



# Lower Park

## Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

### Governors met this Week Amazing Outcomes for the School



There was a special meeting of the full Governing Body on Monday, the purpose of which was to review the DFE benchmarking data for the school. The latest school performance data is amongst the best we have had and is the case in every key stage in school.

The document published by the DFE is called the Inspection Data Summary Report (IDSR) and it highlights the following:

- Key stage 2 attainment of the high standard (110+) in reading (54%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019.
- The three-year average reading attainment score (107.3) was in the highest 20%.
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- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard in writing (95%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019 as well as in 2018.
- Key stage 1 attainment of the expected standard in writing (88%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019

- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard (100+) in mathematics (95%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019. Of the 41 pupils, 2 did not meet the expected standard.
- The three-year average mathematics attainment score (106.7) was in the highest 20%
- Key stage 1 attainment of the expected standard in mathematics (90%) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019
- In 2019, 80% of pupils achieved the key stage 2 expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics, significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools
- In 2019, 59% of pupils achieved the high standard (110+) in the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test, significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools
- In 2019, 100% of pupils achieved the key stage 2 science expected standard, significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools.

Obviously, we are very pleased with the results and governors have commended the staff for the teaching and learning that has made these outcomes possible.

### Meeting for Year 5 Parents

A meeting for parents of children who are going on the residential trip to Ilam took place yesterday evening. It is a requirement and condition of children's inclusion on the trip, that

parents receive information and return the documentation (that was distributed at the meeting). A copy of the information given at the meeting has been sent home today with those children who were unable to attend.



### Can Any Parent Help? TOMORROW



Tomorrow afternoon, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January, we need some volunteer parents to come 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 tomorrow.

### School Strategy Plan Summary



Unfortunately, the attachment sent to you last week was incomplete. Please replace the one previously sent to you with the one attached to this week's Beacon.

## Commendation Awards

Commendation Awards are presented to children on Mondays in assembly. The staff, including midday assistants, nominate children (one from each class and one from the midday assistants) each week and they receive a commendation badge. They also receive a certificate which is displayed on the internal noticeboard outside my room. After a week, the certificates are given to the children to bring home to keep. They are used to promote exceptional attitude, approach to work, exceptional kindness, behaviour, helpfulness, consideration and attitude.



This week's winners were:

Samuel L, Max H, Annie M, Jude A, Benjamin B, Charlie C, Cian W, Katy S and Sophie F

Well done to all those children.

## Numbers Day Coming Up 7<sup>th</sup> February

In 2 weeks' time, Numbers Day will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February when teachers will plan special mathematical challenges for the children. 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 and will be collected by the teachers.

The whole purpose of the day is to increase the children's instant recall of their times tables.

## Poynton Lacrosse

Come along and give lacrosse a go – it's a great game and lots of fun. Boys and girls welcome from Year 3 upwards. There are fun sessions on a Wednesday evening (6 till 7pm) and Sunday morning (quarter to nine till quarter to 10) at

Poynton Sports Club. Feel free to just turn up and give it a go. Thanks Rin (Rin Lambert)  
See attached details

## Reminders



Although we have no notifiable incidence at the moment, there are some nuisance bugs that we try to prevent getting into school and we are currently reminding children about being hygienic in school; washing their hands 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 sickness, diarrhoea, headlice, threadworm, scarlet fever, etc.

*Leading up to World Book day: Our next Project*

Our next venture into the world of books into the build up to World Books day. We are going 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 next Thursday with a sponsor form and details coming home on Friday. The children will be asked to gather their sponsors from 1<sup>st</sup> February. The sponsored read will then run for a week from 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February. Children can then collect their sponsorship over the half term holiday and bring it back to school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### *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*

Last chance 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

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## This Week in School

- On Monday, there was a meeting of the full Governing Body – see first item above.
- On Thursday, there was a meeting for parents of children who are going to Ilam in April – see above.

## Next School Week

- Tomorrow from 1.00pm, volunteers are asked to help prepare our sensory garden area.
- On Thursday, Mrs Langdon will introduce the book sponsorship initiative in assembly.

| <b>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b> |                   |                 |             |                 |                   |                            |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
|  | <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                 |
|  | ON                | Netball         | 3.15 – 4.00 | Y5 & 6          | Outside           | Mrs Chadwick               |
| 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 2020**

| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Event</b>  |
|-----------------|---|
| 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                            |
| Tues 4 *        | Police Car & Talk to reception children                 |
| Fri 7 *         | Road Safety Talk for Year 5 from Cheshire Fire Service. |
| 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 16          | 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 CLOSURES**

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 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

## **School Calendar Dates 2020 – 2021**

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

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021,  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)*

**Kind regards Ian G Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park**

## My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> 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](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 & Sauté Potatoes | Beef Stew & Mash                        | Chicken Korma Chunks in a Soft Tortilla Boat & Chips |
| Vegetarian Cowboy Pie                    | Quorn Fillet, Mash or Roast Potatoes & Gravy   | Pasta Italienne                    | Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Jacket Wedges | Fish Fingers & Chips                                 |
| Jacket Potato with                       |  | Jacket Potato with                 | Jacket Potato with                      | Jacket Potato with                                   |
| Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>            | Chicken Baguette                               | Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>      | Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>           | Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>                        |
| (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>        | Quorn Baguette                                 | (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>  | (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>       | (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>       |  | (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> | (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>      | (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| Sandwich filled with                     | Jacket Potato with                             | Wrap filled with                   | Baguette filled with                    | Sandwich filled with                                 |
| Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>            | Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>                  | Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>      | Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>           | Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>                        |
| Ham <input type="checkbox"/>             | (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>              | Ham <input type="checkbox"/>       | Ham <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ham <input type="checkbox"/>                         |
| (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>       | (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>             | (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> | (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>      | (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| Sweetcorn, Broccoli Salad Bar            | Sandwich filled with                           | Green Beans, Sweetcorn Salad Bar   | Carrots, Broccoli Salad Bar             | Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar                         |
|  | Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>                  |                                    |   |  |
|  | Ham <input type="checkbox"/>                   |                                    |   |  |
|  | (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>             |                                    |   |  |
| Chocolate Crunch Finger with Fruit Chunk | Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar                    | Chocolate Brownie                  | Apple Crumble & Custard                 | Dinky Doughnut with Fruit Coulis                     |
| Seasonal Fruit Platter                   | Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard                  | Seasonal Fruit Platter             | Yogurt                                  | 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.