



Lower Park

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Dear Parents,

Welcome Letters

The new welcome letters have been sent home by email today! In them, we have detailed the curriculum work that the children will be covering this term as well as some important dates. More dates have been added to our forthcoming events at the end of this Beacon too.

Stranger Danger Update

STAY SAFE

I am sure you will be interested to know that the danger alert on Tuesday was because of an attempted theft of bicycles from schools in the area, but the intention of the ‘character’ was unknown when he appeared in Hazelbadge Road very near the end of the school day. Similar incidents had occurred at other schools, including at Poynton High School, where expensive bicycles were stolen. Fortunately, none of our children’s bicycles went missing. However, I would advise parents to consider whether they should apply a bicycle lock when leaving bikes in our bike park (which they do at their own risk).

I have also learned of a 15-year-old girl being approached in the Coppice Road area at the end of the school day on this week. No harm was done in this case, but it is always wise to alert parents and the other Poynton schools too.

Consequently, during the some of the assemblies this week, we have focused on reminding the children about ‘Stranger Danger’ so that the children are reminded again about what to do in that kind of situation and how to keep safe.

Another Reminder

Schools can be easy places for bugs to spread quickly and we have seen this over the past few weeks, as many will have had first-hand experience of the sickness bug in your family. It has been a hard one to cleanse out. For any sickness bug or stomach upset, we do not allow children back into school for 48 hours after the last symptom. There are still a couple of children who have symptoms of the bug this term, but it is less now than before the Christmas holiday.

Head lice is one that occurs from time to time and we notify your child’s class when we know of it. There is a simple remedy now but usually, everyone in the household needs to treat themselves.



Although we have no notifiable incidence at the moment, there are some other nuisance bugs that we try to prevent getting into school and we are currently reminding children about being hygienic in school; washing their hands after every time they have been to the toilet and before going in for lunch.

Please endorse this requirement - that the children should do this at school and please be vigilant and let us know if your child has any symptoms, including those above.

Meeting for Year 5 Parents

There is a meeting for parents of children who are going on the residential trip to Ilam on 1st – 3rd

April this term. The meeting will be held in Mr Cunha’s classroom at 6.30pm on THURSDAY 23rd January. It is important for parents to attend, as it is a statutory duty for the school to provide parents with specific information about the visit. The meeting should only last around 40 minutes.

Can Any Parent Help?



On Saturday afternoon, 25th January, some volunteer parents are coming into school to prepare the ground and the general area between the back of the school hall and the Hollies. This is in preparation for work to begin in creating a sensory garden. Volunteers are needed, welcomed and are asked to bring a garden tool and wear wellies etc and come along and help from 1.00pm onwards on Saturday 25th January.

School Strategy Plan Summary



Following the Review Day and governors’ approval, I have attached a one-page summary of the school’s development plan, which we call the School Strategy Plan. You will find it attached to this Beacon email.

A Good Place to pass Over Any Unwanted Christmas Presents.

If you have any presents you find you are not going to use? The PTA can make good use of them as prizes in the various events that take place (the next is Bingo Night on 14th March). Items such as chocolates, perfume, wine, candles etc would be gratefully received and can be dropped in at the school office at any time.

PTA Generosity



The PTA committee, with another new member, met on Monday evening to discuss forthcoming events such as Bingo Night on 14th March and the Plant Sale, which is now scheduled for Saturday 2nd May.

The committee agreed to purchase a new touchscreen for Sapphire Class (Miss Booth's class), which will mean that every classroom has a touchscreen.

It was also agreed to purchase some specialist technology such as visualisers (that can show pupils' work on the touch screens) for each class and more items that will stimulate and challenge the children in technology. Thank you to the PTA. And to parents for supporting our events.

The PTA Monthly Draw Result!



The winners of our January 100 Club Draw for January were:
1st Derrol Waring - £25.00
2nd Wendy Warrington - £15.00
3rd Karen Jacob - £10.00

It is easy to join the Lower Park Lottery 100 Club. Just email the office for details – and you can help the school at the same time as winning the lottery – a 'Win, Win!!!'

A Sponsored Read From 1st February

We are going to launch a sponsored read just before half term. It will be run through Usborne Books, who provided a good reward for children in the last successful event.

Mrs Langdon will launch the event on 30th January with a sponsor form and details coming home the next day. The children will be asked to gather their sponsors from 1st February. The sponsored read will then run for a week from 8th to 14th February. Children can then collect their sponsorship over the half term holiday and bring it back to school by Friday 28th February.



There will then be a book fair after school in the week of 2nd March, where children can claim their sponsorship rewards from Usborne Books and buy more books if they wish.

Last time this was done, the school raised over £4600.00 and it 'swelled' the number of reading books in our library. Thanks to your generous support for all our book fairs over the last couple of years over £7,000 worth of books have been added to our libraries.

Numbers Day Coming Up 7th February

Numbers Day will take place on Friday 7th February when teachers will plan special mathematical challenges for the children. However, the main focus will be on highlighting the new Times Tables Rock Star initiative *when a real rock group may just make an appearance.*

However, on that day, children may come dressed as rock stars in return for £1.00 which we will donate to the NSPCC.

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Currently, there is a new film release about World War One that is highly acclaimed. By chance, this week, Poynton Local History Society have given us a new book about 'Poynton Soldiers of the Great War.' It is an excellent book and it will be in the office if anyone would like to look at it.

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.



Hollies and Waitrose

This month (January), The Hollies is one of the chosen potential sponsors at Waitrose. If you shop there this month, the Hollies would very much appreciate you supporting them by placing the token given to you at the till, in their named collecting box.

Letters This Week

- Newsletters for all year groups have been sent out by email today

This Week in School

- On Monday, the PTA committee met and agreed to fund several technology items.

Next School Week

- There is a meeting for governors at 7.00pm on Monday.
- There is a meeting for Year 5 parents on Thursday at 6.30pm in Mr Cunha's room.

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 20th 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
	ON	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 this term	Netball	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Outside	Miss Booth
Weds	OFF	KS2 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
	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
	ON	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
	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 Spring Term 2019

Date	Event
Mon 20 January	Govs' meeting re ASP & IDSR 7.00pm
Weds 22	Ilam meeting for parents at 6.30pm
Sat & Sun 25/26 *	RSBP Big Bird Watch Weekend
Mon 27	Peter Fraser in assembly
Thurs 30 *	Book Sponsorship Launch
Mon 3 February	Chairs of Govs at 6.30pm
Mon 3	Full Govs' Meeting at 7.00pm
Fri 7	Numbers Day
Sat 8 – 14 *	Book Sponsorship Activity
Mon 10	3.30 – 5.30 Whole-school Safeguarding training
Fri 14	School closes for half term
Mon 24	School reopens
Fri 28	School Discos 3.30 KS1/FS & 4.45 KS2
Mon 2 March	Pupil & Curric Govs at 6.30pm
Mon 2	Environment & Community Govs at 7.45pm
Tue 4 and week *	Usborne Book Fair after school
Thurs 5 *	World Book Day
Mon 9 and week *	National Science Week – surprises in store!!
Mon 9	6.30pm Personnel Govs, 7.45 Finance Govs
Tues 10	Parents' evenings
Weds 11	Parents' evenings
Thurs 12&13	Animals in Tuition
Sat 14	PTA Bingo Night 5.30pm
Mon 15	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Mon 23	Easter story visits this week
Mon 30	Chairs of Govs at 6.30pm
Mon 30	Full Govs' Meeting at 7.00pm
Weds 1 -3 April	Year 5 to Ilam Residential
Fri 3	School closes for Easter Holiday
Mon 20	School reopens for summer term.

*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

Spring Half Term 2020
Easter 2020
May Day 2020
Summer Half Term 2020
Summer 2020

Friday 14th February
Friday 3rd April
Friday 8th May
Friday 22nd May
Wednesday 22nd July

SCHOOL OPENS

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

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Summer 2020	Wednesday 22 nd July	Wednesday 2 nd September
Autumn Half Term 2020	Friday 23 rd October	Tuesday 3 rd November
Christmas 2020/21	Friday 18 th December	Monday 4 th January 2021
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12 th February	Tuesday 23 rd February
Easter 2021	Thursday 1 st April	Monday 19 th April
May Day 2021	Monday 3 rd May	
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 28 th May	Monday 14 th June
Summer 2021	Friday 23 rd July	

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

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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 20th 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 Ginger Biscuit 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.