



# Lower Park Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

### Class Dojo Change / Reminder

Not so much a change, but a reminder.



Class Dojo has been a really good means to convey messages and we will continue to do so but with a reminder. Whilst teachers are always willing to discuss the education of the children in their class, in the interests of teacher's well-being, they will respond during working hours up to 5.30pm on Monday to Thursdays and Fridays until 4.30pm (assuming teachers aren't at meetings until those times).

There are additional ways to communicate with teachers which we also encourage, including phone calls when teachers are free, phone call messages to be passed on or appointments after school - as well as Class Dojo.

Thank you for your understanding.

Thank You!



Thank you to those parents who came on Saturday to help tidy the area for our sensory garden - much appreciated. It feels like we can make a start now.

### Numbers Day Coming Up - Next Friday!



A letter was sent home this week to prepare you for our Numbers Day. The 'Day' will take place next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, when teachers have planned special mathematical challenges for the children. The main focus will be on highlighting the new Times Tables Rock Star initiative. However, on that day, children may come dressed as rock stars or in KS1 wear an item of clothing with a number on it 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.

### Sponsor Forms Coming Home Today



Yesterday, Mrs Langdon spoke to the children in assembly about our new sponsored book challenge. A letter and forms should have arrived home with the children today that explains all about it. Just to emphasise, we have told the children that they must gain parents' permission first when asking people to sponsor them. A copy of the letter and forms brought home today is attached with this 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:

Chloe W, Evie B, Korby A, Alyas E, Neve H, Ellie M, Jacob A, Amelia H and Bobby A.

Well done to all those children.

### Family Fundraiser

See the flyer attached with the beacon for details of a family fundraiser event being held at the Poynton Legion club on 21<sup>st</sup> March in aid of JDRF a charity in support of type 1 diabetes.

### Parking Problems

I have had further complaints this week and concerns raised about cars being parked in such a way as to cause a danger to children and parents coming to and from school. The concerns are that parents who park with their car wheels on the pavement are in danger of opening car doors into oncoming pedestrians (children they may not see) and / or not leaving enough space to walk past, particularly with a push chair.

There are additional hazards and inconvenience caused by cars being parked in a way that blocks the passage of larger vehicles, A refuse lorry could not pass between two parked cars on Hazelbadge this week and one car had also blocked the road into Hazelbadge (West) road.

It is a real concern that if an ambulance needs to get to school to attend a child, they would not be able to pass by double parked cars that have not left sufficient space.

Please do not increase the dangers to children when choosing a place to park that may cause a risk.

### Great News and Congratulations to the Hollies



A proud message from the Hollies:

“As you may have been aware, OFSTED visited the Hollies to carry out their inspection on 16th January 2020.

The inspectors made judgements on four areas:

Quality of education  
Behaviour and attitudes  
Personal development  
Leadership and management.

We are delighted to state that we were outstanding in all of these areas thus resulting the setting to be **OUTSTANDING** overall.

It has become increasingly difficult to achieve **OUTSTANDING** status since the introduction of the revised OFSTED Inspection Framework in September 2019. Hence this is a fantastic result which we are all very proud of.”

### 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 launching 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 launched the event on yesterday, illustrating some books and showing a sponsor form and details are coming home today. The children will be asked to gather their sponsors from 1<sup>st</sup> February (tomorrow). 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.



### 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)

### Letters this Week

- Letter to all parents about Numbers Day on 7<sup>th</sup> February

### This Week in School

- On Saturday, willing parent volunteers did a spot of gardening in the area that will be the location for our sensory garden – thank you!
- Yesterday, Mrs Langdon launched our book challenge in assembly.

### Next School Week

- There is a meeting of the full governing Body on Monday at 7.00pm.
- NB – No swing band practice on Tuesday – I am at a meeting.
- On Tuesday, policemen in police cars will be visiting school and talking to the children in our reception classes as part of our PSE programme.
- On Friday, we are challenging the children with maths in a fun way for our Numbers Day. This year we are focusing on Times Tables Rock Star.
- On Saturday, the book sponsor activity begins.

| <b>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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   | OFF                        | 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 last one this half term | 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>                                   |
|-----------------|--|
| 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           | Numbers Day – see above                        |
| 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**

|                       | <u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u> | <u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Spring Half Term 2020 | Friday 14th February | Monday 24th February |
| Easter 2020           | Friday 3rd April     | Monday 20th April    |
| May Day 2020          | Friday 8th May       |                      |
| Summer Half Term 2020 | Friday 22nd May      | Monday 8th June      |
| Summer 2020           | Wednesday 22nd July  |                      |

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**

|             | <u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u>            | <u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 18th December            | Monday 4th January 2021          |
| Spring Half Term 2021 | Friday 12th February            | Tuesday 23rd February            |
| Easter 2021           | Thursday 1st April              | Monday 19th April                |
| May Day 2021          | Monday 3rd May                  |                                  |
| Summer Half Term 2021 | Friday 28th May                 | Monday 14th June                 |
| Summer 2021           | Friday 23rd 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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   |
| 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<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> | Jacket Potato with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> | Pork Baguette  | Jacket Potato with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jacket Potato with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> | Baguette filled with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sandwich filled with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>    | Quorn Baguette   | Wrap filled with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| Baguette filled with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>    | Carrots, Broccoli, Salad Bar   | Peas, Cauliflower, Salad Bar   | Jacket Potato with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(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<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>    | Chocolate Oatie Biscuits Seasonal Fruit Platter  |
| Yogurt<br>Dorset Apple Pie<br>Seasonal Fruit Platter   |  |  | Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar<br>Yogurt<br>Ginger Biscuit<br>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.**