



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,
I would like to alert parents that there is a great deal of information that has been sent home by email today . We felt it better to provide it all in one go ahead of the next half-term to enable parents to plan ahead.

Sad News

I hope that parents received the letter I sent home by email yesterday. The letter gave the news as follows:

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that one of our long-serving midday assistants, Mrs Val Eaton, passed away on Monday of this week. Mrs Eaton's devotion to this school was absolute in her 20 years of being an employee at the school.

In the last years of her life, Mrs Eaton has been an active governor of the school and latterly monitored the maths curriculum. She would be a regular attendee at any school function and liked nothing better than to be with the children. Mrs Eaton also sat in at school council meetings, went to pantomimes as a helper and even invigilated the Year 6 SATs.

However, the children will remember her most in her role as midday assistant with the task of bringing the children into the hall in lines for their lunch. Without doubt, she was well-loved by the children and staff and we will miss her dearly.

We would appreciate your helping to support the children who are upset by this sad news, as we will support them here too. We have attached some guidance for parents and carers from Child Bereavement UK, which you may find helpful.

As a school, we are thinking about ways in which we can commemorate Mrs Eaton and would welcome any suggestions or ideas from our school community.

Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Today in school, we talked with the children in Years 5 and 6 , who knew her longer, about Mrs Eaton and talked about the celebration of her time at Lower Park with the children.

Letters Home Today

The following is a summary of the several letters which have been emailed to you today but we do want you to know what they are about.

As Science Week approaches, we have planned some first-hand experiences for all the children in the school:



1. A letter to all parents about three events that we have been planned for the next half-term. We think that parents will appreciate having all the information in advance of half-term. They include the arrangements for: Bringing 10 'living eggs' into school so that the children can see the chicks hatching.

Animals in Tuition will be bringing in some animals for the children to see and handle (if they wish).

A **surprise visit** by sh! - the children will be amazed and will hardly be able to wait to tell you about it on the day.

We are asking for a small donation to make these events happen and the details are in the letters.

2. A letter about **World Book Day** and a task for the children to do (perhaps over half-term). There is little or no cost involved but it will surely raise the children's interest in reading.

3. A letter to parents of children in Year 6 about a **SATs information evening** on 26th February.

4. Order forms for the KS1 **school disco** that takes place on the first Friday after half-term. KS2 arrangements are as previously mentioned, however entry is £1.50. Please check your emails for all the information.

5. Letter about Cricket Club.

Sponsored Read Update

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



We also need to remind children to gather in the mindy for our sponsored read. The children will then be given a voucher to the value of half the collected money to spend at the book fair planned for the week of Tuesday 4th March. The money they have collected can be sent in from the first day back after half-term.

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:

Marley M, Maia H, Sofia L, Jasmine A, Ella L, Daniel L, Holly L, Caitlin K, Jaiden B, Ben H and Hollie A.
Well done to all those children.

Building Work Over Half-term



During the half-term, work will be undertaken to replace some of the windows and the door at the front of the school. There will be scaffolding, parked cars and vans coming and going at the front of the school. Parents should take extra care if bringing children to and from the Hollies' Holiday Club.

Coronavirus Update

Parents will be wondering about an update on this outbreak. We want parents to know that we are will continue to follow the official guidelines and, at present, the risk is low. If or when that changes, we will, of course, inform parents.

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 class. Admission will be by returning the form, previously emailed & which is attached to this Beacon, by Weds 26th February. Entry is £3.50 & includes 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 KS2 disco.

Lower Park Lotto



February's lotto winners 🎉
1st Stuart Tyson
2nd Christine Porter
3rd Phil Lynch

Please contact the school office if you would like to help the school and win prizes by joining our lotto.

Hollies' Holiday Club

The Hollies are running a rather interesting holiday club during half term. Their contact number is 01625 850176

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 ran for a week from 8th to 14th February. Children should now collect their sponsorship money 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.

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). I am contactable at Info@poyntonlacrosse.co.uk or 07734 250786

Letters this Week

- To all parents - Science Week letter - by email
- Advice to parents re: Bereavement - attached to this Beacon.
- KS2 Letter about World Book Day - by email
- Letter to Year 6 parents about a SATS information evening on 26th February - by email
- To KS1 Disco booking form paper copy
- Yrs 1-3- Dodgeball letter
- Letter re Cricket - attached

This Week in School

- Members of staff and governors attended safeguarding training on Monday after school.
- For Safer Internet Day, the children's assembly was led by the Community Support Officers.
- School closes today for the half term holiday and reopens on Monday 24th February.

Next School Week

- The school reopens at 8.50am on Monday 24th February.

- Tickets for the school discos will be on sale again from the office from Monday 24th February.
- There is a meeting for parents of children in Year 6 re: SATs at

6.30pm on 26th February in Mrs Jones/Chadwick's classroom.

- Those children attending the KS1 and FS disco straight after school on Friday should return the

order form (for entrance and snacks) to the school office.

- The school discos take place on Friday 28th February.

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 24th February 2020</i>						
	<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	8.15 – 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
	OFF (Discos)	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

Date	Event
Sat 8 – 14 February	Book Sponsorship Activity
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

SCHOOL CLOSSES

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

SCHOOL CLOSES

Summer 2020	Wednesday 22 nd July
Autumn Half Term 2020	Friday 23 rd October
Christmas 2020/21	Friday 18th December
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12th February
Easter 2021	Thursday 1st April
May Day 2021	Monday 3 rd May
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 28th May
Summer 2021	Friday 23 rd July

SCHOOL OPENS

Wednesday 2 nd September
Tuesday 3 rd November
Monday 4th January 2021
Tuesday 23 rd February
Monday 19th April
Monday 14th 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 24th 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
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.