



Lower Park Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Last Beacon of 2019.

As this is the last Beacon of the calendar year, on behalf of everyone at Lower Park, I would like to wish you a very enjoyable Christmas and the very best wishes for 2020.

Very Big, BIG Thank You



Quite rightly, this Beacon has lots of 'thank you' items in it, starting with the fair....

Christmas Fair

In every way, it was an excellent Christmas Fair on Saturday. Most importantly, the children really enjoyed the day with so many attractions for them. The prizes, hampers and raffles seemed better than ever, and wasn't Father Christmas on very good form!!! There seemed to be something for everyone.

A huge thank you for coming along on the day and another big thank you if you helped on a stall during the event or, indeed, before or afterwards.

The children performed magnificently in the choirs and musical groups and we were proud of their performances.

The icing on the cake is that the Christmas Fair raised over £2,000.00 We owe a debt of thanks to the organisers of the fair, Kristen McConkey and Mandi Gatenby who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and were supported by a superb PTA team and school staff.

Christmas Shows Am-A-Zing!!

The scarecrow wasn't scary and the Lion King lived on..... Both Christmas shows were amazing.



Well done to all the children who took part in the shows (every child did take part). Thank you also, to the teachers, office staff and teaching assistants who worked so very hard behind the scenes. A special; mention to Mrs Cunha and to Mrs Mellor who coordinated the Christmas shows and gave the children these fantastic and memorable experiences.

Visit to the Pantomime Next Tuesday

PLEASE BE EARLY!!!

And keep the road clear!

Next Tuesday, 17th December, the whole school will be going to Buxton to see the pantomime. **The children have to be at school in time to register and leave by 8.20am – we have been told that they will not hold up the show if we are late. Please drop the children off at 8.00am and they should come straight into school.**



We are unable to wait for any child who arrives after these times.

In addition:

Please do not park your cars on Hazelbadge Road on Tuesday, as there will be six coaches needing to reach the school gates to collect the children to take them to the pantomime. Cars won't have access beyond the main school gates during the morning.

Also:

Children may bring a small snack for the interval **AS WELL AS** a packed lunch for when we return. For their small snack, please ensure the drink and snack wrappers are disposable and there must be no fizzy drinks (and no nuts).

This should be a great occasion for the children.

Reading Books to be returned to the library by next Friday.

At the end of each term, we need to collect in our library books and ensure that none have gone missing. Please make sure that your child brings in their school library book by next Friday 20th December.

Toy Appeal – Another Thank You



I am sure you will be pleased to know that a car boot full of toys was collected and taken to disadvantaged children in the North West by Mrs McLean.

Thank you for your very kind donation.



No Early Morning Interventions - until after the holiday

The early morning interventions have now ceased until after the holiday. We will inform you when they recommence in January.

'Times Tables Rock Stars' Has Arrived



We have recently purchased a fantastic program called 'Times Tables Rock Stars' for our school. Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. The children in key stage two have already started using it and their feedback has been highly positive. Times table recall speed aids success in maths and we hope that this program will prove to be an engaging and motivating way of doing this. The program is on our ipads and laptops. Every child in key stage two has their own login details enabling them to access it at home and school. Please read the attached letter for further information.

Lower Park Lotto



The lotto winners for December are:-

- 1st Kath Bailey
- 2nd Edward Blaydon
- 3rd Stuart Tyson

Hollies Accepted by Waitrose

In January, The Hollies will be a chosen potential sponsor at Waitrose. If you shop there in January, the Hollies would very much appreciate you supporting them by placing the token given to you at the till, in their named collecting box.

Midday Assistant Needed



We still need more midday assistants. Please consider joining the team of midday assistants, even for one or two days to help us to avoid a crisis at lunchtimes.

If you are willing to joining the team of midday assistants, please contact the school office to find out more about it. We are interested in recruiting perhaps more than one midday who could work part or all of the week.

Contact;
fave.peart@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk
or ring the school office on 01625 872560

Reminders

Leftover / Unwanted 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.

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 you 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.

Job Vacancy at the Hollies

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

Letters this Week

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This Week in School

- The week has been dominated by the wonderful Christmas Shows. They were performed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Today, the children have been out through their paces by Freddy Fit in a fun routine of comedy fitness and dance.

Next School Week

- On Tuesday, the whole school will be off to Buxton to see the pantomime. PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL AT 8.00am
- On Thursday, children will enjoy their Christmas parties, talent show and Christmas dinner.
- On Friday, there will be a Christmas Service for the children.
- On Friday, children will be bringing home their Christmas Coat-Hanger decorations.
- School closes for the Christmas holiday at 3.15pm and reopens on Monday 6th January at 8.50am

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 16th December 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
	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

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 6th January 2020						
	<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
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	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
	ON	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
Fri	TBC	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
	OFF	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Hall	Mr Longson

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

Date	Event
Tues 17	Whole school to pantomime at Buxton
Thurs 19	Christmas Party, Christmas Dinner & Talent Show
Fri 20 *	Children bringing home Coat-Hanger decorations
Fri 20	School closes at 3.15 for Christmas 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 18 th December
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12 th February
Easter 2021	Thursday 1 st April
May Day 2021	Monday 3 rd May
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 28 th May
Summer 2021	Friday 23 rd July

SCHOOL OPENS

Wednesday 2 nd September
Tuesday 3 rd November
Monday 4 th January 2021
Tuesday 23 rd February
Monday 19 th April
Monday 14 th 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 16th Dec 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 PANTO VISIT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY CHRISTMAS LUNCH	FRIDAY
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Organic Beef Burger in a Bap with Sauté Potatoes Quorn Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges Pasta Italienne 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"/> Sweetcorn, Carrots, Salad Bar Chocolate Crunch Yogurt Seasonal Fruit Platter	<h1 style="margin: 0;">All children need to bring a packed lunch to school today</h1>	Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Jacket Wedges Tuna Melt Baguette 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 Vegetables, Salad Bar Chocolate Brownies Yogurt Seasonal Fruit Platter	Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce & Gravy Quorn Fillet with Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce & Gravy Served with Mash/Roast Potatoes, Sprouts, Carrots or Peas Gingerbread Man Snowman Ice Cream Satsuma	Margarita Pizza & Chips Fish Fingers & Chips 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"/> Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Doughnut 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.

My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 6th January 2020

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.