



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

The Return of Mrs Potts.....

It is good to see that Mrs Potts has returned to her teaching. The children and staff are really welcoming her back after a period of maternity leave. Baby Oscar was not as pleased not to have her full attention, but he is still smiling. Mrs Potts will be teaching again in Years 5 and 6, bringing her English specialist skills to the children. She has reduced the number of days of her teaching to 3 and will be in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Your Number's Up!



The day started well with an assembly that *rocked the times tables* – in more ways than one. Apart from the fun numbers challenges, fresh from his role in live theatre, Ben Jones was the surprise rock star and performed for the children. However, it all helped to make maths fun. The main objective of the day was to improve the children's instant recall of their times tables and the lead up to today and the activities certainly helped. The children were all 'Times Tables Rock Stars' today. A tutor from 'Mathnasium' worked with all the children today. If you are interested in following up, see the attached flyer.

Sponsored Read Begins Tomorrow

Ready, Steady Go.....and....



Our sponsored read begins tomorrow and we have asked the children to read as much as they can over the next week. So, as well as numbers day, we are trying to make reading fun too, whilst also increasing the number of books in our libraries. Please encourage the children to read as much as possible.

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:

Connor C, Isla M, James R, Oliver J, Aaron N, Zac R, Harriette B, Danny H, Sam S and Archie L.

Well done to all those children.

Whole-School Safeguarding Training on Monday

All staff members will receive safeguarding training on Monday after classes leave school. Staff receive this mandatory training every three years. Teachers will be unable

to conduct meetings with parents at the end of the day on Monday.

Safer Internet Day – Next Tuesday



There will be an assembly next Tuesday led by the Community Support Officers who will be talking to the children about how to keep safe whilst on the internet.

We teach the children about being safe and parents can also learn more from the information on our website at:

<http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/page/rules-and-tips-for-children/38973>

and

<http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/page/e-safety/36889>

Art Competition

On Thursday night, six year 5 pupils attended Stockport Grammar School to showcase a piece of their artwork. The children had to create an artistic piece under the subject, "Self portrait". Amber K, Sam S, Martha J, Saanvi H, Cara T and Abigail W were fantastic ambassadors for Lower Park and each child produced a masterpiece for the competition. The children should be very proud of themselves as we are of them.



Governors' Meeting Last Monday



There was a meeting of the full Governing Body on Monday this week. As usual, it was a full agenda with many items on it to keep us busy. The Governing Body has four sub-committees with terms of reference and places on these committees were confirmed during the meeting.

The headteacher's report was discussed in depth and the following policies were approved:

Whistle Blowing Policy

Curriculum Policy

Disability Equality Policy and Accessibility Plan

These policies can be viewed on our website under 'Essential information.'

The school evaluation form (SEF) was discussed as well as receiving reports from governors who had visited the school since the last meeting.

Other items on the agenda included: Liaison with the Hollies

The Housing Development (no news there)

Safeguarding Update (regular item)

Health and Safety – review of external assessment (with a very positive outcome)

Minutes of governors' meetings are available by request from the school office.

Mrs Marley's Music Lessons -Next Week

Lessons with Mrs Marley will be on Monday next week. Please remind children to bring their instruments and music to school.



School Council Meeting

The School Council met yesterday and discussed new issues, including improvements to the netball hoops and whether everyone would like cheesy potatoes to be brought back onto the menu. They managed to get Mr Stewart into action about the netball posts and followed up their vote for cheesy potatoes, by going to discuss it with Mrs Laffey. Of course, Mrs Laffey is looking into that for them.

School Discos - Just After Half Term

Our next school discos are on the first Friday after half term. Once again, FS and KS1 will go straight to the disco from their classes. Admission will be by returning the form, which will be sent home. It is also the way to order a snack, as there will not be snacks available to buy during the first disco.

The Key Stage 2 disco starts at 4.45pm and the usual ticket entrance applies and there will be snacks available to buy in the second disco.

Indoor Netball Camp



Poynton Junior Netball Club are running a netball camp on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February at Poynton Leisure Centre. See the flyer sent with this Beacon for more details.

Hollies' Holiday Club

The Hollies are running a rather interesting holiday club during half term. Want to know more? See the attached flyer.

Reminders



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.

Importance of washing hands

Thank you for your understanding.



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 current venture is into the world of books in the build-up to World Books day.

The sponsored read runs 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 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.

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

- To Year 6 – by email re Leavers Hoody

This Week in School

- There was a meeting of the full Governing Body on Monday
- A Police Car arrived in the playground on Tuesday – but there was no alarm, as the police

were showing the car to our reception children.

- Today we have had a numbers day – see above.

Next School Week

- On Monday, all members of staff will receive safeguarding training after school.

- Tuesday is our Safer Internet Day and children will hear from our Community Support Officers.
- On Thursday, School Health will carry out hearing tests for those children who missed the previous visit.
- On Friday, school closes for the spring half-term holiday and re-opens on Monday 24th February.

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 10th February 2020

	On or Off?	Activity	Time	Yr Group	Venue	Organiser
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
	OFF	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
	OFF (Heads' meeting)	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
	OFF	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Hall	Mr Longson

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2020

Date	Event
Sat 8 – 14 February	Book Sponsorship Activity
Mon 10	3.30 – 5.30 Whole-school Safeguarding training
Fri 14	School closes for half term
Mon 24	School reopens at 8.50am
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 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 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 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 10th 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

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
Quorn Bolognaise	Quorn Fillet, Mash or Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pasta Italienne	Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Jacket Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken 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"/>	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"/>	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"/>	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"/>
Sweetcorn, Broccoli Salad Bar	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Green Beans, Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Carrots, Broccoli Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar
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	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.