



Lower Park

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Dear Parents,
A BIG surprise is coming for the children on Tuesday – ask them about it when they get home that evening.

Mrs Eaton

Parents and children may be interested to know that the funeral for Mrs Eaton took place on Wednesday this week and it took the theme of a celebration of her life. Several members of staff (past and present) and governors attended the funeral and tributes were made to her. The school has decided to plant two blossom trees in the new Sensory Garden in her memory.

A Big Reading Week - Next Week Including World Book Day

Following straight on from the sponsored reading appeal, the book fair will run after school on Tuesday and Friday next week. On Thursday, teachers have planned a really exciting day for the children for World Book Day. In KS2, they will be sharing their mystery books. Children will ‘guess the book within the jar’ and then represent them in different ways, eg, through ICT, art etc. They can come dressed as a book character and are also invited to bring a pair of slippers to wear inside school. In KS1 and FS,

Sponsored Read Update Book Fair Next Week

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



A big thank you for helping with the sponsored book initiative. Please send all monies in AND come to the book

fairs that will take place after school on Tuesday and Friday next week. The children will be able to spend their vouchers on books at the book fair to the value of half the money they have collected and also spend their World Book Day voucher. The book fair will take place in the school hall or entrance hall areas.

Building Work Over Half Term – Will Continue at Easter



Only part of the building project was completed at half term. Windows in the school offices were replaced but the large hall window and front door were not manufactured in time for the work to be done at half term. Assuming there are no problems, they will be installed during the Easter holiday.

Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update

We are closely adhering to the official Public Health guidance and the official advice given to schools. The current position is that children should come into school unless they have stayed in one of the affected and named locations or show symptoms of the disease. We have sought specific advice regarding our school and there are no concerns at present. However, if the situation changes, we will alert you accordingly. Meanwhile, the staff have been alerted to the official advice regarding schools with reminders displayed in staff areas and we will be

watchful for any child or adult that may have symptoms.

In Addition.....

Importance of washing hands



We will step up our reminders to the children to wash their hands in school, especially after going to the toilet and before 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, particularly the following: fever, shortness of breath, coughing. If these symptoms occur at home, please follow the recommended action, which is to keep the children at home and ring NHS 111.

Calling on Your Skills

As part of one of the school’s main development priorities, we are focusing on ‘aspirations.’ We would like to invite any willing parents in to deliver a 15- minute talk in assembly. This would be during Mr Coulson’s whole school assembly when we ask that you talk to the children about your career, what skills and education you needed to be successful and what you love about your job. We hope this will inspire the children, introduce them to future prospects they may not have heard of and break down any gender stereotypes. Please contact the school office if you are available on Monday mornings from 10:30 to 10:45 and let them know the job you have and the date you would be available. We hope that many of you will be willing to come in from a wide variety

of career paths; the only requirement is that you are passionate about what you do.

Parents' Evening Booking from
Next Tuesday.
Parents' Evenings – 10th & 11th
March

Key Stage 2 (see at the end of this item for Mrs Marshall and Mrs Mellor's classes):

Following the favourable feedback from parents after the change of format for parents' evening in October, we are continuing with our new appointment system. This makes it possible for KS2 parents to meet with the teacher who teaches their child for English and maths (they may be different to your class teacher).

Please make only **TWO** appointments which are five minutes each. You choose which two teachers you wish to meet for 5 minutes each. You can use your two appointments consecutively with one teacher.

The meetings will be strictly timed with the sounding of the bell, when we will insist that you end your meeting. This is important so that other parents' appointments are not compromised or reduced.



Our website is still unable to create one on-line form to make the two appointments. Therefore, the bookings will have to be made on a paper form that we will display in the library from 7.00am on Tuesday morning next week (to allow you to book an appointment before going to work). This worked very well in the autumn term.

Usually, every parent makes an appointment to meet with teachers on one of our two parents' evenings, which take place this term on 10th and 11th March.

KS1 & Reception classes:

We invite parents of children in KS1 and reception classes to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher for either Tuesday 10th or Wednesday 11th March. These appointments will also

be done on the paper form available from 7.00am on Tuesday morning, 3rd March. The appointments for parents of children in KS1 and FS are for 10 minutes.

From next Tuesday, from 9.30am to Monday evening 9th March, the booking forms will be on display in the entrance hall and from 9.30am on Tuesday 3rd, you can also make the appointment via a phone call to the school office.

The meetings will take place in the school hall, although we also ask you to visit your child's classroom, where you can look through your child's books and view the displays on the classroom walls.

Report form:

Again, in response to favourable feedback, we are continuing with our new report form and this enables the targeted meetings to take place, Details of what work has / is being covered, is on your child's class page on our website.

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Mrs Mellor and Mrs Marshall's
Classes

Unfortunately, due to being unwell, Mrs Mellor and Mrs Marshall will not be available to meet with parents at parents' evenings on 10th and 11th March.

The meetings will be rearranged for later this term. We will let you know when we have the dates and we are sorry that there is a delay.

Bingo Night
Saturday 14th March
Change of Start Time to 5.00pm



Our Bingo nights are very popular so please ensure you buy your tickets in good time. Here are the details: Bingo Night 14th March starts at 5.00pm. Tickets are on sale now from the school office at £2.50 per family. Thai food can be purchased on the night priced at £6.00 per adult, £3.00 per child.

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:

Connie D, Xander G, Aurita S, India G, Sofia M, Daisy G, Isabel H, Abby W, Macie A and Callum J.

Well done to all those children.

Thank You to Poynton Round Table

The school would like to thank Poynton Round Table for a very kind donation of £377.00 to school. This is a thank you for selling Bonfire Night tickets in school.

They are donating a further £150 for the help given by PTA members for helping on Santa's Round and looking after him so well.

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.

Thank you for your understanding.

Leading up to World Book day: Our Reading Project



There will be a book fair after school on Tuesday 3rd and Friday 6th March (next week), when 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

- Year 5 – email re Ilam balance
- To all- by email World Book Day menu flyer
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This Week in School

- School reopened on Monday after the half-term break.
- On Wednesday, there was a meeting for parents of children in Year 6, regarding the SATs in May.
- Today is disco day.

Next School Week

- On Monday, there are meetings of the Pupil and Curriculum Governors and the Environment and Community Committee meetings.
- On Tuesday from 7.00am, parents are asked to book appointments for our parents' evenings on 10th & 11th March.
- On Tuesday at 3.15pm, there is a book fair in the hall – children can use their vouchers from the sponsored book appeal.
- On Thursday, it is World Book Day – children are asked to celebrate reading in many different ways
- On Friday the book fair is open again after school

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 2nd March 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	8.15 – 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
	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

Date	Event
Fri 28 February	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 Friday 6	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>
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 2nd March 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 WORLD BOOK DAY	FRIDAY
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Margarita Pizza & Sauté Potatoes	Chicken Fillet, Mash or Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sausage Casserole & Mash	Pasta Italienne	Chicken Korma Chunks in a Soft Tortilla Boat & Chips
Quorn Bolognaise	Quorn Fillet, Mash or Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Jacket Wedges	Fish Goujons in a Wrap with Sauté Potatoes	Fish Fingers & Chips
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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, Peas Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
Chocolate Crunch Finger with Fruit Chunk	Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar	Ice Cream	Chocolate Brownie	Dinky Doughnut with Fruit Coulis
Seasonal Fruit Platter	Apple Crumble & Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter Yogurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	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.