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Dear Parents,

Plant Sale - A Huge Thank You



A huge thank you to all the many parents who came along and helped to deliver plants to homes in Poynton. It was really heartening to see so many parents arriving and making delivery after delivery and it meant that we were all finished and delivered by 12.20pm. It was real Lower Park spirit in action.

A special mention and a debt of gratitude to Nicky Warr, who organised the event and collated the many hundreds of orders.

The really good news is that plant sale raised a **magnificent £3200!** However, this is before the promised matched funding we are awaiting, so watch this space.

Summer Fair



It was a bright day in school today in more than one sense, with the children arriving in bright t-shirts. Thank you for your donations of £1.00.

Next Friday, 24th May, children are asked to come to school in their own choice of clothing in return for bringing in a bottle for the adult tombola. Please ensure that the bottles are safely transported to school and they will be collected at the gate. The bottle donations can be any

type of drink that encourages visitors to buy a ticket, but wine and spirits are always a big attraction.

School Council Raffle

The school council members will be selling raffle tickets in school next week to raise funds towards our planned sensory garden. The superb prizes have been donated – thank you – and the tickets are 20p each. Children can buy them throughout next week. The draw will take place on Friday 24th May.



A Cheque from the Mayor



Over the last few months, some members of staff and members of the PTA have been involved in a variety of fund-raising activities with the help of Poynton Mayor, Sarah-Jane Gilmore. Other Poynton schools joined the campaign to raise funds for each school's well-being project.

This week, representatives from the schools met the mayor at the Civic Centre to receive a cheque from her. Altogether, over £5000.00 was raised and it was shared between the schools. Lower Park received just over £1400 and this will go into our project to create a sensory garden at Lower Park.

Thank you to all the staff and PTA members who took part in the sponsored events.

A Stone Age Man Coming to Lower Park



We will have another special visitor next week when the children in Years 3 and 4 will have two days of workshops and meetings with our 'Stone-Age' visitor. He has actually lived in a cave to understand how people in the Stone-Age lived and existed. He will be passing on this knowledge to the children and they will be learning survival and living skills at first-hand.

SATs and Assessment

The Statutory tests for Year 6 took place this week. All the children took them and acquitted themselves very well. They took a grammar, punctuation and spelling test on Monday, a reading test on Tuesday and three maths tests over Wednesday and Thursday. They deserved their SATs party yesterday afternoon.

Year 2 children took a maths test on Wednesday and have two more tests to take before the end of term.

When we return after half term, Year 1 children will take their phonics screening test.

Tennis and Golf Competitions

This week, there have been two tennis competitions and one golf competition. Reports will be included next week.

Next week, we have more competitions with children taking part in cricket and orienteering.

Walk to School Week Next Week



Next week, we will be taking part in the 'Living Streets five day walking challenge', during which we will be asking the children to try to walk, rather be driven to school. Today the children will come home with their Pupil Diaries in which, they can complete activities and earn stickers throughout the week. Today, they have had an assembly about the week. To find out more about the walk to school week and why it's a great campaign for health and the community, visit www.livingstreets.org.uk/parents

We are promoting the benefits of walking as part of our whole school initiative of Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies and Healthy Attitudes. We understand that some of you drive children to school because of the distance or on your way to work, so an option is to park a distance you feel suitable away from school and walk the rest of the way together.

If you and your children already walk to school – great, keep up the good work! They will receive the stickers for their efforts too.

The five big benefits of walking to school are:

- Improved air quality
- Reduced congestion
- Learning road safety skills
- Fun to take part
- Happier, healthier children!

Staff Training

Straight after school next Monday 20th, the staff are receiving training and will be unable to meet with parents after school.

It is difficult to meet with parents after school on any Monday, as the staff have to attend a staff meeting. There are other times in the week that are more convenient.

Important!
Midday Assistant Needed



We have need of another midday assistant. Our team of middays are highly valued in school. They meet regularly with me to discuss the lunchtime supervision and regularly meet for a meal in school.

If you are interested in joining the team of midday assistants, please contact the school office to find out more about it. We are interested in recruiting perhaps more than one midday who could work part or all of the week.

Contact;

faye.peart@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk or ring the school office on 01625 872560

Lotto Results Correction!



The winners in the beacon last week were from March and not April as stated.

The winners for April were:-

- 1st Carrie Grainger
- 2nd Dee Glasgow
- 3rd Sharon Mallender

Hollies Half Term Holiday Club

Look out for the Hollies Half Term holiday club flyer being sent home with this beacon.

Multi-Sports Returns

To confirm that the Multi-sports club for children in Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will resume after half term until the end of the school term. It will take place on Friday evenings after school in the hall. A booking form was sent home earlier today by email.

Reminders

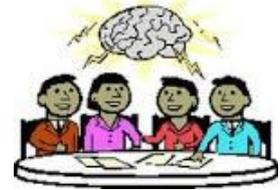
School Fair Dressing Down Days

Friday 14th June: Children are asked to donate a jar filled with sweets, toys or other friendly surprises in return for dressing up as their favourite sports star.

Friday 21st June: The PTA would value donations of cakes (especially home-made), biscuits and chocolate in return for wearing silly socks and having crazy hair.

As ever, any donations of unused toys suitable for our children's tombola would be greatly appreciated

School Council Raffle



An Appeal for Prizes

The School Council Executive would like to thank you for the prizes that have been sent in for the School Council Sensory Garden Raffle.

The prizes sent in are superb. Further donations would be welcomed.

If you have any prizes that are suitable for children (4 years to 11 years), please send them into the school office

change 4 life

As part of one of our current main priorities, 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds and Healthy Attitudes' we have recently sent a reminder that the school operates a healthy snacks policy.

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 have access to fruit and vegetables, daily, for their snacks. However, we do ask that the children in Key Stage 2 bring in a healthy option, if they are not accessing the available snack bar at playtimes should they require a snack.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are always a great choice. But sometimes our children want other types of snacks, especially those in packages!

So to help parents out, here is a list of low calorie snacks suggested by the NHS programme 'Change for Life.' They suggest to look for '100kcal, two a day max'.

It's to help you make quick decisions on packaged snacks when faced with lots of choice. It's not about calorie counting for the children.

Here are some ideas they suggest on their website:

- Malt loaf slice
- Lower-fat, lower-sugar fromage frais (some flavours include strawberry, raspberry, banana, apricot)
- Fresh or tinned fruit salad
- Chopped vegetables and lower-fat hummus
- Plain rice cakes or crackers with lower-fat cheese
- Sugar-free jelly
- One crumpet
- One scotch pancake

Remember to always check the label as products may vary.

Here is also a link to the 'Change for Life' healthy lunch boxes page, where you can get great tips for interesting lunches if you want to vary things for your children's midday meals.

Please note that, although nuts are a healthy option for at home, **we are a nut free school.**

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Letters this Week

- To All - PTA flyer emailed detailing summer fair dressing down days.
- Years 1 -4 – Flyer re Multi sports after school club emailed.

This Week in School

- Our Plant Sale on Saturday was a tremendous success with a very good turn out of parent drivers – thank you.

- On Monday, Year 6 SATs began.
- On Thursday, children from Year 3 & 4 took part in a tennis competition.
- Today, more children from Year 3 & 4 took part in a golf competition whilst children from Years 5&6 took part in a tennis competition.

Next Week in School

- On Monday, the staff are having a twilight training session and will be unable to meet with parents after school.
- Interviews will also take place on Monday morning.
- On Tuesday, School Health will be having NCMP checks for children in Year 6 and Reception.
- On Tuesday, some children in Year 5 & 6 will take part in a

cricket competition at Macclesfield Cricket Club.

- On Wednesday, Scott Parkinson will be teaching drum lessons from 10.00am.
- On Thursday, some children from Year 3-6 will take part in orienteering at Fallibroome.
- On Thursday at 6.30pm, there is a meeting for parents of our new September reception parents in the school hall.
- On Friday, children may come to school in clothing of their choice in return for bringing in a bottle.
- School breaks up next Friday at 3.15pm for the half-term holiday and reopens on Monday 10th June.

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 20th May 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	Computing Club	3.15 – 4.15	Year 2	Miss Cork's class	Miss Cork
	OFF (match)	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
	On in school time – 2.15 – 3.15	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
Fri	ON	Dodgeball	8.00 – 8.50	KS1	Hall	Miss Jones
	ON	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Hall	Mr Longson

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2019

Date	Event
Tues 21 May	School Health checks for Y6 & Rec. am
Thurs 23	New Intake meeting 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.
Fri 24	Stone-Age Visitor to Years 3 & 4
Fri 24	School Closes for half term
Mon 10 June	School reopens at 8.50am
Mon 10 and week	Year 1 Phonics testing week.
Mon 10 & week	DT week
Mon 10	KS1 Assembly with the NSPCC 9.15 to 9.40
Mon 10	KS2 assembly with NSPCC 9.50 to 10.25
Tues 11	Pupil & Curriculum Committee at 6.30pm
Tues 11	Environment & Community Committee at 7.45pm
Tues 18	Personnel & Finance Govs 6.00pm
Tues 18	Finance Govs at 7.45pm
Weds 19 - 21	Y4 to Tattenhall visit
Weds 19 - 21	Y6 to Menai visit
Thurs 20	7.30pm PTA
SAT 22	Summer Fair 11.00 – 2.00
Mon 24	NSPCC workshops throughout the day
Mon 24	Year 6 Swimming Assessment - afternoon
Mon 24	Parent Workshops NSPCC 2.15 – 3.15pm TBC
Mon 24	6.30pm Chairs of Govs & 7.00 Full Govs' meeting

Weds 26	Singing Workshop for LKS2 at 1.30pm in hall
Thurs 27	NSPCC Enrichment day – all classes
Thurs 4 July	Freddy Fit Day
THURS 4	Disco KS1 & FS 6.00 / KS2 – 7.15pm
Fri 5	Families Day pm
Mon 8	Year 6 to PHS Induction Day
Thurs 11	New Cabaret Evening
Fri 12	Sports Day 1st try
Fri 12	Reports to Parents
Weds 17	5.30 – 7.30 Open Evening
Weds 17	7.30pm Music Concert
Fri 19	Reserved in case of rearranged Sports Day
Mon or Tues 22/3	9.00am Children to new classes TBC
Tues 23	Bikeability Y4 & 6
Tues 23	7.15pm Year 6 Prom
Weds 24	Bikeability Y4 & 6
Fri 26	Leavers' Service at 10.00am
Fri 26	School closes for summer hols
Mon 2 September	INSET Day
Tues 3	School Opens for Autumn 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

SCHOOL CLOSURES

SCHOOL OPENS

Summer Half Term 2019
Summer 2019

Friday 24th May
Friday 26th July

Monday 10th June

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

School Calendar Dates 2019 – 2020

SCHOOL CLOSURES

SCHOOL OPENS

Autumn Half Term
Christmas 2019/20
Spring Half Term 2020
Easter 2020
May Day 2020
Summer Half Term 2020
Summer 2020

Friday 25th October
Friday 20th December
Friday 14th February
Friday 3rd April
Monday 4th May
Friday 22nd May
Wednesday 22nd July

Tuesday 3rd September
Tuesday 5th November
Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 24th February
Monday 20th April

Monday 8th June

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

**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 Ian G Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park

My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 20th May 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 in a Burger Bun & Jacket Wedges	Chicken Korma & Rice	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	(v) Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie	Hunters Chicken with Chips
Quorn Burger in a Burger Bun & Jacket Wedges (v)	Quorn & Vegetables Stir Fry Noodles (v)	(v) Cheese Ploughman's Salad	(v) Pasta Bake Italienne	Vinegar Infused Fish Goujons with Chips
Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake (v)	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
Jacket Potato with (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <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"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Baguettes filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>		(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Baguette filled with Turkey <input type="checkbox"/>	Cauliflower, Carrots, Salad Bar	Peas, Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Carrots, Salad Bar
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tropical Traybake	Vanilla Sponge with Fruit Sauce	Ginger Biscuit	Frozen Yoghurt
Broccoli Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Ice-Cream
Chocolate Oatie Cookie with Fruit Chunk	Yoghurt		Yoghurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter
Seasonal Fruit Platter				

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.