



Lower Park School

# Lower Park Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Summer Fair  
**A HUGE THANK YOU!!**



After days of rain, we were very lucky to have such a warm and sunny day for our summer fair on Saturday. We are sure parents will have felt the lovely atmosphere, helped by the Bubble Man and his gigantic bubbles floating across the field, the excellent music playing and singing by the children, the return of the popular barbecue and the fun of 'zorbng.' I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make it a success; to parents for coming along and for the help so many gave in setting up and clearing up. The PTA and volunteers worked so hard and well together – thank you. But a special thanks must be said to Kristin McConkey and Mandi Gatenby, two of our parents in the PTA who organised the whole event. Many thanks your hard work is much appreciated by everyone. On the day, the summer fair raised a superb £2,500.00, which is an excellent amount. As well as the benefits that will bring to the children, their love of the fair can be summed up by one parent who told me that her child had been up from 5.00am on the morning, in eager anticipation of it.

### Parent Workshop

Whilst the Year 5 and 6 children's workshops were really informative, unfortunately, the NSPPC cancelled the parents' workshop at short notice

on Monday. We are trying to re-arrange the event when they have an available date.

### Cheshire Council Planning



The Strategic Planning Board of Cheshire East Council met on Wednesday and full consideration was given of the planning application for housing off Hazelbadge Road. I am pleased to inform you that a decision on whether to approve or reject was deferred. The reason was that councillors appreciated that extra car parking is a necessity for the school's staff, parents and residents, to ease the unacceptable congestion at dropping off and pick up times. The chair of the committee asked Cheshire East planning officers to liaise directly with me over the possible use of the adjacent field as a relief car par / turning point. The negotiations could take some time.

### Discos – Next THURSDAY (4<sup>th</sup> July)



For the first time, we are experimenting with having our discos on a Thursday. The format will be the same and our usual DJ, Nick, will entertain the children. We usually have volunteers to assist the PTA so if you are able to come along on Thursday night to help please let the school office know on 01625 872560.

The new intake children have been invited to this disco which begins at 6.00pm for them and for children in the Reception classes and KS1. Parents usually stay and watch (and have a chat) before leaving at 7.00pm at which time we ask you to exit via the doors at the back of the hall. The children will be able to buy a snack and a drink, but there will be a limit on the number of drinks and sweets per child.

Children from KS2 have their disco from 7.15 to 8.30pm

Tickets for the discos, costing £1.00, will be available to buy from the school office from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and it is preferable to buy one. It is still possible to pay at the door.

### Year Group Photographs

**Order Now**

The photographs of the children's year groups are now on display in the entrance hall. To order a copy please complete and return the form sent with the proof by 9.00am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### Families Day



We have replaced a mothers' day celebration with a 'families' day. This is aimed at children in the EYFS and KS1. It is always a very popular event and due to the numbers in the hall, we have to restrict it to one parent or guardian or relation per family.

The celebration begins at 2.00pm and you are asked to come to the hall before the starting time (bring a tissue!!)

## One More Midday Assistant Still Needed



I am pleased to inform you that one parent has expressed an interest in joining the midday assistant team. However, we still need others for September.

Please consider joining the team of midday assistants, even for one or two days to help us to avoid a crisis at lunchtimes.

If you are willing to 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;  
[fave.pearl@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:fave.pearl@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk) or ring the school office on 01625 872560

## Road Closure Planned near School - Amendment

Apologies for misleading parents. The planned road closure on 5<sup>th</sup> July for several weeks is at the bridge on Woodford Road, not Chester Road. The reference is:

<https://www.roadworks.org/?tmi=10177865>

## 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:

Holly M, Neve H, Jessica M, Amelia W, Sophie W, Scarlett V, Caitlin K, Joshua B, Angel E, Evie B, Ben T and Joshua K.

Well done to all those children.

## Puberty Talk for Years 5 and 6

The puberty talks for children in Years 5 and 6 will take place on Monday afternoon, 1<sup>st</sup> July. All children will be included unless we receive the completed slip advising that parents do not wish them to take part.

## New Chair and Vice chair of Governors

At the meeting of the full Governing Body on Tuesday, the election of Mr Paul Banford as the new chair and Mrs Nicola Spragg as vice chair were confirmed. I am sure that they will both carry on the excellent work of the previous incumbents. They have new contact details; [chair@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:chair@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk) and [vicechair@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:vicechair@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

The former chair, Colin Richards has now stepped down, although he is still a member of the Governing Body. He has been a dedicated governor for eight years and the chair for most of them. He was duly and rightly thanked at the meeting for his commitment and leadership of the governors. He has been an active member, even bringing his motor bike (his hobby) into assembly to illustrate the importance to children of safety on any bike on the road. He took a firm interest in DT week too, always coming into school to see the products the children had made. Members of staff and I want to thank him for his excellent work over many years.

## Sporting Success

Harry I and Rosie L are 2 members of the Poynton Mini Red tennis team and on Saturday they won their match meaning that they were crowned Mini Red league champions! They all played fantastically well and had a great time celebrating afterwards. They will now play in a semi-final match against a team from Cheshire West which they are all really looking forward to. Well done Harry & Rosie.

## Reminders

Poynton Summerfest takes place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The Hollies will be running a children's tombola stall at the Summerfest this year and are looking for donations of new/nearly new toys, games, jigsaws etc (sorry, we are not able to take soft toys). These can be dropped off at Snapes in Poynton village or brought into preschool. Also if anyone is able to offer help on the day it would be much appreciated. Let's hope the sun shines. Debbie

## Letters this Week

- Year 5 & 6 Email re: Puberty Talk
- Letter to some UKS2 children re: Athletics at Woodbank Park
- To KS1 & F email re Families Day
- Letter To Choir & Swing band members re Musical soiree 11<sup>th</sup> July

## This Week in School

- Whilst the children in Year 5 & 6 gained from the NSPCC workshops, unfortunately, the parent workshop was postponed.
- On Monday & Wednesday, Mrs Cunha and Miss Booth made several visits to pre-school settings to see our new reception children.
- On Tuesday, Mr Banford and Mrs Spragg were elected as the new chair and vice chair of the Governing Body.
- On Wednesday, workshops took place to enhance UKS2's project on the Mayan civilisation.
- Children in LKS2 enjoyed a singing workshop on Wednesday.

## Next Week in School

- Puberty talks for children in Years 5 and 6 will take place.
- On Tuesday the children will enjoy a Teddy Bears Picnic lunch
- On Wednesday, some children will be taking part in an athletics meeting at Woodbank Park in Stockport.
- On Thursday, in conjunction with the NSPCC, Freddy Fit will take every class for a fun fitness session during the day.
- On Thursday, the school discos will take place during the evening.

- There will be a Families' day organised for KS1 & FS and will take place on Friday afternoon.
- Some children from Year 5 and 6 will take part in the tennis final at Poynton Sports Club on Friday.
- On Friday the Year 5/6 cricket team are playing in the finals competition

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 1st July 2019</i>						
	<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
	OFF	Computing Club	3.15 – 4.15	Year 2	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 last one this term	KS1 Choir	8.15 – 8.50	F & KS1	Mrs Cunha's class	Mrs Cunha
	ON	Football	3.45 – 4.45	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 (school disco)	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
Fri	ON	Multi Sports	3.30 – 4.30	Y1 - Y4	Hall	Mr Cunha
	ON	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Hall	Mr Longson

*Diary Dates for the Summer Term 2019*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mon 1 July	PM – Puberty Talks with School Nurse
Tues 2	Teddy Bears Picnic Lunch
Weds 3	Athletics at Woodbank Park (UKS2)
Thurs 4	Freddy Fit Day / NSPCC
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 at Poynton High School
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 CLOSES**

**SCHOOL OPENS**

Summer 2019

Friday 26th July

INSET DAYS: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## School Calendar Dates 2019 – 2020

### SCHOOL CLOSES

Autumn Half Term	Friday 25th October
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20th December
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February
Easter 2020	Friday 3rd April
May Day 2020	Monday 4th May
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22nd May
Summer 2020	Wednesday 22nd July

### SCHOOL OPENS

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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](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 Ian G Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park**

## My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July

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
(v) Pizza & Potato Wedges	<b>TEDDY BEAR PICNIC</b>	Salmon Fish Fingers with Saute Potatoes	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Cheesy Pots	Sausage, Scrambled Egg and Hash Brown
Tuna Pasta Jumble	Sandwich filled with	Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Quorn fillet, Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potatoes (v)	Harry Ramsden Battered Fish Fillet & Chips
Jacket Potato with	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with	Roast Turkey Baguette	Jacket Potato with
Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Baguette (v)	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Egg <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Sandwich filled with	with	Wrap filled with	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with
Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 Sausage Roll	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Followed by	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Fresh Fruit	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Biscuit	Carrots, Broccoli, Salad Bar	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
Cocoa Brownie	Selection of Drinks	Carrot & Pineapple Cake	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tangy Lemon Muffin
Seasonal Fruit Platter	(Don't forget your teddy)	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar	Seasonal Fruit Platter
		Yoghurt	Vanilla Ice-Cream with Fruit Coulis	
			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.