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Dear Parents,

Firstly, a big welcome from Lower Park to all our parents with a special welcome to parents of our new Reception children.

The children have made an excellent start to the new school year in all year groups and it has been delightful to talk with children about their holidays. There is so much to tell parents about in the first edition, not least, the diary dates at the end, so here we go:

We Have Daily Mile Track

Over the summer holiday, a daily mile track has been laid down around the perimeter of the school field. It is an all-weather surface that is far superior than using the perimeter of the playground.



It is part of the school's main priority to attempt a daily mile to promote healthy lifestyles and children have been on the track this week. An actual mile is just over seven laps, although for some children, much shorter runs are appropriate.

Changes to Maths and English Teaching

We have researched a number of resource schemes to ensure that our improvement in maths outcomes over the last two years will be sustained. We have purchased 'Power Maths,' a DFE endorsed, Singapore-modelled, resource scheme that will run throughout the school. Consequently, there will be different arrangements for grouping the children for maths in Key Stage 1 & 2. This will be in place by 16th September.

We have also prioritised updating our phonics resources and teaching and have purchased 'Read, Write Inc,' which focuses on developing phonics

into reading (guided reading) in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.

Governor Election



Following the resignation of Mr Paul Kelly, we have a vacancy for a parent governor. A parent governor is in office for four years and we are looking for a committed governor who will join our excellent Governing Body. Having the interest of the whole school and its development is paramount and our governors have a range of skills that we utilise. On this occasion, a parent governor with skills in finance would be welcomed but other skills can enhance our governance too.

If you would like to know more about what the role includes, you could speak with either myself or the new chair of our board, Paul Banford. His contact is chair@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk Nomination papers will be sent home next week.

Welcome Letters

At the beginning of each term, teachers send out an information letter to parents in each year group. We call these our 'Welcome Letters.' Within the letter will be information about the work that the children will be undertaking in the term, planned visits and visitors, times for PE and other administration arrangements. Please look out for these coming home to you next week.

Reception Children Lining up Arrangements



Our new reception children have made a wonderful start this week and many have enjoyed having their first lunch with their parents. Now the next stage. On Monday, the children will be dropped off in the main school playground alongside the other children in the school. Mrs Cunha and Mrs Wilkinson will be out there before the bell to support the children with where to line up, however, they have practiced where to line up in school time. This is a busy time of the school day and we ask that once the teachers come to collect the children that you stand back from the lines, rather than between them with your children. This helps the teachers and teaching assistants see the children, eases congestion and encourages them to be independent coming into school. Pick up after school will be from the EYFS playground but accessed from the gate on the way in to the main playground. At collecting time, it is VERY important that you do not allow your children or their younger siblings to play in the Reception outdoor area.

Teacher2Parents Text Service



We have had our Teachers2Parents text service for several years. It has proved to be a very effective means of quickly notifying parents about a huge range of information – some of which can be urgent. The feedback

continues to be very positive and so we are continuing with this service again for 2019 - 2020.

In order to provide the service, which is expensive to run, we ask parents for a voluntary donation of £5.00 per family per year, so that texts can be sent immediately to you. This has proved invaluable when informing parents about a large number of issues, developments and events. The many items sent by text to parents this year have included; the unexpected cancellation of before and after school clubs, the timing of coach arrivals after school trips, school closures because of adverse weather, reminders on school photograph day etc.

The £5 contributions are now available for you to pay on line and we request all parents to forward this amount to school to pay for this excellent service.

Compromised Email

Midway through the holiday, my headteacher's email was 'compromised' without me knowing nor clicking any suspicious links. It sent out bogus emails with a title 'School Offer' and requested that you click a link within the body of the email. Clicking on the link in the email would then potentially enable the recipient's email also to be compromised. The advice that I was given was to inform you not to open the email and click the link.

Fortunately, it seems that the 'target' was for headteacher accounts and other headteachers have been hit too. My email has now been 'cleaned' and no GDPR details were 'hacked' in any way; it seems to have been more of a real nuisance value.

Fluenz Immunisation



Today, every child in the school will bring home a letter from the schools' immunisation team regarding the Fluenz vaccine due to be administered in school later this year. Please ensure all consent forms are completed and returned to school by next Friday 20th September, if your child is to have this immunisation.

Excellent SATs Results

We have just received confirmation of our KS2 SATs results and they are amongst the best we have had. Big

increases have been made in the number of children achieving above the expected standard. Progress measures have also increased in reading and maths. Benchmarking data will be published by the DFE later this term when the country's data has been collated and analysed. Our results from KS1 and Foundation are also excellent and we will upload them onto our website soon (we will inform you when).

Senior Leadership Team & Subject Leaders

Following the retirement of Mrs Gallagher from full-time teaching, the Senior Leadership Team has been restructured. It is as follows:

Mr Coulson (headteacher), Mrs Cunha (deputy headteacher and EYFS & KS1 leader), Mrs Chadwick (KS2 leader) and Mrs Jones (Special Educational Needs and Disability leader). The SLT meets weekly.

Subject leaders are as follows

English – Mrs O'Hara / Mrs Potts,

Maths – Mrs Marshall,

Science – Mrs Chadwick,

IT – Mr Cunha,

History – Mrs Hughes,

Geography – Mrs Wilkinson,

RE – Miss Booth,

PE & Games – Mr Stewart,

DT & Art – Miss Cork,

PSHE – Mrs Cunha,

French – Mrs Gallagher / Mrs O'Hara,

Music & Performing Arts- Mrs Mellor,

Phonics – Mrs Cunha.

This year, Mrs Gallagher is returning on a part-time basis (Monday and Tuesday) to provide Preparation, Planning and Assessment (PPA) non-contact time for teachers in KS2 and Mrs Marshall will provide PPA cover on Fridays in KS1.

Several teachers who are leading a subject have named assistance from other teachers. There are also other areas of responsibility that teachers have that are not curricular subjects.

Changes to After-School Clubs

Dodgeball - Friday mornings: This will begin next Friday and it is for children in years 1, 2 & 3. A letter has already been sent out to those year groups.

Multi Skills Club – Fridays at 3.15pm for children in KS2. A letter is attached to the Beacon email.

Wednesday Football (Les Clitheroe) Unfortunately, Les is unable to continue but we have a replacement who will run the club on similar lines for children in all year groups. See a

letter attached to this Beacon today. We have sent Les all our best wishes and I know many have done the same.

Karate – Only four parents responded positively to wanting Karate lessons and Paul needs more children to attend to be able to run the club. Please email the school office if you would like your child to have Karate lesson on Wednesdays at 4.45pm.

There are other after-school clubs that teachers are planning to run. They will mostly begin in the week beginning 16th September. They are:

Swing Band (KS2), **Netball** (KS1), **Netball** (KS2), **Craft** (KS2), **Computing** (KS2), **Football Team/Squad** (KS2), **Choir** (KS1), **Chair** (KS2). Look out for more details next week about joining a club as final arrangements are yet to be confirmed.

Music Taster Evening -Next Thursday 12th December



Next Thursday evening at 7.00pm, parents and children from Years 3 to 6 are invited to come to a demonstration and taster session in the school hall. The evening begins with our peripatetic music teachers showing the range of instruments that your child could learn to play at Lower Park. They will tell you about their lessons before giving the children an opportunity to try out the range of instruments that they teach the children to play. Each peripatetic teacher will bring a variety of instruments (eg, trombone, cornet, trumpet, horn from the brass section).

When you have chosen the instrument your child wishes to learn to play, there will be a slip for you to complete and give to Mrs Mellor, our music subject leader, during the evening (or following day) and she will liaise with the music teachers who will then contact you.

Lessons take place in school on a rolling time schedule and are usually in small groups of 2 or 3 children. The cost of the lessons varies slightly but is at a very reasonable rate. The peripatetic teachers or I can advise on purchasing musical instruments, although the school does have some instruments that can be loaned.

Kitchen Staff Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a member of staff in our kitchen. If you would like to join our terrific catering team or would like further information please contact our Catering Supervisor, Mrs Laffey on 01625 870682.

This Could be the Special Event of the Year??



Tickets are already selling well for this special event that will be open to the general public soon!!!!!!

An Evening with Mrs Barbara Nice

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

Tickets are available in advance from the school office now 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!

Housing Application – Delayed Again!!

The application for a housing development was placed on the Cheshire East Council's SPB agenda

for 28th August. After several protests, it was withdrawn from the agenda whilst investigations into the flooding in Poynton has been received and considered. I will keep you updated.

Reminders

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 more midday assistants. 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) or ring the school office on 01625 872560

Letters this Week

- To all re Fluenz immunisation consent
- Multi sports letter attached with this beacon
- Yrs 1 -3 - Dodgeball letter
- To Yr 4 – Letter re swimming lessons by email
- Wednesday football letter attached with this Beacon

This Week in School

- On Monday, the staff had an INSET day. The agenda included Safeguarding update training, training from the diabetic nurse and transition liaison meetings between staff.
- School opened on Tuesday and the new reception children began half days in school.
- On Wednesday, half of the new intake children stayed for lunch with their parents.
- On Wednesday, there was a governors' meeting to receive a presentation about the new OFSTED Framework.
- On Thursday there was a meeting for parents of Year 6 children who are going to Kingswood next month.

Next Week in School

- On Monday, the SLT will be receiving a presentation on the new OFSTED Framework.
- On Thursday, the new School Council will meet for the first time.
- On Thursday, there is a music taster evening at 7.00pm for children in KS2 – see above.
- On Friday, KS1 staff will receive training and some classes will have cover teachers.

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 9th 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 Stewart / Mr Atherfold
Tues	OFF	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	OFF	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Stewart
	OFF	Craft	3.15-4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's room	Miss Cork
	OFF	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	KS1	Outside	Miss Booth
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	Computing Club	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Mr Cunha's croom	Mr Cunha
	OFF	Football	3.45 – 4.45	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Mr Stewart
	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 Stewart / Mr Atherfold
	OFF	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
Fri	On	Dodgeball	8.00 – 8.40	Ys 1, 2 & 3	Hall	Mr Stewart
	OFF	Netball	8.15 – 8.40	Ys 5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick
	On	Multi Sports	3.30 – 4.30	KS2	Hall	Mr Stewart
	OFF	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Hall	Mr Longson

Diary Dates for the 1st Half of the Autumn Term 2019

Date	Event
Tues 3	School Opens for Autumn Term
Tues 3	New Intake begin (1/2 days)
Weds 4	Half New Intake Parents staying for Lunch
Weds 4	7.00 OFSTED preparation presentation for governors
Thurs 5	6.30pm Kingswood meeting for parents
Fri 6	Half New Intake Parents staying for lunch
Mon 9	Ist full day for new intake children
Thurs 12	1st school council meeting
Thurs 12	Music Taster evening 7.00pm in hall
Mon 17	PTA at 7.30pm
Weds 18	Lessons with Mr Longson start today
Mon 23	World Languages / Healthy Body week
Fri 27	'Barbara Nice Comedy Evening' at Poynton WMC – tickets from school office
Tues 1 October	Y6 to Crucial Crew event at Macclesfield
Tues 1	New Intake meeting for parents at 7.00pm
Weds 2 – Fri 4	Year 6 at Kingswood Residential
Mon 7	Full governors meeting at 7.00pm
Thurs 10	School discos TBC
Mon 14	KS1 trip to Weaver Hall
Tues 15	KS1 trip to Weaver Hall
Fri 18	Harvest Festival (KS2)
Mon 21	Pupil & Curric Govs' meeting 6.30pm TBC
Mon 21	Environ & Comm gov's' meeting at 7.45pm TBC
Tues 22	Parents' Evening
Weds 23	Parents' evening
Fri 25	School closes for half term
Mon 4 November	INSET Day – school closed
Tues 5	School reopens at 8.40am

*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 2019 – 2020

Autumn Half Term	<u>SCHOOL CLOSSES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 25th October	Tuesday 5th November
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 20th December	Monday 6th January 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 14th February	Monday 24th February
	Friday 3rd April	Monday 20th April

May Day 2020

Summer Half Term 2020

Summer 2020

Friday 8th May

Friday 22nd May

Wednesday 22nd July

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 9th September

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
(v) Pizza & Potato Wedges	Tuna melt Baguette	(v) Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Mash	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Mash	Sausage, Scrambled Egg and Hash Brown
Tuna Pasta Jumble	(v) Quorn Lasagne	Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Quorn fillet, Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Mash(v)	Harry Ramsden Battered Fish Fillet & Chips
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Roast Turkey 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"/>
Sandwich filled with Tuna <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"/>
Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Cauliflower, Peas, Salad Bar	Carrots, Broccoli, Salad Bar	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
Cocoa Brownie Seasonal Fruit Platter	Flapjack Slice Seasonal Fruit Platter	Carrot & Pineapple Cake Seasonal Fruit Platter Yoghurt	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tangy Lemon Muffin Seasonal Fruit Platter
			Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar	
			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.