



Lower Park School

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500th Edition

Dear Parents,

Did You Know

Did you know.....



..... The first edition of the Beacon was on **Friday 17th June 2005**, which means the Beacon has been running for almost 14 years and must be one of the longest running weekly school newsletters in Cheshire. In that time there have been two questionnaires, in 2009 and 2013, sent out to parents to review its usefulness and on both occasions, parents wanted it to continue in the same format with just a few amendments. To mark the occasion, I am sending out the original 1st edition. Last week, I invited parents to guess the date of the 1st Lower Park Beacon and the winner was **Jasmin Widman** with a guess of **8th Sept 2006**. **Runner up was Jane Miller, who guessed 7th September 2007**. It is time to review the Beacon again and I have attached a questionnaire with this Beacon and ask for your opinion of the current Beacon and its usefulness.

Red Nose Day



The amount raised on our Red Nose Day was a magnificent £213. Thank you for sending in your donations

Bingo and Curry Night Tomorrow, 23rd March



Two little ducks - 22! We are all set to play family bingo tomorrow night between 5.00 and 8.00pm. Find your seats from 4.30pm and bring your own choice of beverages. The curries are being cooked by Nunit Hallam and they will be delicious. The bingo is great fun. We will open the doors at 4.30pm with the first 'house' being called at 5.00pm.

Mrs Potts and the Baby And Y5/6 New Teacher



Mrs Potts has now begun her maternity leave and we all hope that Baby Potts arrives safe and sound. We are pleased to inform parents that we have appointed Mr. A Stewart to teach Mrs Potts class until the end of the summer term. Mr Stewart is an experienced teacher and has been working alongside Year 5 and 6 ready to take over teaching of the class fully on Monday. We will give him a warm Lower Park welcome and wish him all the best.



Visiting Theatre in School Again

On Wednesday, the Northern Core Theatre Company led three workshops for UKS2 and they are hoping to begin a new drama club on Wednesday evenings. Watch this space for details.

Flower Power

Our thanks to Mrs Hamilton-Fisher and a group of children who stayed behind after school to plant flowers in the planters around the chess board where the children line up. They look fantastic and bring colour to the playground.

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. This week, the theme for the commendation awards was for a variety of reasons.



This week's winners were:

Hana M, Matthew C, Ella L, Alfie E, Aiden C, Fraser S, Harry L, Scarlett N and Katie T.

Well done to all those children.

Housing Development Update



The Cheshire East Council' Strategic Planning Board has again postponed discussing the application at their March meeting. The application is from Persimmon to build houses off Hazelbadge Road. Due to the local elections, there could now be a possible delay of two months before it is considered again.

Hollies Easter Holiday Club

Hollies Holiday Club is open for the Easter holidays, we will be doing lots of fun activities, including:-

- Easter egg hunt
- Competitions
- Face painting
- Crafts and baking

Plus plenty more activities suitable for all ages ranging from 2 and a half up to the age of 11.

Date & Time: Monday 8th April to Thursday 18th April 7.30 until 6pm every day.

Cost: full day is £25.75 Half day is £16.35

A morning and afternoon snack is included in the price.

To book please contact Rachel on 01625 850176 or email at admin@theholliespreschool.co.uk

Reminders

Matched Funding

Currently, we have some parents whose employers are willing to match fund, fund-raising events for charity. Our PTA is a registered charity and so we receive significant amounts through this scheme.

If you work for a company, please would you consider asking your employer to match fund an event or part of an event that the PTA organise. This can be, for example, an event at the summer fair or for the plant sale.

Please let me know if you are successful, as it will mean more benefits to the children at Lower Park

Letters this week

- To Year 5 by email – final arrangements for Ilam
- To Year 6 – Medical form C to complete for Menai
- Flyer for tennis holiday club

- Letter to parents in Mrs Potts' class.

This Week in School

- On Wednesday, the Northern Core Theatre group led workshops for Year 5 and 6.
- Yesterday, there was a meeting for Year 4 parents and children about the trip to Tattenhall. Thank you for the excellent turnout of parents.
- Today, Cllr Jos Saundars made her long-awaited visit to the school and met the children. I have raised a number of concerns with her and she will address them for us.

Next Week in School

- Tomorrow, we are holding our Bingo and Curry Night for the whole family.
- On Monday, Mr Stewart begins teaching the Year 5 / 6 class.
- On Monday, there is a meeting of the full Governing Body.

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 25th March 2019

	<i>On or Off?</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Yr Group</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
Mon	ON	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Cunha / Mr Atherfold
	ON	Drama club	3.30 – 5.00	KS2	Hall	Generate Theatre Arts Group
Tues	ON	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	ON	Digital Art Club	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's class	Miss Cork
	ON	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha
	ON	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick
Weds	ON	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	Football	3.45 – 4.15	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Les Clitheroe
	ON	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mr Cunha / Mr Ferris
Thurs	ON	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	F&KS1	Outside or Hall	Mrs Cunha / Mr Atherfold
	OFF	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson at Meeting
Fri	ON	Dodgeball	8.00 – 8.50	KS1	Hall	Miss Jones
	ON	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson
	ON	Multi-Sports	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 - Y4	Hall or outside	Mr Coulson
	ON	Cricket	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Outside (hard court)	Mr Cunha

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2019

Date	Event
SAT 23 March	PTA Bingo night 5.00 – 8.00pm
Mon 25	6.30pm Chairs of Govs meeting & 7.00 Full Gov Body meeting
Thurs 28	7.00 PTA meeting
Thurs 28	Cross Country at Moorfield (Y3-6)
Tues 2 April	Y1 to Tatton Farm
Weds 3	Y2 to Tatton Farm
Weds 3 - 5	Year 5 to Ilam
Fri 5	Rec to Tatton Farm
Fri 5	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Tues 23	School Opens for Summer Term

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.
TBC means To be confirmed. TBF means To be Finalised.*

School Calendar Dates 2018 – 2019

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Easter 2019	Friday 5th April	Tuesday 23rd April
May Day 2019	Monday 6th May	
Summer Half Term 2019	Friday 24th May	Monday 10th June
Summer 2019	Friday 26th July	

INSET DAYS:, Monday 25th February, Monday 29th July 2019, Tuesday 30th July 2019

School Calendar Dates 2019 – 2020

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Autumn Half Term	Friday 25th October	Tuesday 3rd September
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20th December	Tuesday 5th November
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February	Monday 6th January 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3rd April	Monday 24th February
May Day 2020	Monday 4th May	Monday 20th April
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22nd May	Monday 8th June
Summer 2020	Wednesday 22nd July	

INSET DAYS: Monday 2nd September 2019, Monday 4th November 2019, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Monday 27th July 2020

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The Lower Park Beacon is also available to read on our School Website at: www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk**

Kind regards Ian G Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park

My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 25th March 2019

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
Organic Beef Burger with Paprika Potatoes	Sweet & Sour Pork with Noodles	Beef Hotpot	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Gravy & Mash	Chicken Korma Chunks in a Tortilla Boat
Vegetarian Cottage Pie (v)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy (v)	Pasta Italiane (v)	Quorn Fillet with Stuffing, Gravy & Mash (v)	Harry Ramsden Junior Fish Fillet with Sauté Potatoes
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken Baguette	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Baguette (v)	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Baguette filled with Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Baguette filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
Egg Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
Peas, Carrots, Salad Bar	Peas and Carrots, Salad Bar	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
Banana Cake	Flapjack	Broccoli, Carrots , Salad Bar	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Chocolate Penny	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
	Organic Yoghurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Mixed Veg , Salad Bar	Frozen Yoghurt
		Organic Yoghurt	Apple & Chocolate Crumble with Custard	Seasonal Fruit Platter
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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.