



Lower Park School

# Lower Park Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

### Lower Park 'Gets Active' Week



An exciting week lies ahead for the children. As you will surely know, one of our main priorities this year is to develop health minds, healthy bodies and healthy attitudes. We have prepared a special week next week, when children will try out a variety of new (and some old) physical activities.

Next week it is both the European Week of Sport 2019 and European Languages Day. To help us celebrate both in style we are getting 'actif' for the week.

Throughout the week, the children will have the opportunity to try new sports, complete science investigations based on the body and learn more about a European language.

Some of the new sports the children will have the opportunity to try include; Zumba, Scootfit, Skatboarding, Extreme Skipping and Freestyle Football.

All children need to make sure they have their PE/Games kit in school every day to ensure they don't miss out on any of the activities.

Also, keep an eye out for a letter that your child brings home that will give a little bit more information about what the week has in store for the children.

The children will need to have their indoor and outdoor games / PE clothes on these days next week.

### European Languages Day

Amongst all the physical activities taking place next week, we will also be celebrating European Languages Day on Thursday. The staff has planned a special day of looking at languages and cultures from a variety of European countries.

The children will be taking part in a range of language-based activities throughout the school, often linked in with the 'Health and Fitness' theme of the week. Among other activities, Reception and KS1 will be learning parts of the body in French and UKS2 will be learning and performing French 'active' verbs. LKS2 will be enjoying a selection of Greek themed activities, inspired by their history topic. We are looking forward to a fun packed week!

"Nice to See You  
-To See You, NICE"

Almost all the tickets have been sold for this event but there are still a few left.  
Come for 7.30pm for a good seat.



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 **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!**

### Lower Park Games Award



We are delighted to inform you that Lower Park has achieved the Silver School Games Award mark for 2018 – 2019. It is a government-led awards scheme for PE that recognises participation (how many children are engaged in sporting activities, competition and clubs).

Special thanks to Mr Cunha for his work in facilitating more physical activities for the children throughout the school.

PTA  
**GREAT NEWS!**  
**GREAT SUCCESS!**

At the PTA meeting on Monday evening, a full committee heard the news that funds raised in 2018 – 2019 amounted to just over £20,000. This is by far the most raised in any one year and is a testimony to the hard work, planning and great, creative thinking from the PTA members.

The school will benefit from the funds in many ways, including some expenditure on SEN, a new sound

system for the school hall, replacing our old music stands and developing the new sensory garden. Each class teacher will also be given £200 to spend on classroom resources, and this will be greatly appreciated by teachers and will benefit the children. The PTA already funds several initiatives and last year, created a fund from which the school can withdraw to reduce the cost to parents for school trips.

Successful as the PTA committee is, we are always looking for new members to join. If you would like to become part of the PTA committee, ring Charlotte Fazackerley, the current chair, on 07884208045.



### Request for Parents Help for a Specific Job

We are currently introducing a new programme called Accelerated Reader, which is aimed at children from Year 2 to Year 6. It is geared towards increasing the children's love of reading and it monitors their progress moving through the school. We have many books that are already Accelerated Reader books and they have labels on them to help the children choose the right reading and interest levels. We need labels to be stuck on many more books in our libraries.

If you have any time at all that you can help to do this, please contact Mrs Jones, Mrs McLean or the school office. It is a big task that can take a short time if we have many helpers.

### Book Fair

Here is advanced notice that the next book fair is arriving in school in a couple of weeks. It will be open after school from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. The usual high standard of books will be available to buy and will be on display in the hall / library.



### New Intake Parents' Meeting -Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Parents of children who started in our reception this month, are invited to come along to a meeting at 7.00pm

on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. The purpose of the meeting is to hear more about the curriculum, how you can help at home and then watch a video of the first three weeks of your child's school life.

The meeting is not suitable for children to attend and is for adults only.

### Parent Governor Election



A last reminder that nominations should be returned to school by 12 noon on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### Persimmon Planning Application on the Cheshire East Council Meeting Next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September

The agenda for the council's next meeting, which will be held at 10.00am at Macclesfield Town Hall, shows that the first business item on the agenda is the planning application for building houses at the end of Hazelbadge Road. Members of the public can attend.

### School Discos Change of Date

The next school disco has been re-arranged for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The KS1 / FS disco will begin straight after school at 3.15 and KS2 will be from 4.45 to 6.00pm.

### Did You Know?

Did you know.....



..... the new daily mile running track is proving to be VERY popular and the actual distance of one mile is actually seven times around the track. Our younger children are not expected to complete seven laps in a day.

Did you also know that the school now has its own prenteeing course marked out on the school's second

field. Staff will be examining the potential next week.

### 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.

### Aldi Vouchers



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  
[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

- Letter to parents of children in the school band.
- Letter re Active Sports

### This Week in School

- On Monday, the staff received training for a new reading programme called Accelerated Reader.
- The PTA met on Monday and planned events for the year – see above for some VERY good news.
- Auditions for the school band took place on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Friday this week.

- Swimming lessons for Year 4 began today and there will be a further 10 lessons this term.

### Next Week in School

- Next week is ‘Lower Park Gets Active’ week with a range of physical activities.
- The closing date for governor nominations is 12.00 on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- On Friday, there is a comedy night with Barbara Nice (TV Comedienne) and Headband.

### After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

	<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
	ON	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

Date	Event
Mon 23 September	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
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>SCHOOL CLOSES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](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 LOVE BRITISH FOOD	FRIDAY LOVE BRITISH FOOD
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Cheesy Pasta Bake (v)	Chicken Slider, Marinated Chicken fillet served in a Soft Bap with Sauté Potatoes	Cottage Pie	Roast Gammon & Pineapple with Roast or Mash Potatoes	Organic Beef Burger in a Burger Bun & Jacket Wedges
Tuna Mayo & Salad in a Soft Tortilla Boat with Summer Coleslaw	Fish Fingers with Sauté Potatoes	(v) Cheese Ploughman's Toastie with Veg Sticks	(v) Quorn fillet with Roast or Mash Potatoes	Quorn Burger in a Burger Bun & Jacket Wedges (v)
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Roast Gammon Baguette Quorn Baguette (v)	Jacket Potato with
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
Baguette filled with	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Wrap filled with	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Turkey <input type="checkbox"/>	Baguette filled with	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with	Sandwich filled with
Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
Carrots, Peas, Salad Bar	Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Broccoli, Carrots, Salad Bar	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Chocolate Mandarin			Mixed Veg, Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar
Puddle Cake	Fruit Jelly with	Summer Shortbread	Oaty Autumn Fruit	Apple Flapjack
Seasonal Fruit Platter	Ice-Cream	with Fruit Chunk	Crumble and Custard	Yogurt
Yoghurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter
			Yoghurt	