inform parents that we have introduced new lunchtime sports activities for children. They are run by trained and safeguard-checked coaches and any child can take part. Initially, these lunchtime sessions will take place on Mondays and Fridays and different sports will be offered. For example, today, archery and basketball games were organized throughout lunchtime and different sports activities are planned for the future. This initiative is to increase physical opportunities and exercise for all children.



A Second New After-School Club for Key Stage 1

This week a new art club began for children in KS1 (Year 1 & 2) and next week there will be another new club for Year 1 & 2 that will be run by Sportscape, our new sports partners.

From next Friday and every Friday until 5th December between 3.15 and 4.15pm, a club will be offered to 20 children from Years 1 & 2. The children will experience a range of 'mini-sports' activities which will take place outside or in the hall, depending on the weather. Children would need to bring suitable clothing for both inside and out, each week.

We have kept the cost for the sessions as low as possible, just for this term and it is £5.00 for the full five sessions (this could increase if it proves popular).

If your child would like to take a place in the club, you need to go online at this address and places will be allocated on a first come basis:

<https://www.sportscape.org/courses/Book%20After-School%20Clubs/Lower%20Park%20School>

School Library Opens Next Week



After an extended period of refurbishment, I delighted to say that the library is now open again and next week, our new library parent helpers will be on hand every afternoon to help your children choose and exchange library books. They are, Mrs Kershaw, Mrs Banford, Mrs Roebuck, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Harvey. We are very grateful to our parents for giving up

an afternoon a week to run our library.

Children can take library books home after having them scanned, however, they will need to be returned and scanned in before a second book can be issued.

On average, the children will visit the library once a fortnight during a designated afternoon. We will encourage the children to choose books that they will enjoy and develop further, their love of reading.

The first shipment of new books has arrived and will be on the shelves very soon and more are to follow.

Our thanks to Mrs McLean for her dedication and hard work, setting up the new library system.

In February, we will be having a sponsored event to raise more funds to increase our stock of new and exciting books for the children to enjoy.

Christmas Fair



Preparations for our Christmas Fair are in full swing. School was full of children cosy in their onesies today - thank you for all the donations of filled sweet jars.

Next Friday, 17th November, children can come to school in Fancy dress (KS1) Sports stars (KS2) – please bring a bottle for the adult tombola.



next week!

The remaining dressing down days will then be: -

Friday 24th November – Out of uniform day – please bring £1

Friday 1st December – Christmas tops/silly socks – please bring cakes

Karate Achievements

We are very proud of three children who have been successful in passing stringent tests to gain their Junior Black belts in Karate. Pippa and Russell Banford and Archie Walker achieved this high level last weekend at Paul Ferris' Dojo.

The children have been taught by Paul Ferris every Wednesday at 4.45 at Lower Park.

The children deserve our congratulations for doing so well.



Here We Go Again!!

We are ready for them now!

One of the 'signature dishes' at Lower Park at Christmas, is the way we decorate our school hall and corridors with individually designed Christmas coat hanger decorations. It is probably the favourite Christmas decoration activity we do here and it is so simple and extremely effective, if every child is helped to make one. It really does make our school feel special for the children. We have 150 hooks in the hall and main corridor ceilings ready to receive your brilliantly creative Christmas coat hanger decorations. Our aim is to have a decoration hanging from every hook in time for our Christmas Fair on 2nd December.

Please begin making them over the weekend, if you have not done so already, and **send them into school from next Monday 13th November.**

If this is your first year at Lower Park, this is what we ask every child (with parents help...) to do.

You need one or two wire coat hangers, some common Christmas decorations (tinsel etc) and a good idea. The objective is to make a Christmas mobile that can be hung from a hook on the ceiling of the hall or corridor. It should be built on the coat hanger (or two coat hangers joined together – making sure there is a hook showing at the top – and

your child's name attached to the hook would help us to relocate the owners afterwards). The rest, as they say, is up to you. Obviously, we would ask you to help your children and it is intended to be a fun activity (with very little expense). If you still have last year's decoration, send it in too.



They can be sent into school anytime from Monday 13th November onwards and our aim is to have them all hanging from the ceiling in time for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December – just three weeks later! So, please send them in and let us make Christmas special and magical for the children again.

Christmas Wreath Night -
Thursday 7th December at
7.30pm



The tickets will go on sale on MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER from the school office.

Last year was a sell out so please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets at £20 each, bring your own festive tipples and homemade mince pies will be provided.

Anti-Bullying Week Begins Monday 27th for LP

Just to remind everyone that we have delayed our anti-bullying focus this year to the week beginning 27th November. This is to maximize the impact of our visiting theatre company who were so good last year. Firehouse Productions will be performing 'The 'B' Word' on

Wednesday 29th November and we want to maximize the impact of their message.



Individual and Family Photographs

Please send in any photograph orders by next Thursday 16th November.

Swing Band Practices Until the end of Term

It is a very busy time of year, therefore, I have listed all the practices for the school swing band for the rest of this term:

Tuesday 14/11 – no practice

Thursday 16/11 – practice until 4.20pm

Tuesday 21/11 – no practice

Thursday 23/11 – practice – until 4.20pm

Tuesday 28/11 – practice 8.15am

Thursday 30/11 No practice

FRIDAY 1/12 – practice 2.00pm

Monday 4/12 – playing in assembly at 9.00am – parents welcome

No further practices this term

Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.

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Leaflets attached with Beacon

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Reminders:

Film Night

On Wednesday 29th November the school hall will be transformed into a cinema for the evening with a large cinema screen and popcorn. The film showing will be:-

Lego Ninjago (u)

Film - £3 per child

Snack packs - £1.50 per child

KS1 showing will start at 3pm, KS2 showing will start at approx 5.30pm

– Final pick up/drop off times TBC

An order form will have been sent home today.

We Want to Send You Texts!

We want to continue with this service in 2017 – 2018 but we need parents to help us meet the cost. There are still several parents yet to donate for us to continue.

We are asking parents for a donation of £5.00 per family per year, so that texts can be sent immediately to you.

We ask you to forward the £5 contribution which is available for you to pay on line now.

At the same time, please remember that when you change your phone number or your email address, please inform the office. This is particularly important should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Middy Assistants

We still have a vacancy for one or more Middy Assistants, the days we particularly need to cover are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Middy Assistant role is a most valuable role to ensure the children have sufficient supervision at lunchtimes. If you or a friend or relative enjoy the company of children please consider this, Mrs Peart or Mr Coulson can talk you through the details.

Please ring 01625 872560 or call in.

This Week at School

- On Monday evening there were meetings for the Governors Finance Committee and Personnel Committees
- Today was 'Onesie' day in return for filled sweet jars for the Christmas Fair

Next Week at School

- Bible Encounters are taking part in Community assembly on Monday
- On Monday, there is a PTA meeting at 7.30pm
- School Council at 10.00am

After School Activities taking place week beginning Mon 13th Nov 2017

	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Yr Group</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser</i>	<i>On or Off</i>
Mon	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mrs Ralph / Mr Atherfold	On
	Drama club	3.30 - 4.30 4.45 - 5.45	KS2	Hall	Generate Theatre Arts Group	On
Tues	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	OFF
	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha	OFF
	Girls Football	3.15- 4.15	KS2	Outside	Mrs Ralph	OFF
	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick	OFF
	Art Club	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 & Y2	Miss Cork's class	Miss Cork	On
	Cast rehearsal	3.15 -4.30	Show cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor	On
Weds	Choir	8.15 – 8.50	Y3 – Y6	Hall	Mrs Mellor	OFF
	KS1 Choir	8.15 – 8.50	F & KS1	Mrs Cunha's class	Mrs Cunha	On
	Coding Club	3.30 – 4.15	KS2	Miss King's class	Miss King	Spring term
	Football	3.45 – 4.15	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Les Clitheroe	On (Last one)
	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mrs Ralph / Mr Ferris	On
	Cast rehearsal	3.15 -4.30	Show cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor	On
Thurs	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	F&KS1	Outside or Hall	Mrs Ralph / Mr Atherfold	On
	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	On
Fri	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson	On

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2017

Date	Event
Mon 13 November	Peter Fraser in assembly
Mon 13	PTA meeting at 8.00pm (May change)
Fri 17	Christmas Fair Dressing Down Day–Fancy dress (KS1) Sports stars (KS2) - please bring a bottle in return.
Fri 24	Christmas Fair Dressing Down Day – Out of Uniform Day in return for £1.00
Mon 27-1	Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 29	Anti-Bullying performance – The 'B' word
Weds 29	Film Night – 3.pm – KS1&FS, 5.30pm - KS2
Fri 1 December	9.00 School Nursing Team admin Fluenz to R, 1, 2, 3, & 4
Fri 1	Christmas Fair Dressing Down Day – Christmas Tops and Silly Socks – in return for cakes
Sat 2	Christmas Fair 11.00 – 2.00pm
Wed 6	1.00 & 2.00pm Christmas Story Trail
Thurs 7	9.30, 10.45, 1.00 & 2.00 Christmas Story Trail
Thurs 7	Wreath Making Night 7.30pm (tickets needed)
Fri 8	9.30 & 10.45 Christmas Story Trail
Mon 11	Afternoon performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Tues 12	Evening performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Weds 13	Afternoon performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Thurs 14	Panto at Buxton (10.00am Performance Leave at 8.30)
Thurs 14	Evening performance of the KS2 Christmas Show
Mon 18	Afternoon performance of the KS2 Christmas Show
Tues 19	Evening performance of the KS2 Christmas Show

Weds 20	Christmas Parties, Christmas Dinner, Talent Show
Thurs 21	Christmas Service 10.00am
Thurs 21	School Closes for Christmas holiday.
Mon 8 January 2018	School Reopens for Spring Term at 8.50am.

*Further activities are being planned for this term and will be added to the list above
Every effort will be made not to change dates however, if necessary any changes/ additions are highlighted with *
TBC means To be confirmed. TBF means To be Finalised.*

School Calendar Dates 2017 – 2018

SCHOOL CLOSES

Autumn Half Term Friday 20th October
 Christmas 2017/18 Thursday 21st December
 Spring Half Term 2018 Friday 16th February
 Easter 2018 Thursday 29th March
 May Day 2018 Monday 7th May
 Summer Half Term 2018 Friday 25th May
 Summer 2018 Friday 27th July

SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 31st October
 Monday 8th January 2018
 Monday 26th February
 Monday 16th April
 Monday 11th June

INSET DAYS LEFT: Monday 4th September 2017, Monday 30th October 2017, Friday 22nd December 2017, Monday 30th July 2018, Tuesday 31st July 2018.

School Calendar Dates 2018 – 2019

SCHOOL CLOSES

Autumn Half Term Friday 26th October
 Christmas 2018/19 Friday 21st December
 Spring Half Term 2019 Friday 15th February
 Easter 2019 Friday 5th April
 May Day 2019 Monday 6th May
 Summer Half Term 2019 Friday 24th May
 Summer 2019 Friday 26th July

SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 4th September
 Tuesday 6th November
 Monday 7th January 2019
 Tuesday 26th February
 Tuesday 23rd April
 Monday 10th June

INSET DAYS: Monday 3rd September 2018, Monday 5th November 2018, Monday 25th February, Monday 29th July 2019, Tuesday 30th July 2019

If you would like to join our email distribution list and receive the Lower Park Beacon by email, you need to inform me of your email address. Your email address will not appear when the Beacon is delivered and it is protected by the data protection policy here in school. So why not join our growing number of parents receiving email Beacons? Just write to me via email. My email address is: head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk
 The Lower Park Beacon is also available to read on our School Website at: www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

Kind regards *Jan G Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park*

My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 13th November

School Meals are free for Reception & KS1 and £2.35 for a larger portion in KS2

Please pay online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Please choose one item from each section and remember to indicate which filling you would like for your sandwich/potato

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Cheesy Pasta (v)	Chicken Korma with	Butchers Sausage <input type="checkbox"/>	Beef Hot Pot	Chicken Slider
Quorn and Veg Stir	Rice & Cous Cous	Or Quorn Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> in	Mexican Quorn Wrap	Bubble Coated Fish
Fry with Noodles (v)	Vegetable Frittata (v)	Onion Gravy with	with Rice (v)	with Chips
Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Creamed Potatoes	Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with
Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Organic Vegetable Bake	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Wrap filled with	Sandwich filled	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with	Sandwich filled with
Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	with	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>		
		Ham <input type="checkbox"/>		
		(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>		
Carrots, Green Beans, Salad Bar.			Carrots, Broccoli, Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
	Mixed Veg, Salad Bar	Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar		
Oaty Biscuit with	Kracholette	Apple Crumble &	Chocolate Brownie with	Banana Muffin
Fruit Chunk	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Custard	Chocolate Sauce	Seasonal Fruit Platter
Seasonal Fruit Platter	Organic Yoghurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Organic Yoghurt
Organic Yoghurt		Organic Yoghurt	Organic Yoghurt	

Available daily - Milk, Fruit Juice, Bread Basket. Accompaniments will be available.

All fish products are sourced from sustainable fisheries. Fresh meat supplied by local butchers.

Potatoes, vegetables and milk are sourced locally when in season.