



# Lower Park Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

### Parents' Questionnaire

We have received only a handful of questionnaire returns and I would urge you to complete and return by next Friday (11<sup>th</sup> October). It is important to have a large number to make it more representative of everyone. I have attached another copy for you and we will upon your views. My promise is that all your views will be presented to governors and teachers at our Review Day on November 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

It should be returned to the school office or via Mrs Allatt by email to: [sallatt@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:sallatt@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk) Please return by October 11<sup>th</sup> (NEXT FRIDAY) so that the questionnaires can be collated.

### School Grounds Tidy Up Morning -Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October



Once every year we like to tidy up our school grounds. We ask for volunteers to come along and do a spot of 'gardening' and minor maintenance, so we would ask you to bring your wellies or boots, a brush etc. from 9.00am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October and lend a hand for an hour or so. The difference to our playground is great for the children.

Just come along on the morning and you will be welcomed.

### It Was a Very NICE time!



It was such a great event last Friday evening when parents were treated to an excellent evening of comedy, music and dancing. Mrs Barbara Nice really did have everyone eating out of the palm of her hand and in fits of laughter, whilst also running an unusual (you can imagine) and unique raffle with unbelievable prizes!! Almost everyone danced the night away and 'The Club' has never seen dancing quite like it.

Thank you to all who came, for as well as enjoying a great night, you have contributed to an amazing £1500 in raised funds for the school. Nice one Barbara!

### Film Night for Children Organised by the PTA

The next event is for the children, when the school hall will be transformed into a cinema on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We are screening two films: Angry Birds 2 (for KS1) and Dora and the Lost City of Gold (for KS2).



A flyer was sent home last week which includes the order form for each of the films. They need to be

returned to school along with the payment.

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.

### Book Fair – Open on Monday and Tuesday at 3.15pm



The book fair arrived this week and has been open yesterday and today. It will be open again after school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please come along and purchase a lovely book or two.

### Year 6 to Poynton High School Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Our trip to Kingswood clashed with an evening at Poynton High School last night. Consequently, we have arranged with PHS for the children to visit the school for the morning of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. An invitation from PHS will be sent home on Monday, but as parents will be requested to drop off the children at PHS at 8.45am on the morning of 14<sup>th</sup>, you need to know in advance to make that arrangement. The children will be brought back to school by minibus at lunchtime.

There is a plan of activities for the children to experience, including a lesson (probably IT).

Please look out for the invitation coming home on Monday.

### New Intake Parents' Meeting

Thank you for coming along to this meeting on Tuesday this week. The presentation on the new phonics and maths schemes was excellent and very informative. The movie was an insight to what your children have been up to in the first few weeks. Thank you for your positive feedback.

### Library Books Amnesty

There are several books that have been loaned from school that have not been returned. Generally, they are our newer books that were expensive for the school to purchase. Please look around at school for any that may have been overlooked and send them into school. They can be given into the office or placed on the desk in the library. Many thanks!



### Quiz Night Message from the Hollies

We will be holding a quiz night to raise funds towards a new building. It will be held on FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER at Davenport golf club. Tickets £10, to include a hot pot supper (I can definitely recommend this!!)

Please email Debbie or Rachel to book your tickets  
[manager@theholliespreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@theholliespreschool.co.uk)  
/ [admin@theholliespreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@theholliespreschool.co.uk).

You can book for a team or join another team  
We look forward to another fun filled night.

### Applying for a Reception Place in September 2020

Attached with this Beacon is a poster explaining how and when to apply for places. Reminder – parents of children with older siblings already at school DO need to apply for a reception place in September 2020

### 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.



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



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.

#### Letters this Week

- To Reception – reading book letter by email
- To Year 1 –reading book letter by email

#### This Week in School

- On Tuesday, the Year 6 children were taken to Macclesfield to take part in the Crucial Crew programme (Health, Safety and well-being workshops).
- On Tuesday, there was a meeting for our new intake parents, when the new phonics and maths programmes were illustrated and a movie of the children was shown.
- On Wednesday, the Year 6 children travelled off to Kingswood (near Sheffield) to enjoy a variety of outdoor and indoor activities for three days.
- Yesterday, our book fair was visited by the children during the afternoon and then was opened for parents and children to buy books after school yesterday and today.

#### Next Week in School

- Peter Fraser will be leading the assembly on Monday morning. He is a most gifted storyteller who always captures the children's imagination by bringing stories from the Bible to life.

- On Monday evening there is a meeting of the full Governing Body.
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October – parent volunteers are needed to tidy up the school grounds.

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 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	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
	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
	ON	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 7 October	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
Mon 21	Environ & Comm gov's meeting at 7.45pm
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 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Easter 2020	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day 2020	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer 2020	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	

INSET DAYS: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> October 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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
Jacket Potato with (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"/>
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Baguettes filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <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"/>	Cauliflower, Carrots, Salad Bar	Peas, Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Carrots, Salad Bar
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tropical Traybake	Vanilla Sponge with Fruit Sauce	Ginger Biscuit	Frozen Yoghurt
Broccoli Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Ice-Cream
Chocolate Oatie Cookie with Fruit Chunk	Yoghurt		Yoghurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter
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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.