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# Lower Park Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

## Christmas Shows and Tickets Update



*KS1 & FS 'Scarecrow's Christmas'*  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6.45pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm



*KS2: 'The Lion King'*  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm

In last week's Beacon, we informed everyone about the ticket availability for the Christmas shows. The tickets have been claimed enthusiastically and the rehearsals are progressing with even more enthusiasm.

The first allocation has now closed. The remaining tickets can be claimed as follows:

1. 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.
2. Any remaining tickets can be obtained at 2 per family from **Tuesday 3rd December.**

3. If there are any tickets remaining on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, they can be obtained freely from the office.

If tickets for the shows have all been taken, you can put your name on a **waiting list**. Please return any tickets if you find you are unable to use them and we will allocate them to the waiting list.

If you struggle to get to school to collect your allocation then friends/relatives may collect them on your behalf, subject to the above.

## Did You Know

Did you know.....



..... 20% of the profit that the PTA makes comes from parents linking with match funding schemes. Please speak to the office if your company has a scheme you can link with.



**Christmas Fair Performance Times**  
**Please note – choir times have been changed**

The Christmas Fair is only **ONE WEEK** 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 KS2 choir – School Hall.  
12.00 Swing Band – School Hall  
12.45 KS1 choir – School Hall  
1.15 Brass Band – School Hall.



You can win your Christmas turkey at our fair and there are two opportunities: at 11.30 and 12.30.



The turkey bingo takes place in Mrs Hughes/Mrs O'Hara's classroom.

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 TODAY and 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 **ONE WEEK** away, so please keep 11:00 - 14:00 next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, free in your calendar to support this great school community and fundraising event.

## 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 **next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 next week.

**Countdown to the  
Christmas Fair**



*Thank you for the donations of jars filled with sweets. They are really popular at the fair so they are all gratefully received. Today was 'a one-off onesies day' that really put the children in a Christmas mood.*

Here are the details for the last dressing down day next Friday:

#### **FESTIVE FRIDAY**

*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Like  
Christmas!**

**Christmas Coat-Hanger Appeal  
More Needed Please**

**I know our parents won't let us down.** We do not seem to have as many Christmas coat hanger decorations as usual. Currently, the decorations only fill half of the hall.

The children **ABSOLUTELY** love to see the hall filled with the huge variety of decorations. They stare at the decorations every day and chatter about them over lunch.

Thank you to those parents who have already sent one in.

Please could every child have a decoration hanging in the hall or corridors by the time our Christmas fair begins (in 8 days' time).

If you need a reminder, last week's Beacon (number 523) is on our website

at [http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/395192](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/395192)

Please write a label on it so we know who to give it back to at the end of term.

Many thanks.



Let us make Christmas special for them!

#### **Safeguarding!**

**We Are a Nut-Free School!**

Just a reminder that there are children in school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. Please do not send anything into school that has nuts in it. This would include Nutella and Peanut Butter.

Many thanks.

**Ancient Greeks visit LKS2**



Lower Key Stage 2 children participated in a wonderful, educational drama workshop on Wednesday, lead by Northern Core Theatre.

The purpose of this was to extend their learning about the Ancient Greeks, focussing on the Peloponnesian War, whilst being as interactive as possible. Games were played to learn about the Athenian and Spartan soldiers and a large timeline of events leading to and including the period was constructed through a series of tableaux. We were incredibly impressed by the knowledge the children had gained by the end of the session and their fantastic behaviour was also commented on by the leaders of the workshop!

**The Vikings Invade UKS2**



This week, the UKS2 children have been fully immersed in the life of an Anglo-Saxon and Viking child. On Tuesday, they made their own Anglo-Saxon feast (vegetable pottage and cake) using seasonal crops. Even the boiled vegetable water was used to dye wool - the Anglo-Saxons didn't waste any part of their crop.

On Thursday, dressed as Anglo-Saxon or Viking children, we heard the story of Beowulf and Grendel, handled artefacts (guessing their purpose) and played a 'Fox and Chicken' board game.

The finale was a fantastic Viking display of weaponry and armour. The Vikings certainly were fierce (and didn't have horns on their helmets!). The children thoroughly enjoyed these 'hands on' experiences and applied and learnt an amazing amount of knowledge.

**Toy Appeal  
Another 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Rehearsals Next Week**

To allow the hall to be used for rehearsals for the Christmas Show on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, there will be no practice after school.

However, there will be a practice on Friday afternoon and children should bring their instruments and music.

**Photo Orders**

The photo orders have been collected, however, when the photos are delivered to school, the company will collect any late orders which will be fulfilled but may not be delivered to school before Christmas.

**Reminders**



***This event is nearly sold out – but still a few tickets left!!***

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 - flyer for the Christmas Fair.
- To all – Christmas lunch menu.
- To All – Wednesday football club letter.
- To All – Ibox letter.
- To All – Christmas Fair Lego Masters competition flyer.
- To Y3 – Y6 – Multi sports letter
- To All – Flyer for ‘mychild’s art’ for ordering children’s artwork in various forms.

**This Week in School**

- Rehearsals for the Christmas shows began in the school hall on Monday.
- At a meeting of the governors’ finance meeting on Tuesday.
- The first allocation of Christmas Show tickets was released on Wednesday.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, two visiting workshop providers really brought home the reality of the topic themes the children in KS2 have been following – see reports above.

**Next School Week**

- On Monday, for one day only, a release of Christmas show tickets will be available only to parents of children in Year 2 and 6.
- From Monday, parents are asked to sign up to help at our Christmas Fair – a board will be displayed in the playground.
- On Monday, the children in KS2 choir will perform at the Disabled swimmers’ Christmas party at the leisure centre.
- On Monday evening, there will be a meeting of the full Governing Body.
- On Tuesday, the second allocation of tickets will be available (- see above).
- On Thursday, remaining show tickets will be freely available.
- On Thursday at 7.30pm, the PTA are hosting a wreath-making night – see above.

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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	OFF (Cast rehearsal)	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	OFF	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Stewart
	ON	Craft	3.15-4.15	KS2	Miss Cork’s room	Miss Cork
	OFF	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 (last this term)	Computing Club	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Mr Cunha’s room	Mr Cunha
	OFF	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 2nd Half of the Autumn Term 2019*

Date	Event
Mon 2 December. *	Year 6 and Year 2 Xmas tickets available from the office from 8.15am
Mon 2	KS2 Choir to disabled swimmers party
Mon 2	7.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Tues 3 *	2 <sup>nd</sup> allocation of (max 2 tickets per family) available from the office from 8.15am
Thurs 5 *	Any remaining tickets for Christmas Shows available to all.
Thurs 5	Wreath-making night (PTA)
<b>SAT 7</b>	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 CLOSES**

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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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
Margarita Pizza & Sauté Potatoes	Chicken Fillet, Mash or Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sausage Casserole & Mash	Beef Stew & Sweet Potato Dumplings	Chicken Korma Chunks in a Soft Tortilla Boat & Chips
Vegetarian Cowboy Pie	Quorn Fillet, Mash or Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pasta Italiane	Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Jacket Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken 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"/>	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"/>	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"/>	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"/>
Sweetcorn, Broccoli Salad Bar	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Green Beans, Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Carrots, Broccoli Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar
Chocolate Crunch Finger with Fruit Chunk	Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar	Chocolate Brownie	Apple Crumble & Custard Yogurt	Dinky Doughnut with Fruit Coulis
Seasonal Fruit Platter	Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter
	Seasonal 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.