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## Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

This is the last Beacon of the year. On behalf of the staff of the school, I would like to thank you for your great support throughout 2018 - 2019. The support of our parents is so important to us. I hope you have an excellent summer holiday, wherever it may take you.

A special and fond farewell to the 41 Year 6 children who are leaving next Friday. They have been exceptional in so many ways and we will be sad to say goodbye. However, we wish them all the best for their futures and, as always, we welcome them back to see us in the future - we hear so many positive stories about ex-Lower Park pupils and their achievements.

Thank you also to the parents for whom their youngest child is leaving next Friday. For some it is as many as 16+ years of association with Lower Park. You can always keep up with our news, as the Beacon is always posted on our website. I hope you will treasure the times you have had with your children here in those years. Good Luck!

### Staff Goodbye



Next Friday, we also say goodbye to Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Bertinshaw. I have given a tribute to them in a previous Beacon but they leave with our sincere thanks and with everyone's best wishes for their retirement, which we hope will be long and happy.

### Sports Day



The decision made yesterday to postpone sports day until Monday, was intended to give parents maximum notice to re-arrange work commitments. After it had become almost inevitable that rain would fall for most of the day, it was the better option to make early. Thank you for your understanding.

We do intend to proceed with sports day on Monday with all the previous arrangements and the good news is that the weather forecast is good. Here is a reminder about the arrangements:

Our sports day will now take place next Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.15am for KS2 and KS1 & FS sports at 1.30pm on the same day. Parents are welcome to watch. Please apply sun cream to your children before they come to school.

In KS2, the children compete in their new house teams - and each house has a colour. Children in KS2 should come to school dressed ready for sports day (not in school uniform). Please send in an item of their clothing for them to wear that corresponds to their team colour. The team colours are:

- Walliams - Blue
- Wilson - Black
- Rowling - Yellow
- Donaldson - Red
- Blyton - Green
- Dahl - White

In KS1 & FS, parents are invited to follow the children to watch all the activities. As mentioned in the

summer newsletter, the children will come in school uniform and change into their PE shorts and coloured t-shirt for the afternoon. Please send in a coloured t-shirt for your child to wear in the colour of their house (as above).

We ask parents to come onto the field by walking through the staff car park.

Thank you to Mr Cunha, who has organised the sportsdays for us before he hands over the reins to Mr Stewart. Mr Cunha has set up a range of sporting events and experiences for the children for next year and I would like to thank him for setting up 17 different sporting events achieved this year.

### Children to New Classes

**Get excited for  
NEW CLASSES!**

Due to Sports Day taking place on Monday, children will go to meet their new teachers and find out which classroom they will be in on Tuesday morning. A letter will be sent home on Tuesday, informing parents which class your child will be in from September.

This is a demanding and difficult job for teachers in determining what classes to place the children in for September. It takes many hours of teachers' time until the final lists are formed and I can assure you that all decisions are made in the best interests of the children. Although in KS2, we ask the children which few friends they would like to be in, unfortunately, it is impossible to match all their requests.

Once established on Tuesday, we will not be moving children to different classes and I would request that parents do not ask for a class change for their child, but instead, trust the staff to ensure that your child will

achieve the best they can in the class in which they consider to be best for her/him.

I admire the teachers' care and consideration in carrying out this task. It is a very difficult one. Each year they show excellent professional insight and knowledge of the children's needs when making these decisions. For your information, there are several criteria we apply when determining which class your child is placed in, which are; social grouping, friendships, maturity and ability to respond to the challenge of the class. It is not determined just by ability as is sometimes assumed. In each class, there will be children with a range of ability levels.

In the past, any concerns parents may have had were negligible after a short time in September and they have been very satisfied with the outcome. It is this support from Lower Park parents that we appreciate so much.

### Holiday Building Work



I am delighted to tell you that during the summer holiday, a purpose-built daily mile running track will be built on the school field. This will allow our daily mile to take place, regardless of the weather, on a much more suitable surface than the playground.

### Music Concert

What a treat we had on Wednesday evening when so many children from KS2, who have been having musical instrument lessons, performed a special piece for their parents.



They all performed with determination and pride and I joined with parents in giving the children appreciative applause throughout the concert. Setting the children off in learning a different skill at this age is giving the children another dimension and quality to their future lives that, for many, will be priceless. Again, a big thank you to our superb peripatetic teachers who are skilful and dedicated to our children. A special thank you to Mrs Mellor for coordinating the music programme so well.

A new music taster evening will take place at the beginning of next term when any child from KS2 can come along, try all instruments and request lessons. Watch this space!

### Open Evening



Just a big 'THANK YOU' from the staff for the wonderful comments you have made on the children's reports and the encouraging words spoken to them (and to me about them) during the evening.

### School's Sky Lab!!!



On Thursday this week, the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 took part in an exciting virtual reality workshop. During the hour-long session, the children blasted off in a space rocket and explored all of the planets in our Solar System. The children were so excited by the experience and it was lovely to see and hear their enthusiasm. They have already produced some amazing writing about their adventure and know some truly interesting and fascinating facts about space. We arranged the workshop to coincide with the 50-year anniversary of the Moon landing. Thank you so much to the PTA for funding this fabulous experience for the children

### Year 6 Prom



On Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, we will be having our Year 6 Leavers' Prom. The red carpet will be rolled out and the children will make the 'Walk of Pride' down into the prom itself. If you plan to watch the arrival (and many do) I would ask you to take special care on Hazelbadge Road when children's thoughts are sometimes not as focused on road safety as they should be. It is a special occasion for the Year 6 children and it starts at 7.00pm with the arrivals and ends at 9.30pm when

Year 6 parents can watch the final game from 9.20pm.

The former Mayor of Poynton intends to join us again for the prom.

### Leavers' Assembly

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am, there will be a leavers' assembly. Parents of Year 6 children are welcome to attend. Sorry, but due to the limited space in the hall, there is only room for Year 6 parents to attend.

### Bikeability



On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, children from years 4 & 6 will be taking part in a bike safety programme. Those taking part are asked to come to school on those days with a roadworthy bike and also to bring their helmet as they will not be allowed to participate without one. The children can also come dressed in appropriate clothing for this activity - and apply a good amount of sun cream too please.

On arrival, the children need to walk their bikes through the playground to the field and rest them by the Hollies' building.

Children in Year 6 will be doing Bikeability during the school day on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Children taking part after school on Tuesday and Wednesday in Year 4 should follow the same arrangements for bikes and helmets.

### Lost Property

Next week is the final week to claim lost property. Any unclaimed clothing, water bottles etc. will be removed off site. The lost property box is located just inside the main playground door.

### Return of Library Books



Last Call! 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.

### 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:

Sofia L, Dylan C, Leah D, Joseph F, Holly L, Betina MW, Martha J, Katie D, Lukas G and Oliver A

Well done to all those children.

### More Sporting Success



Isabel S is a member of the Poynton Mini Orange tennis team and on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July having reached the finals, the team won their match meaning that they were crowned Mini Orange league champions! They all played fantastically well and had a great time celebrating afterwards. Well done Isabel.

### Brownies at Lower Park

Did you know there is a Brownie pack which meets at Lower Park on Tuesdays from 6.15 – 7.45pm? The new term starts on 10<sup>th</sup> September and Brownies is open to ages 7 -10. The leader is Mrs Metcalfe, if you are interested in your child joining please contact Mrs Metcalfe on 01625 877681.

### Hollies Holiday Club

Hollies are running a holiday club between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> August. See the flyer with this beacon for more details.

### 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;

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

### 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

- Hollies Holiday club flyer attached with this email
- Class photos ordered
- To Year 5 about Kingswood residential

### This Week in School

- On Wednesday, we held our open evening and music concert - see above.
- On Thursday, there was a very exciting Virtual Reality Space workshop for children in KS1 & Foundation classes
- Our sports day was called off today, due to the rain.

<b>Next Week in School</b>
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- On Monday we will be having our Sports Day - 9.15am for KS2 and 1.30 for KS1.
- On Monday, we will be having a health and safety inspection.
- On Tuesday, children will move to their new classes and parents will also receive a letter about the classes.

- On Tuesday and Wednesday, children in Year 4 and 6 will take part in Bikeability lessons.
- On Tuesday the Year 6 children will have their leavers' Prom from 7.00pm.
- At 10.00am on Friday, there will be a leaver's service.
- At 3.15pm on Friday, school closes for the summer holiday.

- On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, school is closed for an INSET day.
- On Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, school opens at 8.50am for the start of the new school year.

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</i>						
	<i>On or Off?</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Yr Group</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
Mon	OFF	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Cunha / Mr Atherfold
	Discontinued	Drama club	3.30 – 5.00	KS2	Hall	Generate Theatre Arts Group
Tues	OFF	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
	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	OFF	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	OFF	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*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mon 22	Sports Day
Mon or Tues 22/3	9.00am Children to new classes TBC
Mon 22	Deadline to return school library books
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	Friday 8th 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 22<sup>nd</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

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> Menu chosen by the Year 6 children
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Fish Fillet & Jacket Wedges	Sausage & Mash	(v) Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Sauté Pots	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Cheesy Pots	Pizza & Chips
Tuna Pasta Jumble	Quorn Sausage & Mash	Pasta Italienne (v)	Quorn fillet, Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potatoes (v)	Burger & Chips
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheese Toastie	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Roast Chicken Baguette Quorn Baguette (v)	Quorn Burger & Chips
Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Baguette filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Carrots, Broccoli, Salad Bar	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Cocoa Brownie Seasonal Fruit Platter	Cauliflower, Peas, Salad Bar	Carrot & Pineapple Cake Seasonal Fruit Platter Yoghurt	Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar Vanilla Ice Seasonal Fruit Platter	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
	Flapjack Slice Seasonal Fruit Platter			Chocolate Sponge Seasonal Fruit Platter

Available daily - Milk, Fruit Juice, Bread Basket. Accompaniments will be available.