



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Holiday Dates 2020-2021

Please see the holiday dates for 2020 – 2021 at the end of this Beacon

It Is Finally Here!

Our Christmas Fair

Tomorrow
11.00 – 2.00pm



Tomorrow is the big day.
The fair begins at 11.00am.
The gaming van will be in the staff car park whilst other stalls and entertainment take place inside the school.

Don't miss out on:

The Lego Masters Challenge – models.

Turkey Bingo Hughes' room at 11.30 and 12.30

Win a Christmas Hamper

Santa in the Boost Room (next to the library)

Children's Tombola in the library

The bottle tombola in the hall

The BBQ outside at back of hall

Refreshments in the hall

And, of course....in the hall:

11.15 – KS2 choir

12.00 – School Swing Band

12.45 – KS1 Choir

1.15 – School Brass band

Thank you for sending in such delicious cakes and chocolate today.

A BIG THANK YOU ALSO
To all the parents who have signed up to look after a stall at the fair

We would really appreciate any parents who are willing to stay after the fair closes at 2.00pm and help to clear up (hoover the floors and reset the classroom desks etc.)

Christmas Shows and Tickets Last Update



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

The only tickets available now are for
KS1 & F 'Scarecrow's Christmas'
Tuesday 10th December 1.45pm &
Thursday 12th December 1.45pm

Waiting List

If you have a ticket and now find that you cannot attend a performance, please return it to the school office where we have a number of parents on a waiting list.

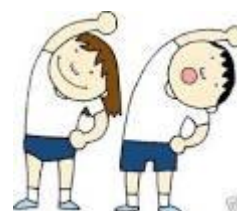
Emergency Evacuation Information for the Christmas Shows

As part of our risk assessment, I would like to inform you of the safety routine, should it be necessary to evacuate the school building during the Christmas Shows.

Should the alarm bell ring – it is one continuous sounding bell – please evacuate the building through the rear external doors of the hall and make your way onto Hazelbadge Road, near to the playground entrance (it would be too dark to assemble in the playground). This would allow emergency vehicles quick access through the main gate.

The staff will take the children out from classrooms and the hall and assemble at that point also. Tempting as it would be to find your child at the first sound of the bell, this would only cause congestion and blocking the exit routes. The children and staff have practised evacuating the school many times and will do so efficiently, meeting you on Hazelbadge Road.

Freddy Fit – Next Friday



Oh yes! As a reward for doing so well in the Christmas Shows, ALL the children will enjoy a fun fitness session with Freddy Fit next Friday.

Children will need their indoor PE clothes to change into for the session.

**Thank You for the Wonderful
Christmas Coat-Hanger Decorations**



A sincere thank you for the wonderful collection of coat-hanger decorations that you have sent in with the children. The hall, entrance hall and corridors are stunning.

There have been several very positive comments made about how original, creative and innovative the decorations are this year. We have full Christmas dinners hanging from the ceiling and a complete solar system for Santa to travel - to name but a few.

They really have made the school feel magical for the children, so a genuine thank you for making it so special.

**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 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.

Wreath Night Success



Last night the PTA Wreath Night was a fantastic success for the 5th year running, with many parents and local friends of the school. There were lots of lovely creations produced; it is amazing how many different variations on a theme there are. We will let you know how much the event raised next week. It has become a much looked forward to annual event. A big thank you goes to Jac Muldoon at Precious Things and their fantastic team plus the PTA team who helped on the night.

Swing Band Rehearsals Next Week

The last practice of the school swing band in 2019 will be on Tuesday morning, 10th December starting at 8.15am.

Christmas Presents

We know it's not quite here yet but just a thought for after the big event. If you have any leftover or unwanted presents for Christmas, please consider donating them to the PTA in January. They will be put to good use either for fairs or as prizes for events such as bingo or quiz night. Your support, as always, is much appreciated.

Vacancy at the Hollies

JOB VACANCY

The Hollies Pre-school, Poynton.
Approx. 34 hours per week, 52 week contract

NVQ Level 3 in childcare preferred.
Minimum English qualification
GCSE Grade C or equivalent.
Shifts will cover preschool and afterschool hours.

Salary details: dependant on qualifications

If you require further information or an application form please phone 01625 850176, and ask for Debbie, or email

manager@theholliespreschool.co.uk
Closing date for applications: Friday 17th January 2020.

We are committed to safer recruitment.

All posts subject to enhanced DBS checks.

Reminders

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.



*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

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This Week in School

- On Monday, the KS2 school choir walked to the Leisure Centre to perform for the disabled swimmers Christmas Party. As ever, the children performed magnificently.
- There was a meeting of the full Governing Body on Monday evening. It was a full agenda but included was confirmation of the school term dates (and holiday dates) for 2020-2021. They are listed below.
- Last night, parents enjoyed a great evening at the Wreath Making workshop. A great time was had by all.

Next School Week

- On Tuesday, there is a KS1 & FS performance at 1.45pm and a KS2 performance at 7.00pm.
- On Wednesday, there is a performance of KS2 at 1.30pm and a performance of KS1 & FS at 6.45pm

- On Thursday, there is a KS1 & FS performance at 1.45pm and a KS2 performance at 7.00pm.
- On Friday all the children will enjoy a session with Freddy Fit

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 9th 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	ON	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	OFF	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Stewart
	OFF	Craft	3.15-4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's room	Miss Cork
	OFF	Netball	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Outside	Miss Booth
Weds	OFF	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
	OFF	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	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
	OFF	Multi Sports	3.30 – 4.30	KS2	Hall	Mr Stewart
	OFF	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Hall	Mr Longson

Diary Dates for the 2nd Half of the Autumn Term 2019

Date	Event
SAT 7 December	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 Day – see above
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
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.

School Calendar Dates 2020 – 2021

SCHOOL CLOSES

Summer 2020	Wednesday 22 nd July
Autumn Half Term 2020	Friday 23 rd October
Christmas 2020/21	Friday 18th December
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12th February
Easter 2021	Thursday 1st April
May Day 2021	Monday 3rd May
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 28th May
Summer 2021	Friday 23rd July

SCHOOL OPENS

Wednesday 2 nd September
Tuesday 3 rd November
Monday 4th January 2021
Tuesday 23rd February
Monday 19th April
Monday 14th June

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 1st September 2020, Monday 2nd November 2020, Monday 22nd February 2021,
Monday 26th July 2021, Tuesday 27th July 2021

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

Week commencing 9th December 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.