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Lower Park School

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We have been making the most of the lovely weather this week. The enrichment and buzz that Lower Park families love and appreciate has been very evident with some of our youngest children already out on school trips and our new Forest School activities launching in UKS2. We have been focussed on the school value of responsible and our children have been demonstrating this by learning about our environment and loving the outdoors. Have a great weekend and enjoy the last of the Summer!

The winning House this week is Green House who may wear their own clothes to school on Monday.

Commendation Awards

Isaac P

Eleanor G

Isabelle C

Isabella J

Edward S

Arun G

Holly M

Jennifer C

Lucas L

George A

William G

Reception

We have been finding out some facts about whales this week and reading some lovely whale related stories. The children have started to make a beautiful whale picture using collage materials.

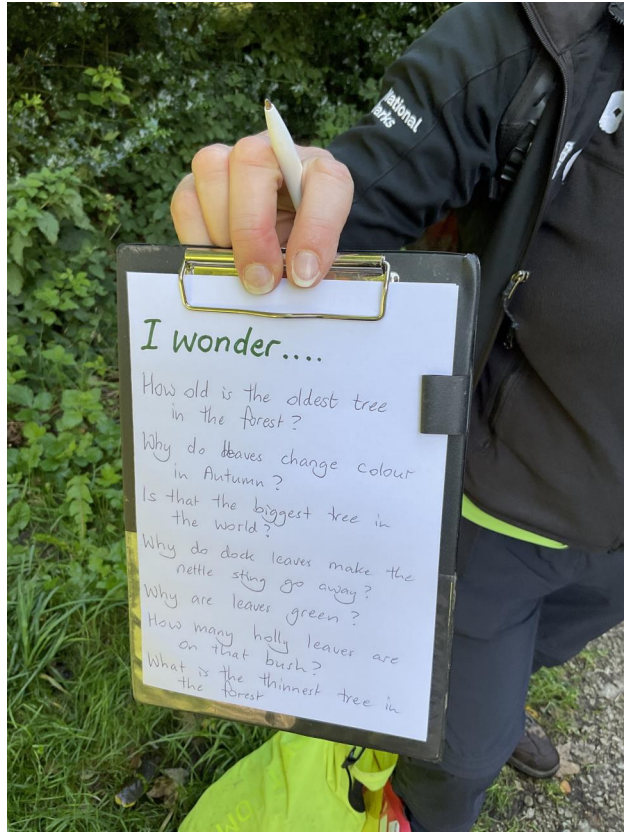




KS1

We have had a fantastic trip this week in KS1. The weather was glorious at Macclesfield Forest and we enjoyed many activities related to our Science topic on plants. We went on a forest walk, where we looked for different plants and trees. We created a nature rainbow with different plants and parts of plants that we found. We also named the different parts of a tree and learned about their uses. Take a look at the photos of all the fun we had!















LKS2

With some sunny weather around, the children in LKS2 have been outside working on their hockey skills in PE. Week 1 was all to do with holding a stick properly, and then using this to perform a push pass whilst keeping the stick below our waists. We coupled that with how to receive a pass and the children really got the hang of this quickly and we have been able to move onto to dribbling with the ball. We have seen lots of accuracy with passes and close control when dribbling and as a whole their skills have been very impressive.





UKS2

UKS2 have had a fun week in the sun. The Year 5/6 class enjoyed forest school with Miss Cork and delighted in using hand drills and saws to create individual designs made from resources foraged from the woodland. They crushed berries with water to create a natural dye to add colour to handmade jewellery and trinkets. In Science, UKS2 are enjoying investigating circuits in our unit on electricity. This week, they have explored the effect of introducing and increasing different components.

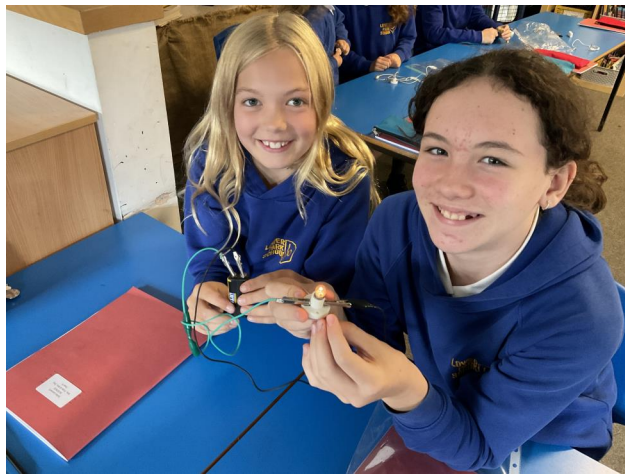
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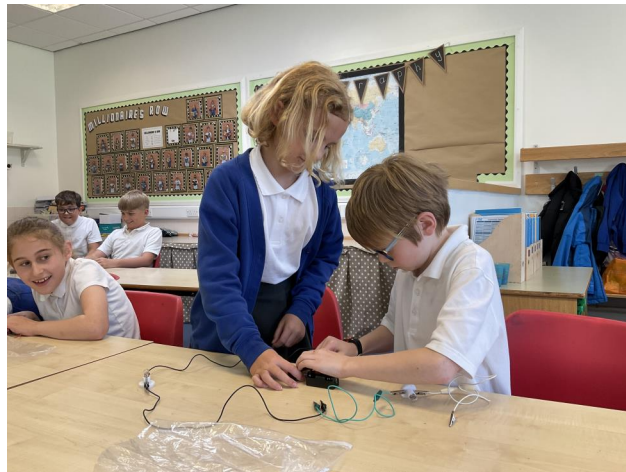
















Attendance - changes to National Guidance

We are extremely pleased that our whole school attendance is 97.6%. We thank you for your continued support of consistent attendance for the children of Lower Park School.

As you will have seen previously in the newsletter, there are some important changes to the National Guidance which will impact on our attendance policy.

Please see attached the one-page information sheet from Cheshire East. The main changes can be summarised as follows:

Increased fine for term-time holidays.


The fine will increase from £60 per parent to £80 per parent. If a pupil has 10 unauthorised (5days) absences within a 10-week rolling period, this will now be subject to an £80 fine.

Repeated instances

If the breach reoccurs within 3 years, a fine of £160 per parent will be issued.

Please note Lower Park school does not issue these fines, nor do we benefit from them. The fines are issued and collected by the local authority.

**PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !**



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024]

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.
10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.
However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence


The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:
£100 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

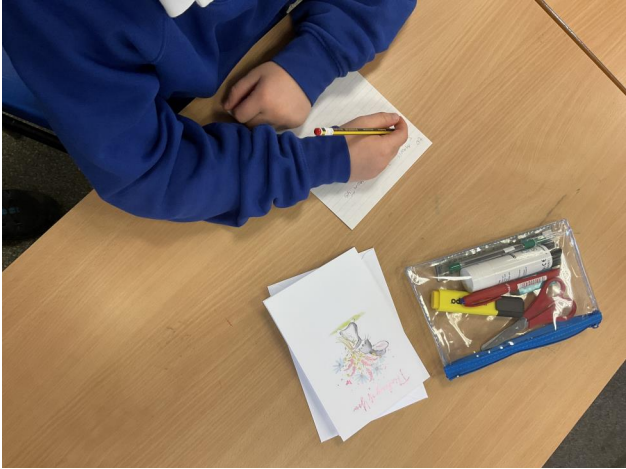
On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

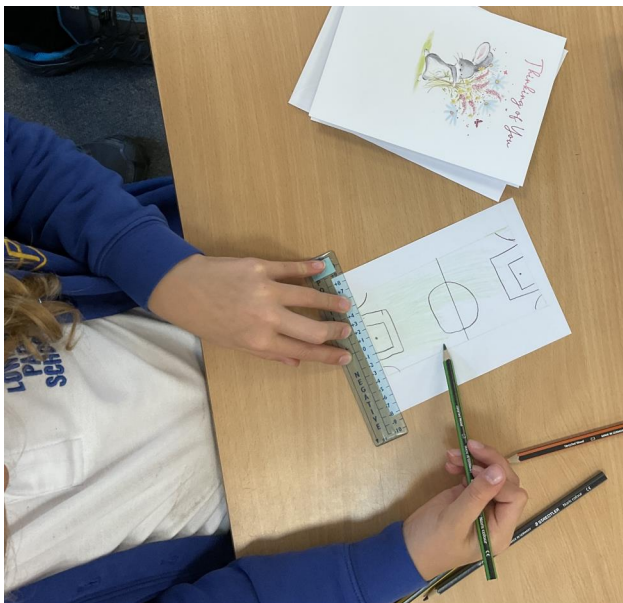


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Thinking of You Week

2024 marks the 10th anniversary of Thinking of you Week. The Year 5 children began the term by writing cards and creating beautiful illustrations for the residents in Hope Green Care Home, Poynton. This was a wonderful opportunity from Hand Picked by Henrietta on Park Lane and the cards were kindly donated by publishers 'Cherry Orchard'.

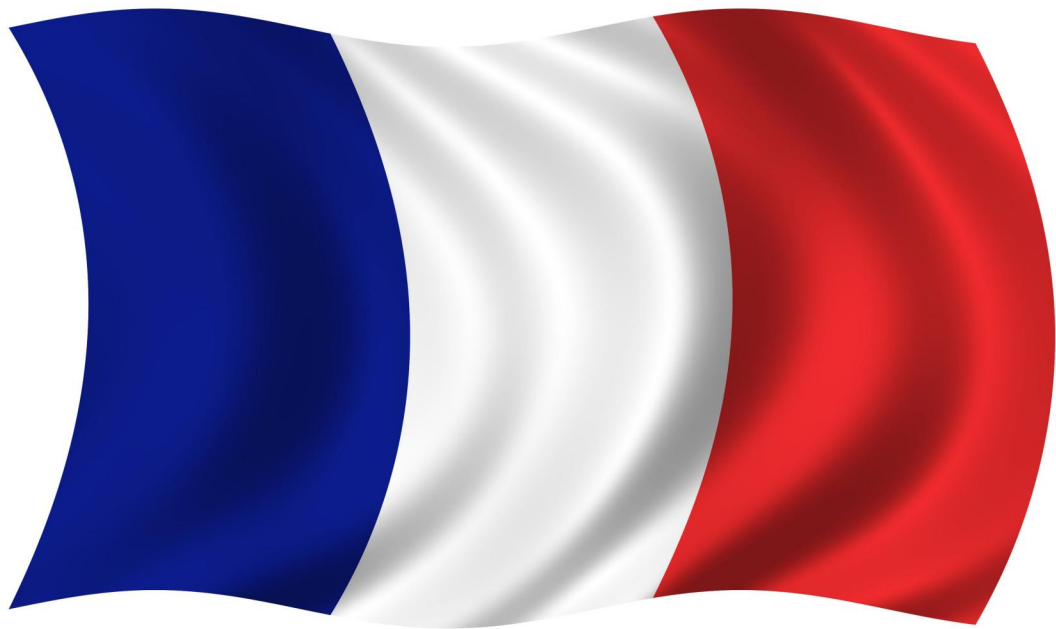








European Languages Day



Thursday 26th September is European Languages Day

Children are welcome to wear RED, WHITE or BLUE to celebrate. We have some exciting activities planned by Mme Munum and Mrs Langdon.

EYFS Curriculum Evening

Parents of children who started in our Reception this month are invited to come into school on Wednesday 2nd October. From 6.40pm onwards, you will have the opportunity to see inside our Early Years classrooms and the meeting will begin at 7pm. The purpose of the meeting is to hear more about the curriculum, how you can help at home and then see a glimpse of the first four weeks of your child's school life. The meeting is not suitable for children to attend and is for adults only. The meeting will last about an hour. We look forward to seeing you. EYFS team

Harvest Festival



Harvest Festival – Tuesday 8th October 2024

Dear parent/carer(s),

We are pleased to share with you plans that we have in place to take all the children at Lower Park to St George's Church in Poynton to celebrate Harvest Festival on Tuesday 8th October 2024.

We have a strong connection with the church and have planned a service that we are sure the children will enjoy. In school, the children will be talking about harvest with their teachers and have been busy practising the songs that they will sing in church.

We plan to walk down to the church at approximately 9.30am for a 10am start. We anticipate that the service will last for approximately one hour and we will walk back to school for around 11.30am and in time for lunch.

Early next week, you will receive a survey via School Spider where you will be asked to give permission for your child to attend the church and to indicate whether you are able to support the visit by assisting in walking the church to/from the church.

In conjunction with St George's Church, we will be collecting donations for 'The Well Spring-Stockport'.


'The Well Spring supports the people of Stockport that are homeless or at risk of losing their home. They provide the resources, understanding, and care that they need inside the community that we all share.'

If you are able, we are sure that the charity would be very thankful of any donation that you are able to offer. If you would like to send a donation into school, we would kindly ask that you send these in on the morning of either Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th October. Can we ask that any items that you chose to donate are non-perishable goods.

With warm regards,

Mr Poole

Forest School



**Lower
Park
School**

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Poynton,
Cheshire,
SK12 1 HE
Telephone: 01625 872560

Email: head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk
Website: www.lowerpark.school.cheshire.sch.uk
Headteacher: Amelia Lomas

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year your child will take part in some Forest School sessions in school with Miss Cork (Year 3 teacher) in the forest area of the school. Miss Cork is currently completing Forest School training and has already completed the practical unit of the qualification. The sessions will be termly and your child's class teacher will inform you when the session will be taking place.

Forest School started in Scandinavia and is a way of learning in a woodland environment. It provides the space where people can develop socially, emotionally and physically through play, following individual and preferred learning styles. Forest School gives children the time and space necessary to develop the tools and skills to become active, brave and curious learners. Our core aim is to engage children in the natural environment and to have fun. For more information, please visit <http://www.forestschoolasociation.org/>.

As Forest School is an all year round and all-weather activity, it is vitally important that the correct clothing is worn by children and adults alike. The only time a session will be cancelled is if there is lightning forecast. The week that it is your child's session, please check the weather forecast and send your child in with appropriate clothing to change into.

Clothing suggestions:

- Leggings, joggers, waterproof trousers.
- Hoodie
- Waterproof coat
- Walking boots/wellies (trainers if it hasn't rained)
- Thermals
- Gloves, hats, scarves

Please note that clothes may get very muddy and wet. If you are having a clear out of wellies or coats, please can you consider donating them to school as back-up clothing.

Kind regards,

Amelia Lomas
Headteacher
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TESCO STRONGER START!

Miss Cork's project to teach the children about sustainability by installing a water butt and creating a calming space with a water feature and sundial has been approved by Tesco. Now it goes to a vote! Please tell all your friends and family who shop in Tesco to vote for our project with the tokens. Below is a list of the stores where voting can be done. Voting will commence in-store from the first week in October 2024 until mid-January 2025. The highest number of votes will receive £1,500!!

Bramhall, Cheshire SK7 1JR

Alderley Road, Wilmslow SK9 1NZ

Dean Row Road, Wilmslow - SK9 2TA

Wilmslow Road, Handforth - SK9 3HQ

Handforth Dean Extra - SK9 3PA

Alderley Edge - SK9 7JT

Bike Shelter

Although there is a little more work to be done on the path, the actual shelter is safe and ready to use!

From Monday bikes and scooters may be left in the shelter, then please continue to use the usual entry gate.

Update from the PTA

Movie night

You may have seen that a movie night was scheduled for next week (27th September), unfortunately the decision was taken to cancel the event as it was scheduled to be outside and the weather forecast is not good! Nobody needs a we bum watching a film in the rain. We're hoping that we can reschedule later in the year.

Doughnut Sale

We'll be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts after school from the gazebo in the playground on Friday 27th September for £1 each. As usual get them while you can...once they're gone, they're gone!

Halloween clothes sale

Please start gathering any unwanted or outgrown costumes and fancy dress, save the landfill and send them to us! Due to the success of the Halloween clothes sale last year we're hoping for more of the same this year; please drop off any items to reception the week commencing 30th September.

Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Autumn 2024

Thursday 26th September European Languages Day workshops (wear red, white or blue)

Friday 27th September - PTA Doughnut sale

Wednesday 2nd October - EYFS new intake parent meeting - 7pm- From 6.40pm in classroom

Tuesday 8th October - Harvest Festival

Friday 11th October 9:00-9:20 – See my books(all parents/ carers are invited in to children's new classes)

Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 16th October - Parents' evening

Friday 18th October Rock Kidz – anti-bullying workshops

Thursday 24th October - PTA Halloween Disco

Friday 26th October - School closes for Half Term

Monday 11th -22nd November – Swimming pool at school for two weeks

8th November - Sibling and individual photos

11th - 15th November - Anti-bullying Week

Saturday 30th November Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December – Wreath Night

Friday 6th December - Freddie Fit

Monday 9th December - KS1 Pantomime

19th December – KS2 Pantomime

Community noticeboard



Space4Autism Drop In Poynton



as part of our Space to Prosper Project

Come along and chat to one of our wellbeing workers for information, advice and support.

**1st Thursday of each month (in term time)
10 am - 2 pm**

**Clay Coffee House,
22 Park Lane,
Poynton,
Cheshire,
SK12 1RE**

For information please email:
outreach@space4autism.org

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Available to parents of children aged 8-16 who live within the old Borough of Macclesfield (including Wilmslow, Poynton and Knutsford)

All enquiries to:
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Sleep Workshop Parent Course - Macclesfield

For parents of children aged 8 - 16yrs old,
living in the old Borough of Macclesfield.

Thursday 17th October
6pm - 7:30pm
at Poynton Civic Centre

For all enquiries or to book a place, email:
parenting@justdropin.co.uk



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WHEN

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6.00pm - 7.00pm

WHERE

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Stockport, SK12 1LR

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Get in Touch



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NURSERY & RECEPTION

Starting Monday 9th
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FREE for all Nursery &
Reception children aged 4-6.

Mondays 5pm-6pm @
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Rd, SK12 1AG

sign up via link or contact
Adam: 07836 282968



CURRENT YEAR 1

We're now recruiting children
in Year 1.

First session **FREE** on
Tuesdays 5pm-6pm @ Hazel
Grove High School, Jacksons
Ln, SK7 5JW

sign up via link or contact
Adam: 07836 282968





FREE

DANCE SESSIONS

Every Friday evening 6.30-7.30pm at
Poynton Civic Hall.

If you are aged between 8 and 15 years old
come along and join in the fun.
No need to book, just turn up!

For further information contact 01625 872238
reception@poyntoncouncil.gov.uk

Follow Poynton Town Council's Facebook page for updates



Dance yourself dizzy!

Poynton youth engagement provided by trained dance instructors in
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QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th October

7:30PM for 8PM start

£5 per ticket

Poynton Legion Club

SK12 1JY

Tickets are available from:
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POYNTON CIVIC HALL: Friday.

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Saturday 19th October
Saturday 16th November
XMAS BINGO Saturday 14th December

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- HOT DOG £4
- MEGA DOG £6
- BEEF BURGER £5
- PIZZA £10
- DIRTY FRIES £8

TO BOOK A BINGO TABLE CONTACT
clubmanager@poyntonsports.com
or call 07984 526 534

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Club Manager - Jane Williams 07984 526 534



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QUIZ!?! NIGHT!

Friday 27th September

Friday 15th November

**XMAS
QUIZ**

Friday 20th December

**7.30
pm**

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF QUIZZING
MAX 6 PEOPLE PER TEAM (£3 per person)

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

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SPORTS OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER FROM 9.30AM

All ages are welcome...
We will bring the
equipment and coaches.
You bring the trainers,
suncream and water!



LACROSSE
9.30am - 11am



**CHESS,
DARTS, CRIB
& DOMINOES**
11am - 4pm



**JUNIOR
CRICKET**
11am - 2pm



TENNIS
1pm - 3pm



**HEALTH &
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Gina Louise
Nutrition will be
joining us to give
advice on physical,
mental and emotional wellbeing.

COME AND TRY OUT A NEW SPORT TODAY!

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a curious beginner, join us for a day filled with excitement and sportsmanship. Try your hand at Tennis, Lacrosse, or Junior Cricket – there's something for everyone!

Open to all ages and skill levels, our Open Day is the perfect opportunity to get active and explore new hobbies as a family or with friends.

Plus, indulge in a delightful artisan market with mouthwatering food vendors, ensuring a day packed with both sport and delicious treats.



Join us at Poynton Sports Club for a fun-filled day of sports, community, and discovery! Don't miss out...come and play!

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Jane Williams on 07984 526 534

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Breakfast and afterschool club assistant

The Hollies Pre-school, Poynton

Approx. 12.5 hours per week (shifts will cover breakfast club and some afterschool) 52- or 38-week contract

The Hollies is an OFSTED **Outstanding** pre-school, located in Poynton in the grounds of Lower Park School.

The vacancy

We are looking for a **part-time breakfast club and afterschool club assistant** to join our team.

Your responsibilities will include: ensuring a safe environment for children attending breakfast and afterschool club, serving breakfast and providing stimulating activities for children aged 2 -10.

Salary details: dependant on qualifications

How to apply

Contact The Hollies' Manager, Debbie, via email (debbie@thehollies.org) or call Debbie on 01625 850176 to request an application form and job description or if we can help with any queries you have about the role.

Closing date for applications 14th October 2024.

Please note: We are committed to safer recruitment. Satisfactory references, evidence of the correct permission to work in the UK and an enhanced DBS Disclosure will be required before the successful applicants could take up the posts.