



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Parents' Questionnaire
-Thank you.



Last week I was concerned that I had not received sufficient questionnaires to be representative of the parent body. I am very grateful to the many parents who responded and have sent in completed questionnaires. I know that we are asked for questionnaire returns from a great many sources so thank you for returning this one.

It is still possible to send them next week if you just didn't have time this week. It should be returned to the school office or via Mrs Allatt by email to:

sallatt@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

Many thanks for your responses.

School Grounds Tidy Up Morning
This Sunday 13th October



We are going to clean up our grounds for the children this weekend. Please come along and do a spot of 'gardening' and minor maintenance if you are free. We would ask you to bring your wellies or boots, a brush etc. from 9.00am on this Sunday 13th 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.

Parents Evening Booking Forms
Change to
Booking Your Appointments
On Tuesday 15th at 7.00am at
School.

Key Stage 2:

In response to parents' questionnaire returns, we are attempting to change our appointment system so that KS2 parents can meet with the teacher who teaches your child for English and maths (they may be other than your class teacher). It has been difficult to organise but we will try it and see how it goes.

Please make only **TWO** appointments which are five minutes each. You choose which two teachers you wish to meet for 5 minutes each. You can use your two appointments consecutively with one teacher.

The meetings will be strictly timed with the sounding of a buzzer, when we will insist that you end your meeting. This is important so that other parents' appointments are not compromised or reduced.



Unfortunately, our website is unable to create one on-line form to make the two appointments. Therefore, the bookings will have to be made on a

paper form that we will display in the library from 7.00am on Tuesday morning next week (to allow you to book an appointment before going to work).

We are prepared to see if this change works and we will be interested in your feedback. However, we know that it is less convenient than booking online.

Usually, every parent makes an appointment to meet with teachers on one of our two parents' evenings on 22nd or 23rd October.

KS1 & Reception classes:

We invite parents of children in KS1 and reception classes to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on either Tuesday 22nd or Wednesday 23rd October. This will also be done on the paper form available from 7.00am on Tuesday morning, 15th October.

From Tuesday at 9.30am to Monday evening 21st October, the booking forms will be on display in the entrance hall and from 9.30am on that day, you can also make the appointment via a phone call to the school office.

The meetings take place in the school hall although we also ask you to visit your child's classroom, where you can look through your child's books and view the displays on the classroom walls.

New Report form:

To enable the targeted meetings to take place, we have designed a new form that provides an indication of your child's attainment, an effort grade and brief comments.

Details of what work has / is being covered is on your child's class page on our website.

www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

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 18th 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 by next Wednesday 16th October.

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.

Successful Book Fair



Another big thank you for coming to the book fair and buying some books. There was an appealing collection on offer and many books were sold. Whilst we love to encourage children to read and the book fairs help, it also raises money – a magnificent £471 this time) - for us to buy more books for the library and classrooms, so thank you!

And a thank you to Mrs McLean for running the book fair – much appreciated!

Football Match Report



On Thursday, the football team had their first match of the season. In stormy conditions, the team were up against it from the start. Despite playing some fantastic free flowing football and creating great opportunities, Moorfield ran out eventual winners 7-1. Special

mentions for Callum J and goal scorer Lucas J.

Year 1 and 2 trips to Weaver Hall on Monday and Tuesday



To enhance the topic work, children in KS1 will be visiting Weaver Hall next week. The programme for the day is exciting and the children will remember many facts and stories whilst they are there.

Coaches arriving at School on Monday and Tuesday Morning Next Week. Please park only on the opposite side of the Road

On Monday and Tuesday next week, coaches will need to arrive at the school gate for 9.00am. Please do not park on the school side of Hazelbadge Road or park in the turning circle at the end of the road where the coach will need space to turn.
Thank you.

Autumnal Activities for Year 1 on Monday

On Monday the children in year one will be using their senses to explore and answer the question,

'What happens in the world around us in Autumn?'

The children will take part in Science, English and Art activities as well as practising how to safely use tools to bake what we hope will be a very delicious treat to bring home! If your child has any allergies that we aren't aware of then please do let us know as soon as possible.

The children will bring their treat home to eat but they will be involved in the baking process so they will be touching raw ingredients. If you are outside enjoying the Autumnal weather this weekend and your child would like to collect and bring in any objects that they find, then we would love to share them.

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
/ admin@theholliespreschool.co.uk.

You can book for a team or join another team

We look forward to another fun filled night.

One Poster Filled

This week, the Aldi sports poster was filled, which allows us to enter a draw for £20,000. The children also had fun adding their stickers to the chart which is displayed on the wall as you enter the school hall.

We are now attempting to double our chances by filling a second chart.

When shopping at Aldi, please remember to ask for a Team GB sticker when you spend £30 or more in the store and send it in to fill our second chart (the children love sticking them on).

Commendation Awards

Commendation Awards are presented to children on Mondays in assembly. The staff, including midday assistants, nominate children (one from each class and one from the midday assistants) each week and they receive a commendation badge. They also receive a certificate which is displayed on the internal noticeboard outside my room. After a week, the certificates are given to the children to bring home to keep.

They are used to promote exceptional attitude, approach to work, exceptional kindness, behaviour, helpfulness, consideration and attitude.



This week's winners were:

Liam N, Jessica P, Leah D, Frances E, Esme H, Fraser E, Quinn L, Charlie K, Amelia G and Luke H.

Well done to all those children.

Reminders

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!



Applying for a Reception Place for September 2020

Attached with last weeks Beacon was 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

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 7th December. Please add the date to your diaries for what this great event that the children enjoy so much.

Aldi Vouchers



We are now collecting the Aldi's Kit for Schools stickers. 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 all by email re Cinderella panto trip

This Week in School

- On Monday, Peter Fraser led an assembly on the Parable of the Sower. The children adore his retelling of stories.
- On Monday, the full Governing Body met for the first of two meetings this term.

Next Week in School

- From 9.00am on Sunday 13th October – parent volunteers are needed to tidy up the school grounds.
- On Monday, there is a KS1 trip to Weaver Hall.
- On Monday, Year 6 children are going to Poynton High School for the morning.
- On Monday evening from 4.45pm to 5.30pm, Mr Dean and Mr Latch will be in school to meet with any parents about Poynton High School.
- On Tuesday, there is a KS1 trip to Weaver Hall.
- On Tuesday, there will be a meeting of the full Governing Body at 6.30pm.
- On Wednesday, there is a netball festival.
- On Friday, film night will be held at the end of the school day.

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 14th October 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	
	OFF	Away match	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Stewart
	ON	last one	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 1st Half of the Autumn Term 2019

Date		Event
Sun 13	October	Tidy Up the School Grounds morning
Mon 14		KS1 trip to Weaver Hall
Tues 15	*	Parents' Evening Booking Form available from 7.00am - library area
Tues 15		KS1 trip to Weaver Hall
Fri 18		Harvest Festival (KS2) assembly
Fri 18		Film Night
Mon 21		Pupil & Curric Govs' meeting 6.30pm
Mon 21		Environ & Comm govs' 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 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

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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 14th October

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 Cheesy Pasta Bake (v) Tuna Mayo & Salad in a Soft Tortilla Boat with Summer Coleslaw Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Baguette filled with Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Carrots, Peas, Salad Bar Apple Flapjack Seasonal Fruit Platter Yoghurt	Name Chicken Slider, Marinated Chicken fillet served in a Soft Bap with Sauté Potatoes Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Rice (v) Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Baguette filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Fruit Jelly with Ice-Cream Seasonal Fruit Platter	Name Cottage Pie (v) Cheese Ploughman's Toastie with Veg Sticks Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Broccoli, Carrots, Salad Bar Summer Shortbread with Fruit Chunk Seasonal Fruit Platter	Name Roast Gammon & Pineapple with Roast or Mash Potatoes (v) Quorn fillet with Roast or Mash Potatoes Roast Gammon Baguette Quorn Baguette (v) Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Veg, Salad Bar Chocolate Mandarin Puddle Cake Seasonal Fruit Platter Yoghurt	Name Chicken Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce served with Pasta Fish Fingers with Chips Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar Frozen Yoghurt Ice-Cream 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.