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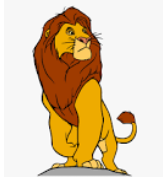
Dear Parents,

Christmas Shows and Tickets

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Shows this year are; 'Scarecrow's Christmas' starring the children from Key Stage 1 & Foundation Stages (Year R, 1 and 2). The Key Stage 2 children (from years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will star in 'The Lion King.' Practising has now begun and the performances are only 3 weeks away. There are three performances of each show and the dates and times are as follows:



KS1 & FS) 'Scarecrow's Christmas'
Tuesday 10th December 1.45pm
Wednesday 11th December 6.45pm
Thursday 12th December 1.45pm



KS2: 'The Lion King'
Tuesday 10th December 7.00pm
Wednesday 11th December 1.30pm
Thursday 12th December 7.00pm

Details About Tickets

The first release of our Christmas Show Tickets will be available for collection on Wednesday 27th November from the school hall at 7.30am

We are restricted by the fire regulations as to the number of tickets for each performance and we will not exceed that number. In the

interests of fairness tickets will be allocated (they are free) as follows:

1. There are two tickets allocated per family for one of the Key Stage performances that your children are in, and these must be collected by **Friday 29th November** at 3.30pm.
2. For one day only, any remaining tickets on **Monday 2nd December** will be offered on a 'first come' basis from 8.15am to Year 6 children's parents (limited to two per family) for KS2 performances and Year 2 children for KS1 performances.
3. Any remaining tickets can be obtained at 2 per family from **Tuesday 3rd December.**
4. If there are any tickets remaining on **Thursday 5th December**, they can be obtained freely from the office.

If you struggle to get to school to collect your allocation then friends/relatives may collect them on your behalf, subject to the above. I am sure that parents appreciate that we are trying to meet the demand for these very special occasions.

Christmas Fair Performance Times



The Christmas Fair is only two weeks away and we need your help running a stall for 45 minutes. To help you decide when you can help out, here are the performance times on the day:

11.15am KS1 choir – School Hall.
12.00 Swing Band – School Hall
12.45 KS2 choir – School Hall
1.15 Brass Band – School Hall.



You can also win your Christmas turkey at our fair and there are two opportunities: at 11.30 and 12.30. The Christmas Fair is the highlight of our extra events for the children, but it will only be successful and enjoyable if we have parents helping on the day.

From Friday next week in the playground, there will be a list of the stalls displayed at the beginning and end of the school day and I would ask you to volunteer to man a stall, even if it is just for 45 minutes.

Our Christmas fair is only two weeks away, so please keep 11:00 - 14:00 on Saturday 7th December free in your calendar to support this great school community and fundraising event. Start thinking about entries for the Lego Masters competition and get ready for the iBox gaming van!

Lego Masters Competition at the Christmas Fair

Children are invited to build a lego model as part of our competition this year. The theme is 'Christmas.' Children are asked to bring in their models on **Friday 6th December** and they will be displayed in a classroom ready to be judged.

The Gaming Van is Back. Book Your Time To Play



The Ibox gaming van will be stationed in the school car park for the whole fair and children can take a

turn. Sign up for a slot the week before the fair.

Countdown to the Christmas Fair



Thank you for the donations of items for our colourful Christmas Hampers today. They look so attractive.

Here are the details for the last two dressing down days:

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.

It's Beginning to Feel A Bit **MORE** Like Christmas!

Christmas Coat-Hanger Appeal

The Christmas Coat Hanger decorations are beginning to arrive in school. And we have about 25. Thank you very much for those. However, we need another 150!!!! We are asking parents to help children to make our infamous coat-hanger Christmas decorations

Here is what 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 at any time now and our aim is to have them all hanging from the ceiling in time for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December – just TWO weeks away! So, please send them in and let us make Christmas special for them!

Well Done Those Children

This week, children from Year 6 have been selling tickets for a raffle that they have organised themselves. They wanted to raise money for the British Heart Foundation Appeal. They had gathered together many prizes and the raffle was drawn today with more prizes to be won next week.

Well done to Evie B, Macie A, Sophie M, Ava E & Katie D.

Toy Appeal Reminder!



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.

Girls Football Report



This afternoon, Mr Stewart took 9 girls to a football tournament at Tytherington. They played some great football across their 5 matches, scoring 6 goals and only conceding 3. Unfortunately, that wasn't quite enough to qualify from their group but every girl should be really proud of the way that they played and how hard they worked as a team.

Reminders



This event is nearly sold out!!

Here is another 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

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 - flyers for the next two weeks for the Christmas Fair

This Week in School

- Children in KS1 had a great day on Wednesday, learning more about the Great Fire of London as they took part in workshops.
- Today, children from Year 6 drew prizes for their raffle in aid of the British Heart Foundation.
- Today, a girls' football team from Years 5 and 6 took part in a football competition.
- Tonight is Disco night!

Next School Week

- Next week, parents are asked to send in Christmas Coat Hanger decorations for the school hall – see above.
- On Tuesday, a former fire fighter will come into school to talk to children in Year 1 and 2 about keeping safe.
- On Tuesday at 6.30pm there is a meeting of the governors' finance committee.

- On Wednesday at 7.30 am, the first allocation of Christmas Show tickets will be available for collection.
- On Wednesday, the NCT drama group will be working with children from LKS2.
- On Thursday morning, there will be a workshop for children in Years 5 and 6. This will follow up their work on their 'Raiders and Traders' topic.

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 25th 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	OFF	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	ON last one	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 last one	Netball	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Outside	Miss Booth
	ON	Cast Rehearsal	3.15 – 5.00	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 last one	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 – 5.00	KS2 cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor
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 22	School Discos KS1 & FS 3.15pm – 4.30pm, KS2 at 4.45 – 6.00pm
Tues 26	6.30 Finance Governors' meeting
Weds 27 *	NCT drama workshops for LKS2
Thurs 28 *	Viking workshop for Year 5 & 6.
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 CLOSES

Christmas 2019/20
Spring Half Term 2020
Easter 2020
May Day 2020
Summer Half Term 2020
Summer 2020

Friday 20th December
Friday 14th February
Friday 3rd April
Friday 8th May
Friday 22nd May
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.

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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 25th November 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

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 Bap with Jacket Wedges	Chicken Hot Pot	Chicken Korma & Rice	Roast Pulled Pork, Apple Sauce , Roast or Mash Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread
Quorn Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges	Falafel Burger in a Bun with Sauté Potatoes	Quorn & Roasted Vegetable Enchilada & Rice	Quorn Fillet with Apple Sauce, Roast or Mash Potatoes & Gravy	Harry Ramsden Battered Fish Fillet & Chips
Vegetarian Cottage Pie	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Pork Baguette	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
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"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Baguette	Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Baguette filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Carrots, Broccoli, Salad Bar	Peas, Cauliflower, Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Ginger Bread & Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter	Vanilla Ice Cream with Warm Fruit Coulis Seasonal Fruit Platter	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Chocolate Oatie Biscuits Seasonal Fruit Platter
Yogurt Dorset Apple Pie Seasonal Fruit Platter			Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar Yogurt Rice Pudding with Fruit 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.