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## Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**NEXT SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**  
**11.00am – 2.00pm**

### Christmas Show Tickets

It is that time of the year again and we are going to release our first batch of tickets next week!

Key Stage 1 and the Foundation Stage children are rehearsing for a production of "The Sleepy Shepherd" and Key Stage 2 are rehearsing for a production of "Elf."

All the children will take part in some way in their production and both shows will be fantastic - they always are! The dates for the shows are in the forthcoming events at the end of this Beacon.



Tickets for all the shows will be available from 7.30am on Tuesday morning, 28<sup>th</sup> in the school hall.

There are two tickets allocated per family for one of the Key Stage performances that your children are in, and these must be collected by Friday 1st December.

**\*\*For one day only, any remaining tickets on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December will be issued initially on a 'first come' basis to Year 6 children's parents (limited to two per family) for KS2 performances and Year 2 children for KS1 performances from 8.30am**

**The next day all other year groups will be able to collect two tickets subject to availability**



Dates to collect tickets:

*1<sup>st</sup> release* for two per family – 28<sup>th</sup> November

*2<sup>nd</sup> release* of two tickets for Y6 and Y2 parents – 4<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30am at the school office. On this release, parents will be restricted to collecting for themselves and only one other parent.

*3<sup>rd</sup> release* another 2 tickets for any other year groups – 5<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30am

*All the above are subject to availability*  
If there are any tickets left after 7<sup>th</sup> December then they will be issued freely.

If you struggle to get to school to collect your allocation then friends/relatives may collect them on your behalf, subject to the above.

I am sure that parents appreciate that we are trying to meet the demand for these special occasions whilst also ensuring the safety of everyone, by following fire regulations.

### Children in Need



The Children in Need fund raising was a tremendous success. Joseph Parrott had made the most delicious cakes in a Children in Need design. They sold like hot cakes (ooh sorry!!) and he raised a magnificent £83.80.

Heath Lambert rode his way on his bike for a full 15 miles with dad in tow and raised a magnificent £380. Well done to both boys for their hard work and successful outcome.

### Christmas Coat Hanger Decorations

75 Already Hanging –  
One week to go!!



We have just one week left to achieve our aim of creating a Christmas wonderland of decorations in our school hall. The children have been mesmerized watching the decoration going up each day. Please send in your decorations by Friday of next week to create that special atmosphere for the Christmas Fair next Saturday and the Christmas Shows.

Here is a final reminder how to make one:

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.

## Christmas Fair Dressing Down Days Coming to an End!



Thank you for sending in your £1.00 contributions today. The PTA are off to purchase a range of goodies to fill the Christmas Hampers.

Next week is the last dressing down day and we hope all the children and staff will be wearing Christmas tops and/or silly socks as well as bringing in cakes and chocolate to sell at the fair.

Home-made cakes always are popular and these would be particularly appreciated if you find you have time to make them. However, please ensure that all cakes and chocolate are nut-free!

Many thanks for your support over the last three weeks.

## Christmas Fair Performance Times

I am sure you will wish to know what time your children will be performing at the Christmas Fair. The Amazing Stephen will be joining our Christmas fair for his famous balloon modelling and magic shows at 11.45 and 12.30 he can be found in our reception classrooms

Along with our magician, it is as follows:

KS2 choir 11:30  
Swing band 12.00  
Brass band 12.30  
KS1 choir 13.00

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Father Christmas from 11.00 – 1.45pm

## Your Help Really is Needed



Now you know the times of the events at the fair, could you man a stall for a while? Our fair can only run with the help of volunteers. You can sign up at school drop off and pick up on Monday to Friday next week - or in our reception area in wet weather.

We do not have enough parent helpers at the moment and we may not be able to open as many stalls as we would like. If you could give an hour, please let us know by contacting the office (872560).

## Christmas Fair Update Have You.....?



1. Have you....Any as-new toys or teddies for the tombola and 'adopt-a-teddy' stalls? If you find you have and are willing to donate them, please do at any time between now and next Saturday.
2. Have you..... any unwanted Christmas decorations we could use to add Santa's grotto? If so please send them in to school next week.
2. Have you....Any donations that can be placed on our clip-board auction? Parents with a business or an interest/hobby, an event or product, would be greatly appreciated. Just email your clip-board offer to: [admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)
3. Raffle tickets will be in book bags today. 50p a ticket or £5 for a book, there will be one book per family. KS2 children will have a book of raffle tickets to take home in their bags – please root them out and sell them if you can. The stubbs and money should be sent in to school next week. If you want to sell more please ask at the office and please return any unused tickets so they can be sold at the fair.
4. Don't forget to bring in forms to enter the Lower Park Lego Masters competition! – see below

## Lower Park Lego Masters Competition

This year we are holding our first ever Lower Park Lego Masters competition. You will have received your entry form already in your book bag. The key details are:

Step 1: plan your build

Step 2: bring your entry form and £1 to school next week.

Step 3: deliver your 'build' to school at the beginning of the fair Step 4: await the judges comments.

We have 4 age groups and some fantastic prizes, so make the most of the wet weather and get building!

## This Week's Commendation Awards



Commendation Awards are presented to children on Mondays in assembly. The staff, including midday assistants, nominate children (one from each class and one from the midday assistants) each week and they receive a commendation badge. They also receive a certificate which is displayed on the internal noticeboard outside my room. After a week, the certificates are given to the children to bring home to keep. They are used to promote exceptional attitude, approach to work, exceptional kindness, behaviour, helpfulness, consideration and attitude. Often, we will have a theme for the commendation awards. The winners this week are:-

Charlotte Frost, George Buckley, Daniel Rogers, Betsy Alvey, Luke Richards, Caitlin Kelly, Issy Hall Matthew Mellor and Harrison Guy..

Well done to all those boys and girls!

## Film Night – Next Wednesday – 29<sup>th</sup> November

Just a reminder that the film night takes place next Wednesday.

KS1 & FS begins at 3.00pm with a pick up time of 5.20pm

KS2 begins at 5.30pm with a pick up time of 7.30pm.

## Lower Park's Anti-Bullying Week – Next Week

Next week we will be focusing on anti-bullying week. There will be a focused assembly on Monday and teachers will be doing follow up learning with the children during their PSHE lessons.

## Christmas Lunch Flyer Returns Needed!

Your child has today been give a menu for Christmas lunch for 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please complete and return the slip if you would like your child to have Christmas lunch. PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED SLIP EVEN IF

YOUR CHILD USUALLY HAS A SCHOOL LUNCH! This will help Mrs Laffey to know how many turkeys she needs to order, as you will appreciate it would be difficult to cater for 30 unexpected guests for Christmas lunch. Thank you

Christmas Wreath Night -  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at  
7.30pm



The tickets are now on sale from the school office.

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

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

#### Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.

- Raffle tickets in book bags
- Christmas lunch menu

#### Leaflets attached with Beacon

- Raffle tickets in book bags

#### Reminders:

#### Christmas Fundraiser Artwork



All children, who were in school at the time, have done Christmas Artwork in school. A leaflet was sent explaining how to order items decorated with your child's design. All ordering is done online and items are delivered directly to your home address. If you don't have access to a computer or would like some support in ordering please contact the school office and the PTA will arrange a drop in session at school where support can be provided. All orders should be placed with the company by the end of November and samples of items that can be ordered are available in the office if you would like to see them before ordering.



The site is now live. We intend to develop the site further and add new features but browse at the photographs on many pages, contact details, governors' pages, policies etc, that can all be accessed from the tabs on the home page. This Beacon has a quick link from the top of the home page too.

The website can be accessed from this link at:

[www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

#### Film Night

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 has been sent home.

#### Midday Assistants

We still have a vacancy for one or more Midday Assistants, the days we particularly need to cover are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Midday 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 Wednesday, we were able to secure a science talk from our visitor, Mr Sweetman of Macclesfield Astronomical Society. He spoke to children in Year 5 & 6 about space & the relationship between the earth, the moon and the sun
- Today was a non-uniform day in return for £1.00 – thank you.

#### Next Week at School

- Next week we are having our anti-bullying week.
- On Monday after school, there is staff training on developing our spelling policy.
- On Tuesday, there are meetings for the Pupil & Curriculum and the Environment & Community committees
- On Wednesday there is the film night after school
- On Friday there is a School Council meeting.
- On Saturday between 11.00 and 2.00, we are having our Christmas Fair.

<i>After School Activities taking place week beginning Mon 27th Nov 2017</i>						
	<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	On
	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha	OFF
	Girls Football	3.15- 4.15	KS2	Outside	Mr Cunha	On
	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	On
	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	OFF
	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mrs Ralph / Mr Ferris	OFF
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	OFF
	Cast rehearsal	3.15 -4.30	Show cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor	On
Fri	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson	On
	Multi-Sports	3.13 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Hall or outside	Mr Coulson	On( will be outside)

*Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2017*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mon 27-1 November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 28 *	Christmas Show tickets available from 7.30am
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
Mon 4 *	School Band playing in assembly at 9.00am – parents welcome
Mon 4 *	School Choir to Disabled Swimmers Christmas Party
Wed 6	1.00 & 2.00pm Christmas Story Trail
Thurs 7	9.30, 10.45, 1.00 & 2.00 Christmas Story Trail Years R, 1 & 2
Thurs 7	Wreath Making Night 7.30pm (tickets needed)
Fri 8	9.30, 10.45 & 12.00 Christmas Story Trail
Mon 11 *	1.45pm Afternoon performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Tues 12 *	6.45pm Evening performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Weds 13 *	1.45pm Afternoon performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Thurs 14	Panto at Buxton (10.00am Performance Leave at 8.30)
Thurs 14 *	7.00pm Evening performance of the KS2 Christmas Show
Fri 15 *	Freddy Fit Day
Mon 18 *	1.30pm Afternoon performance of the KS2 Christmas Show
Tues 19 *	7.00pm 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**

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**

Monday 8th January 2018  
Monday 26th February  
Monday 16th April  
Monday 11th June

INSET DAYS LEFT: Monday 4th September 2017, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

The Lower Park Beacon is also available to read on our School Website at: [www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

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

# My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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
Pizza with Saute Potatoes (v) Vegetable Paella (v)	Minced Beef Pie with Creamed Potato Quorn Korma (v) with Rice & Cous Cous	Organic Beefburger in a Bap with Wedges Quorn Burger in a Bap with Wedges(v) Quorn Cottage Pie (v)	Paprika Chicken with Rice Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Creamed Potato & Gravy (v)	Roast Gammon & Pineapple with Chips Fish Fingers with Chips
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Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad Bar.	Carrots, Green Beans. Salad Bar	,Cauliflower, Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Mixed Veg, Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar
Chocolate Crunch with Fruit Chunk Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Dorset Apple Cake with Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Carrot and Pineapple Muffin Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Steamed Pear & Peach Sponge with Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Lemon Biscuit with Fruit Chunk Seasonal Fruit Platter 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.