



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Anti-Bullying Week – Off to a Great Start

I was extremely proud of the children when they gave their responses to questions asked of them during the anti-bullying theatre production on Monday morning. The children gave superb answers to the question, "What is bullying?" The children's response was, "Bullying is when someone hurts someone else, not just once, but when it happens over and over." The children knew what cyber bullying is too and felt that it was probably worse bullying than when it was face to face.

The theatre company addressed every aspect of bullying in the course of the one-hour show and the messages were very clearly delivered. They included children knowing what to do if they are bullied or they know that someone else is being bullied and it was 'T' – TELL someone.

Teachers have been following up the production in lessons and our anti-bullying week was rounded off with workshops delivered by the CCSOsP today.



We invest each year in 'anti-bullying week' (it doesn't always correspond to the national week, but timed to coincide with our visiting theatre company) in order that bullying does not happen in our school.

The objective of our programme this year is to remind children what bullying is and that that bullying is horrible and unacceptable in this school. We are reminding them about

what they can do if they feel they are being bullied or they have bullied someone else.

"T" (Tell someone)

This definition will be used:

Bullying is when someone's feelings are *persistently* hurt because they:-

- are being called names
- are being teased
- are being pushed or pulled about
- have had money or other things taken or messed about with
- have had rumours spread about them
- are being ignored or left out
- are being hit, kicked or physically hurt
- are being threatened or intimidated

Thankfully, bullying is VERY rare at Lower Park and is followed up thoroughly when we are informed or know about it and it would involve requesting the support of parents.

It's Beginning to Feel A Bit Like Christmas!

Christmas Coat-Hanger Appeal

We are asking parents to help children to make our infamous coat-hanger Christmas decorations, ready to bring into school from next Monday 18th November.

Here is what it is all about:

Christmas is special at Lower Park. The effect is simply magical! We have 150 hooks in the hall and main corridor ceilings ready to receive your brilliantly creative Christmas coat hanger decorations.

Here is another reminder about what we ask every child (with parents help...) to do.

You need one or two wire coat hangers, some common Christmas

decorations (tinsel etc) and a good idea. The objective is to make a Christmas mobile that can be hung from a hook on the ceiling of the hall or corridor. It should be built on the coat hanger (or two coat hangers joined together - making sure there is a slim hook showing at the top – and your child's name attached to the hook would help us to relocate the owners afterwards). The rest, as they say, is up to you. Obviously, we would ask you to help your children and it is intended to be a fun activity (with very little expense). If you still have last year's decoration, send it in too.



They can be sent into school from next Monday 18th November and our aim is to have them all hanging from the ceiling in time for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December – just three weeks away! So, please send them in and let us make Christmas special for them!

Football Champions!



On Wednesday, Mr Stewart had the great pleasure of taking 7 boys from Year 3 and 4 to a football tournament at Tytherington. Despite the weather been very cold and dull, the football

on show was the complete opposite. Progressing through the group stage, winning all four games and only conceding two goals, the boys then put in a fantastic performance in the semi-final with a comprehensive 4-0 win. In the final, the team put in their best performance of the day and ran out 2-0 winners and were crowned champions, bringing home another trophy to add to our collection. They will now play in the county finals in the spring term. Well done to all the boys!

Governor Vacancies and a Possible Change.

Currently, there is a parent governor election underway. The nomination deadline is 12 Noon next Thursday 21st November.

Poppy Appeal and Marking Remembrance Day

The school fell silent on Monday morning at 11.00am when everyone in school marked Remembrance Day. Just prior to the bell ringing at 11.00, the teachers talked to the children about what the Remembrance Day was all about and then there was total silence throughout the school for two minutes. Once again, I was proud of the children for their respectful response to the Remembrance Day silence.



Photograph Orders

Your child will have brought home their photograph proof this week. All orders must be returned to school by Friday 22nd November to ensure that they can be collected and processed for delivery back to school before Christmas.

An Exciting Week Ahead

Next week we will have visitors in school who will engage children in KS1 and Year 5.



On Wednesday, the children in KS1 will take part in workshops to discover more knowledge about the Great Fire of London, which has been

part of their 'Looking Down' theme this term.

Year 5 children will also take part in a workshop during Wednesday afternoon which will be delivered by Cheshire Fire and Safety Rescue Team. Keeping safe will be the theme and is part of our PSHE and child protection programme.

Disco Night Next Friday
NEW Start and Finish TIMES
AND
Tickets Available from the office
next week

Excitement will build during next week as the children look forward to the autumn disco.



On this occasion, children in KS1 will go straight from the classroom at 3.15 to the hall for their disco. It will end at 4.30pm when parents are asked to arrive to **collect the children from the classroom exit doors (not the hall)**. If parents wish their children to change for the disco you will need to send in the children's disco clothes in a bag. Teachers will help them to change prior to the disco starting.

Tickets will be available from the school office on Monday for KS2. For KS1 you will also need to bring in £1.00 as it will not be possible to pay on the door on Friday and teachers will need to know beforehand who is attending. You are asked to send / bring in £1.00 and we will keep and use a list of those in KS1 who are staying for the KS1 disco.

The disco for KS2 children will start at 4.45pm and parents are asked to collect their children from the hall at at 6.00pm.

Wreath Night



Last chance for 'Early Bird' tickets at £22.50 is Monday 18th November, after which the price increases to £25.00.

Here is a second call for those interested in having a fun night making a 'real' wreath for Christmas in an atmosphere of fun and laughter.

You don't need to be creative, as our expert florists will guide you and all materials are provided. You can bring your own tipples and we'll provide the warm mince pies. There is an early bird discount and places are limited so please get your tickets as soon as possible from the office. The evening starts at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th December and more information is on the attached flyer. Please come and raise money to support the children by having lots of fun with friends. If you have any queries please contact Sarah on 07846 299957

Countdown to the Christmas Fair



We ask parents to send their children in with items in return for dressing in other clothing. *Thank you for the donations of bottles for the tombola today. They are sure to raise a great deal of money.* Here are the details for this term's dressing down days:

Friday 22nd Nov – Rainbow Day! Children can wear an item of clothing in their year specified colour and bring in a colour themed contribution to the Christmas hampers.

Friday 29th Nov – Please bring sweet filled jars, small toys or other festive surprises in return for coming to school in onesies (No nuts please).

Friday 6th December – Festive Friday; Please send in cakes & chocolates in return for wearing Christmas tops and / or silly socks, headbands or bobble hats.

Many thanks for your support.

Toy Appeal



This year, we are focussing our Harvest and Christmas Present Appeals on collecting toys for under privileged children over the coming weeks. A flyer giving details was emailed to parents yesterday. We are collecting for The Toy Appeal, a registered charity who will collect the

toys on 9th December. There will be a collection box in each of the classrooms. We are collecting new unwrapped;-

Board games

Puzzles

Books (Good condition pre-loved is ok)

Teddies (Good condition pre-loved is ok)

Toiletries

Presents for children aged 7 to 17 years old

Lego

Dolls

Cars

Colouring books & craft items

Sports equipment

They can be sent in at any time. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Swing Band Practices

In order to allow practices for the Christmas Play, Swing Band practices will be less over the next three weeks and are as follows:

Tuesday 19th November 8.15am

Thursday 21st Nov – No practice

Tuesday 26th Nov – No practice

Thursday 28th Nov – No practice

Tuesday 2nd Dec – Practice at 8.15am

Thursday 5th Dec – Practice at 3.15 – 4.25pm.



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Mrs Mellor has sent a letter home for parents detailing the practices for the cast.

National School Meals Week

As you will see from the menu attached, there is a different menu next week. Mrs Laffey has chosen the children's favourite dishes to serve each day next week.

Lower Park Lotto



The winners of the lotto for this month are:-

1st prize Brian Frakes

2nd Jeremy Taylor

3rd Lynne Gater

Midday Assistant Urgent Need



We still need more midday assistants. Please consider joining the team of midday assistants. The days we have need for are on Thursday and Fridays.

If you are willing to joining the team of midday assistants, please contact Mrs Peart in the school office to find out more about it.

Contact;

faye.peart@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk or ring the school office on 01625 872560

Reminders



The School Council is up-and-running! The children arranged their first agenda item at their last meeting, to be about Pokémon Cards. They had been concerned that 'trading' (swapping) of cards had led to arguments. After a long discussion they decided that the 'trading' cards should only be between children in the same year group.

I was happy to endorse that decision, so as from Monday, 'trading' will only be allowed between children in the same year group and there will be no 'returns' once 'traded.'



Contact Family Information Service for information and links across services in Cheshire East. FIS is a service for parents/carers, children and young people 0 – 25.

<https://bit.ly/2KIXIIP>

*Applying for a Reception Place for
September 2020*

Reminder – parents of children with older siblings already at school DO need to apply for a reception place in September 2020 - contact the office for more information.

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.

Letters this Week

- To all - Photograph proofs
- To all - Christmas fair flyer with details for next week's colour themed day
- To all - flyer re The Toy Appeal by email
- To Years 3 & 4 – letter by email regarding drama workshops
- To Year 5 & 6 – Letter by email regarding history workshops
- To all - Flyer today re National School Meals Week
- Email to KS2 Cast members re rehearsals – today.

This Week in School

- On Monday, Firehorse Productions performed a production of 'Just Joshing' which was all about an anti-bullying.
- The school observed 2 minutes silence on Monday at 11.00am
- The governors' personnel committee met on Monday.
- On Wednesday, our Year 3/4 football team won at a tournament – see above
- Today, the children heard more about anti-bullying in assembly from our CCSOs.

Next School Week

- Parents are asked to send in Christmas Coat Hanger decorations for the school hall – see above.
- On Wednesday, KS1 will take part in workshops about the Great Fire of London.
- On Wednesday, Cheshire Fire and Rescue will deliver a safety workshop to Year 5 children.
- On Friday, weather permitting, there is a girls' football competition for girls in Years 5 and 6.
- On Friday, at the end of the school day, we are having our autumn discos.

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 18th November 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	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
	ON	Cast Rehearsal	3.15 – 4.30	KS2 cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor
Weds	ON	Choir	8.15 – 8.50	Y3 – Y6	Hall	Mrs Mellor
	ON	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
Thurs	ON	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	F&KS1	Outside or Hall	Mrs Stewart / Mr Atherfold
	OFF (Cast rehearsal)	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	ON	Cast Rehearsal	3.15 – 4.30	KS2 cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor
Fri	ON	Dodgeball	8.00 – 8.40	Ys 1, 2 & 3	Hall	Mr Stewart / Miss Jones
	OFF (Disco)	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
Tues 19 *	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Weds 20	KS1 workshops – Great Fire of London – using the hall
Weds 20 *	Year 5 workshop for Cheshire Fire and Rescue Team
Fri 22	School Discos KS1 & FS 3.15pm – 4.30pm, KS2 at 4.45 – 6.00pm
Tues 26 *	6.30 Finance Governors' meeting
Mon 2 December	KS2 Choir to disabled swimmers party
Mon 2	7.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Thurs 5	Wreath-making night (PTA)
SAT 7	Christmas fair – 11.00 – 2.00pm
Tues 10	KS1 pm performance,
Tues 10	KS2 eve performance
Weds 11	KS2 pm performance
Weds 11	KS1 eve performance
Thurs 12	KS1 pm performance
Thurs 12	KS2 eve performance
Fri 13	Freddy Fit
Tues 17	Whole school to pantomime at Buxton
Thurs 19	Christmas Party, Christmas Dinner & Talent Show
Fri 20	School closes at 3.15 for Xmas holiday
Mon 6 Jan 2020	School opens for spring term at 8.50am

*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

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20th December
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February
Easter 2020	Friday 3rd April
May Day 2020	Friday 8th May
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22nd May
Summer 2020	Wednesday 22nd July

SCHOOL OPENS

Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 24th February
Monday 20th April
Monday 8th June

INSET DAYS: Monday 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 – National School Meals Week

Week commencing 18th November

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
Chicken Korma & Rice	Fish Fingers & Sauté Potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Chicken, Mash, Stuffing & Gravy	Sausage & Chips
Pizza & Wedges	Pasta Italienne	Vegetable Sausage Roll & Mash Potatoes	Quorn, Mash, Stuffing & Gravy	Fish Goujons Wrap & Chips
Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Carrots	Peas & Sweetcorn	Hot Chicken Baguette	Baked Beans, Peas
Chocolate Oatie Biscuit Mixed Fruit Platter	Vanilla Sponge Mixed Fruit Platter Yogurt	Frozen Yogurt Mixed Fruit Platter	Quorn Baguette Mixed Vegetables Chocolate Muffin Mixed Fruit Platter	Kracholette Mixed Fruit Platter Yogurt

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.