



Lower Park  
School

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## Lower Park Beacon

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Fri 13<sup>th</sup>  
Sept  
2019

Dear Parents,  
Having sent a long Beacon last week.  
This week, it will be a little shorter.

### Music Taster Evening



Yesterday evening, there was a musical instrument 'taster' meeting for children in Years 3 to 6. Many children tried out a range of musical instruments before choosing one with which to have their music lessons.

Today, your requests have been sent to the peripatetic music teachers who will be in touch with you to confirm the lessons.

Unfortunately, Mrs Marley, who teaches woodwind (flute, clarinet and saxophone) was too unwell to be at our meeting. She is very keen to begin new starters and is still open to having more children learning to play those instruments. Please let the school office or Mrs Mellor know if your child wants to learn one of the instruments she teaches children to play.

We also have space for children wishing to learn to play the cello. Let Mrs Mellor know if you want your child to learn to play the cello.

### Music Lessons

Our peripatetic music teachers resume their lessons next week. Children who have asked for lessons at the music taster evening will be contacted by their music teacher and informed when their lessons begin.



Nice One Barbara!!

**Two-Thirds of the tickets for this event have been sold.**  
**Don't miss out!**



**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 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!**

PTA

**Could You Be a Committee  
Member?**

The first meeting of the school's  
Parent Teachers' Association is on  
Monday at 7.30pm. The PTA is a  
most valued group of parents and is  
now looking for members to join the  
PTA committee. There are only six

meetings in the year and they are held  
in school in the staffroom.

It is an opportunity for parents to be  
more involved in school life which  
also has direct benefits for the  
children.

If you are a new parent to the school  
or you have previously thought you  
would like to join the committee, now  
is the time.

You can either come along on  
Monday at 7.30pm or ring Charlotte  
Fazackerley, the current chair, on  
07884208045 if you want to know  
more about joining.

We really do need new members and  
there is a happy atmosphere at the  
meetings and events that the PTA  
organises.

### Parent Governor Election



Just a reminder that nomination  
should be returned to school by 12  
noon on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### After-School Clubs Beginning Next Week

Several of our before and after school  
clubs are beginning next week.  
Letters about the IT, Craft, Football  
and netball were sent home either by  
email or Class Story.

KS2 choir with Mrs Mellor begins on  
Wednesday morning. It is open to  
anyone in KS2 from 8.15am and  
children can come along and register  
on the day at 8.15am. Children  
joining the choir will be required to  
sing at the Christmas and summer  
fairs, the musical soiree evening in

July and occasional local performances.

Please be reminded that if the weather prevents an outdoor club taking place we will let parents know by text and ask you to collect them early. Please also ensure your child's safety arriving or departing from school when attending morning or after-school clubs.

#### Message from the Mayor - Want to Try Something Different?

Sarah-Jayne Gilmore has asked me to share an event with you. She is promoting The Waterloo Pipe & Drum Band workshop that will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> October at Poynton British Legion. A flyer is attached.

#### Lower Park Lotto



The winners of the August draw were:-

- 1st Janet Cowden
- 2nd Stuart Tyson
- 3rd Andy Blaydon

The winners of the September draw are:-

- 1st Brian Frakes
- 2nd Glen Durban
- 3rd Amy Cusick

It is very easy to join the Lotto which raises funds for the school. Just enquire at the school office.

#### Did You Know?

Did you know.....



.....75% of what our children eat at lunchtime is actually cooked in our school kitchen. The pizzas are made freshly by Mrs Laffey, we don't use frozen meat – we have a local butcher who delivers frequently, and the meals are cooked with fresh ingredients. We hold the Silver Food for Life catering award which demonstrates we serve food that is seasonal, unprocessed, organic & are reducing the overall carbon footprint of our menus.

There is always a fruit platter, extra bread and a salad bar that children can take as much salad as they wish to augment their meal.

Several members of staff buy a school meal and I would encourage as many children as possible to have a balanced, school-cooked midday meal.

#### What We Really Need - New Midday Assistants

We have been advertising for some time now for a new midday assistant. We need one midday assistant on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday and two midday assistants on Friday.

Please see the advertisement in the Reminders section below and help us out if you can – even if it is just for one of those days. Thank you.

#### Sporting Event Communication

This year we are changing the way we let you know if your child has been picked to represent the school at a sporting event. Instead of receiving a letter, we will notify you via email. We then ask that you reply to the email to confirm that you give permission for your child to attend the event and provide us with an emergency contact number. We hope this will not only help us logistically but also reduce the amount of paper we use in school.

#### Aldi's Kit for Schools



We are now collecting the Aldi's Kit for Schools stickers. Please remember to ask for a Team GB sticker when spend £30 or more in the store. Hopefully we will be able to complete our sticker chart to be in with a chance of winning £20,000 for school. Mr Stewart will be talking to the children about collecting the stickers in an assembly next week.

Thank you for your support.

#### Reminders



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.

#### 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;

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

#### Letters this Week

- KS1 Welcome newsletters by email
- Yr 1 & 2 Netball club by paper
- KS2 Computing club by email
- Yr 3 & 4 Craft Club by DOJO
- Yrs5 & 6 PHS open Evening Invitation

#### This Week in School

- The new School Council met for the first time today. Two representatives from each class

are on the council. They have been tasked with making a suggestion box for their class and at the next meeting they will elect a chair, vice chair, secretary and assistant secretary.

- Yesterday evening, a record number of children from KS2 came along to try out a range of musical instruments and choose the one they wished to play.
- KS1 staff have been training today on the effective way to teach our new phonics scheme.

#### Next Week in School

- After-school on Monday, the staff will receive training on Accelerated Reader – a scheme we will be introducing this term.

- On Monday at 7.30pm, there is a PTA meeting and new members are needed.
- On Tuesday, there will be auditions for the school swing band during the afternoon. Children need to bring their instrument and music.
- Mr Longson's music lessons begin on Wednesday.
- On Friday our year 4 children begin their swimming lessons

<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	ON	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
	ON	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Stewart
	ON	Craft	3.15-4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's room	Miss Cork
	ON	Netball	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Outside	Miss Booth
Weds	ON	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
	ON	Computing Club	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Mr Cunha's room	Mr Cunha
	ON	Football	3.30 – 4.30	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Mr Mather / Mr Stewart
	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 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 / Miss Jones
	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 1<sup>st</sup> Half of the Autumn Term 2019*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mon 17 September	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 <b>TBC</b>
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 <b>TBC</b>
Mon 21	Environ & Comm gov's' meeting at 7.45pm <b>TBC</b>
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**

	<u><b>SCHOOL CLOSES</b></u>	<u><b>SCHOOL OPENS</b></u>
Autumn Half Term	Friday 25th October	Tuesday 5th November
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20th December	Monday 6th January 2020
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February	Monday 24th February
Easter 2020	Friday 3rd April	Monday 20th April
May Day 2020	Friday 8th May	
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 16th September 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](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>	
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 Tuna	<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"/>
Baguette filled with Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wrap filled with Tuna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Baguettes filled with Tuna	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna	<input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broccoli Sweetcorn, Salad Bar		(v)Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chocolate Oatie Cookie with Fruit Chunk		Cauliflower, Carrots, Salad Bar		Peas, Sweetcorn Salad Bar		Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar		Baked Beans, Carrots, Salad Bar	
Seasonal Fruit Platter		Tropical Traybake		Vanilla Sponge with Fruit Sauce		Ginger Biscuit		Frozen Yoghurt	
		Seasonal Fruit Platter		Seasonal Fruit Platter		Seasonal Fruit Platter		Ice-Cream	
		Yoghurt		Seasonal Fruit Platter		Yoghurt		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.