



Lower Park  
School

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## Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

### School Reports Sent Home Today



The children should have brought home their school report today. We know that parents will be proud of the children's achievements and the many positive comments that have been made by teachers. We are proud of the children and how well they have progressed this term, as we are sure you are too.

We would like you to write your comments into the parents' comments section and bring it along next Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, between 5.30pm and 7.30pm and we will photocopy the report with your comments on it for our records. The teachers will return your copy.

If you are unable to attend, please send your completed report into school with your child and we will return it to you the same day. It is very important to us that we have your comments too.

### Open Evening and Music Concert

We invite parents to come along to school next Wednesday between 5.30pm and 7.30pm to view your child's workbooks.



Following the open evening, there will be a music concert in the school hall. The children who have been learning to play a musical instrument, will be playing a piece of music for you to

listen to. We would request that parents do stay after your child has performed to the end of the concert so that the children have the experience of playing to an audience.

### Musical Soiree Yesterday



A big 'Well Done!' to all the children who performed at the Musical Extravaganza at Poynton High School last night. Having seen many concerts, I am convinced this was one, if not the best concert we have had. Our choir sang better than ever and the swing band rose to the occasion. Added to this was a stunning performance by Poynton High School Concert Band. The finale with all musicians playing and choir and audience singing 'Here, There and Everywhere' was magnificent. The long standing ovation for the children told its own story. Joining together with Poynton High Concert Band for the first time, was a great success and Poynton High has requested that we repeat the event next year. Thank you to all the parents who came along and watched. It is a concert that we will remember for a long time.

### Return of Library Books



It is time to return all school library books to school. Please return them

by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July so that we can stock check. We have a record of who has all the books and it would save our librarians contacting you for non-returned books that are so costly to replace. Thank you.

### Sports Day



Unfortunately, the weather was against us for sports day today. We are going to try again on the date we had planned, which is next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. The format of KS2 at 9.30 and KS1 & FS at 1.30pm will be the same. However, if we are rained off again, we have a third reserve date of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, which is our last opportunity. You may want to make your contingency plans for both the 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July. As with today, I will text parents at 7.30am next Friday to inform you if sports day is on or off. Fingers crossed for a fine day!

### 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:

Quentin B, Jude A, Jack I, Sophia C, Cara T, Leah P, Harvey B and Molly S.

Well done to all those children.

#### North West Tennis Champions



After several knock-out rounds, our Year 5 children took part in the final of the North West Schools' competition last Friday. Playing wonderful tennis, the following children beat all the other teams; Molly S, Holly A, Jack G and Cian T. The teams that they beat in the final were: Prestbury, Ashdene, Gorseley Bank, Disley, Worth, Nether Alderley and Gawsworth.

Our thanks to Mrs Gallagher, who accompanied the teams throughout the rounds and complemented all the children who represented the school, remarking upon how well the children encouraged and supported each other, and commended them for their strong sense of fair play, sportsmanship and teamwork.

This is a wonderful achievement and congratulations to all those who took part in the competition.

#### Last Football Match of the Season

On Wednesday, the football team had their final match of the season, and for those in Year 6, their final game in Lower Park colours. Determined to end on a high, the team put in a fantastic performance in the first half but somehow still managed to be trailing 1-0. However, it really was a game of two halves, and in the second half they were rewarded for all their hard work, scoring five goals without reply to run out 5-1 winners; Harry P scoring a hat-trick and Danny H with two well taken goals. A special mention for Joseph P who kept a clean sheet in the second half and Joe

H who put a fantastic defensive display.



Mr Stewart will be taking over the running of the football team next year, so I would like to thank Mr Cunha for the many hours of squad training and arranging of football matches that the children have enjoyed. It has been much appreciated.

#### Lower Park Lotto



The lotto winners for July are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlotte Fazackerley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jill Blaydon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nicky Tyson

Please contact the school office if you wish to join our monthly draw – it is only £2.00 per month.

#### Mayan Civilisation Experience



The Year 5 and 6 children had their topic work enhanced with a magnificent workshop about the Mayan civilisation. They spent the first part of the day discovering about daily life by handling artefacts and chocolate tasting. Following this a drama session introduced them to Death Rituals, Sacrifices, Pok-a-Tok, Alux, and Farming. The day was completed by investigating the creation story and testing their knowledge in The Big Quiz.

We are indebted to the PTA who funded the cost of the workshop which was led by the Past Productions Company.

#### Reminders



#### An Evening with Mrs Barbara Nice

with support from **Headband**  
Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at  
Poynton Workmen's Club, Park Lane, Poynton

Tickets available in advance from the school office from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 priced at £15 each. Only 150 seats - expecting a sell-out!

Stockport housewife, regular at the Edinburgh Festival, and

**Star of Britain's Got Talent** – Mrs Barbara Nice is coming to Poynton! For one night only, Barbara is bringing comedy and fun to 'The Workies' with all proceeds going to

Lower Park School PTA!

Music from the **Headband**, playing songs to sing and dance to, ranging from The Beatles to Ed Sheeran.

**A night of comedy and dancing not to be missed!**

#### Holidays in Term Time

I am increasingly concerned about parents taking their children for a holiday in term time. The school's policy is not to authorise any holiday in term time. Authorised absence will only be for exceptional reasons but holidays do not fall into that category. Parents who do take children on holiday in term time will be subject to fines by the Local Authority. Please have this in mind when planning your May 2020 bank holiday weekend. Attendance in school is vital for the children to receive their full curriculum entitlement. For clarification, if parents wish for their child to be absent, an email request must be sent to the headteacher, stating reasons.

#### Midday Assistant URGENT NEED



We still need other midday assistants 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;

[faye.peart@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:faye.peart@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk) or ring the school office on 01625 872560

### Poynton Summer Fest

Poynton Summerfest takes place on Sunday 14th 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

### Karate Club

Paul Ferris has been running a Karate club on Wednesday evenings in school and would like to know how many children would want to join the club in September. He needs sufficient regular attenders to make it viable with the intention of working towards winning the various coloured belts in the sport. We already have a child with a junior black belt in school, who has been taught by him and Paul would love to bring on more children towards that standard.



Please inform the office if you would like your child to join the club in September. It runs from 4.45 to 5.45pm on Wednesdays.

### Letters this Week

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### This Week in School

- Our Year 6 children spent the day at Poynton High School as

part of the induction programme.

- On Monday, the assembly was led by Karen of the NSPCC to thank the children for taking part in the project.
- Yesterday evening, the school swing band and KS2 choir joined with Poynton High School band and the Manchester Swing Band in a musical soiree evening.
- Today, our sports day was postponed because of the wet condition of the field..

### Next Week in School

- On Wednesday, there will be an Open Evening between 5.30 and 7.30pm. Parents are asked to bring in their reports.
- On Thursday, there will be a Virtual Reality Space workshop for children in KS1 & F
- Friday next week is when we are making our second attempt at having Sports Day.
- Next Friday will be the last Beacon of the School Year.

### After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 15th July 2019

	On or Off?	Activity	Time	Yr Group	Venue	Organiser
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	OFF	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	No more practices this term					
	OFF	Computing Club	3.15 – 4.15	Year 2	Miss Cork's class	Miss Cork
	OFF	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha
	OFF	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick
Weds	OFF	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
	OFF	Football	3.45 – 4.45	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Les Clitheroe
	OFF	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
Fri	ON	Multi Sports	3.30 – 4.30	Y1 - Y4	Hall	Mr Cunha
	OFF	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Hall	Mr Longson

### Diary Dates for the Summer Term 2019

Date	Event
Weds 17	5.30 – 7.30 Open Evening
Weds 17	7.30pm Music Concert in the hall
Fri 19	Sports Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> try
Mon or Tues 22/3	9.00am Children to new classes TBC
Mon 22	Deadline to return school library books
Mon 22	Reserve day for School Sports
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

#### SCHOOL OPENS

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

Friday 8th 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 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 15<sup>th</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
<p>Cheesy Pasta Bake (v)</p> <p>Tuna Mayo &amp; Salad in a Soft Tortilla Boat with Summer Coleslaw</p> <p>Jacket Potato with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tuna <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Baguette filled with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Turkey <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Cheese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Carrots, Peas, Salad Bar</p> <p>Apple Flapjack</p> <p>Seasonal Fruit Platter</p> <p>Yoghurt</p>	<p>Chicken Slider, Marinated Chicken fillet served in a Soft Bap with Sauté Potatoes</p> <p>Sweet &amp; Sour Vegetables with Rice (v)</p> <p>Jacket Potato with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tuna <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Baguette filled with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tuna <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Ham <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar</p> <p>Fruit Jelly with Ice-Cream</p> <p>Seasonal Fruit Platter</p>	<p>Cottage Pie</p> <p>(v) Cheese Ploughman's Toastie with Veg Sticks</p> <p>Jacket Potato with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tuna <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Wrap filled with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tuna <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Ham <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Broccoli, Carrots, Salad Bar</p> <p>Summer Shortbread with Fruit Chunk</p> <p>Seasonal Fruit Platter</p>	<p>Roast Gammon &amp; Pineapple with Roast, Mash or Cheesy Potatoes</p> <p>(v) Quorn fillet with Roast Potatoes or Cheesy Mash</p> <p>Roast Gammon Baguette</p> <p>Quorn Baguette (v)</p> <p>Jacket Potato with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tuna <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sandwich filled with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tuna <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Ham <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Mixed Veg, Salad Bar</p> <p>Chocolate Mandarin</p> <p>Puddle Cake</p> <p>Seasonal Fruit Platter</p> <p>Yoghurt</p>	<p>Chicken Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce served with Pasta</p> <p>Fish Fingers with Chips</p> <p>Jacket Potato with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tuna <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sandwich filled with</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tuna <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Ham <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar</p> <p>Frozen Yoghurt</p> <p>Ice-Cream</p> <p>Seasonal Fruit Platter</p>

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.