



Lower Park

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Dear Parents,

Oh, What a Week That Was!



This week has been extra special for the children with something different each day to enjoy. The scooting, the skateboarding, the skipping, the gymnastics, Zumba & free-style football.... The children have been buzzing with excitement – and buzzing in the activities.

Highlights of the week have to be seeing children from our new reception confidently doing ballet moves whilst travelling on their scooters around a track – it really happened! Or perhaps seeing the skip off between Emily W and Mrs Marshall in front of all the children (Mrs M skipped over 126 times in 1 minute – it really happened too!). Emily did well to keep up and came a close second – well done for being brave.

Of course, all this is to promote one of our priorities – ‘Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Attitudes.’ We certainly have had healthy bodies this week.



European Languages Day

Yes, we managed to have our European Language Day in the middle of Active Week by doing much of it in French on Thursday. For example, children in KS1 were naming different parts of their bodies in French and ‘Allez Actif’ could be heard as we skipped and counted in French.

We Are Going o have a NICE time!

Come for 7.30pm for a good seat.



Tonight with
Mrs Barbara Nice

with support from Headband
7.30pm at

Poynton Workmen’s Club, Park Lane, Poynton

Star of Britain’s Got Talent – Mrs Barbara Nice has arrived in Poynton today!

Doors will be opened at 7.30pm for you to find a good seat

Election Result



Unfortunately, I have to inform you that we had no nominations for the vacant parent governor position.

Film Night for Children Organised by the PTA

The school will be transformed into a cinema on Friday 18th October when we are screening two films: Angry Birds 2 (for KS1) and Dora and the Lost City of Gold (for KS2).

A flyer has been sent home today which includes the order form for each of the films. They need to be returned to school.

Please note: BOTH films are rated PG (parental guidance). By ordering a ticket, you are giving your consent for your child to watch the film. If in doubt, please research the film guidance before purchasing.



Parents’ Questionnaire

Every year we send home a questionnaire for parents to fill in and return. We do this because we appreciate and act upon the views of our parents. My promise is that all your views will be presented to governors and teachers at our Review Day on November 4th 2019.

At the review day, we evaluate how successful the school development plan has been in 2018 – 2019 and, having taken in the views of all stakeholders, we form our new development plan. Your returned questionnaire does matter.

The questionnaire is an attachment to this Beacon and can be sent in anonymously or with your name. It should be returned to the school office or via Mrs Allatt by email to: sallatt@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

Please return by October 11th so that the questionnaires can be collated.

Request for Parents' Help for a Specific Job

Thank you – we have had four volunteers for the following, which is great. Even more would be greater still and really appreciated.

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 – Next Week



A letter was emailed yesterday with more information about the book fair which will be open after school from next Thursday 3rd October to Tuesday 8th October. All children will have the opportunity to visit. Look out for a leaflet coming home with your child today.

New Intake Parents' Meeting -Tuesday 1st October



Parents of children who started in our reception this month, are invited to come along to a meeting at 7.00pm next Tuesday, 1st 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 four weeks of your child's school life.

The meeting is not suitable for children to attend and is for adults only. The meeting will last about an hour and 10 minutes.

Persimmon Planning Application on the Cheshire East Council Meeting Update

The meeting of the Strategic Planning Board of Cheshire East Council took place this Wednesday and the planning application for building houses at the end of Hazelbadge Road was discussed and debated for about three hours. Four speeches were heard that were objecting to the application. The outcome is that the application has been deferred again until there is an update on potential flooding known and further discussion about car parking to ease congestion has been negotiated with me.

Change to the menu next week

Please take a look at the lunch menu for next week, Mrs Laffey has made some changes due to supply dates changing for this week only. So if you are expecting a roast on Thursday, for next week it's on Wednesday and Thursday is pizza & chip day. Don't forget sandwiches and jacket potatoes are always available as an alternative.

Save the Date Christmas Fair



Just to give you advance notice, our Christmas Fair this year will be held on Saturday 7th December. Please add the date to your diaries for what this great event that the children enjoy so much.

Reminders

Join the PTA Committee

Successful as the PTA 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.



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;

fave.pearl@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk or ring the school office on 01625 872560

Letters this Week

- Letter yesterday by email about the book fair next week.
- To year 6 – letter by email about starting secondary school
- To all – Film night flyer today

This Week in School

- On Monday, the staff received training on our newly implemented orienteering course, which is on our two school fields.
- Monday was the start of our Active Week – scouting on Monday, Gymnastics on Tuesday, free-style football on Wednesday, Skip2befit on Thursday and skateboarding today.

Next Week in School

- Tonight, there is a comedy night with Barbara Nice (TV Comedienne) and Headband.
- On Tuesday, Year 6 children are going to enjoy Crucial Crew at Macclesfield.
- On Tuesday evening at 7.00pm, there is a meeting for parents of our new Reception intake children.
- On Wednesday, Year 6 are going on a residential visit to Kingswood, near Sheffield
- On Thursday, our book fair opens after school in the hall for parents and children to buy books.

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 30th September 2019

	On or Off?	Activity	Time	Yr Group	Venue	Organiser
Mon	ON	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Stewart / Mr Atherfold
Tues	ON	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 (Y6 to Menai)	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
	ON	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Hall	Mr Longson

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

Date	Event
Fri 27 September	'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
Thurs 3 – Tues 8	Book Fair
Mon 7	Full governors meeting at 7.00pm
Sun 13 *	Tidy Up the School Grounds morning
Mon 14	KS1 trip to Weaver Hall
Tues 15	KS1 trip to Weaver Hall
Fri 18	Harvest Festival (KS2)
Fri 18	Film Night
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

	<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 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 30th 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) Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Jacket Wedges	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Mash	Pizza & Chips	Harry Ramsden Battered Fish Fillet & Sauté Potatoes
(v) Quorn Lasagne	Pasta Italienne	Quorn fillet, Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Mash(v)	Sausage & Chips	Cheese Flan & Sauté Potatoes
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Roast Turkey Baguette	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Baguette (v)	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <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"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Baguette filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Cauliflower, Peas, Salad Bar	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Vanilla Ice-Cream	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
Oatie Biscuit	Carrot & Pineapple Cake	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Chocolate Brownie
Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Carrots, Broccoli, Salad Bar		Seasonal Fruit Platter
		Dorset Apple Cake & Custard		
		Seasonal Fruit Platter		

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