



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Raffle of the Year



Over the last few days, a group of children from Year 5 organised a raffle in school in aid of MacMillan Cancer Research. They really did organise it well and produced a huge number of excellent prizes. The prizes included; Giant designer bead set, yoo hoo toys, minecraft game, water bottles and stationery to name just a few of the many. They had organised their parents to help them give a free cake for every purchase of tickets. On the first day, they raised over £100.00 and by today, they had taken £242

The children were ;

Anna Peart, Annie Challinor, Esme Ripper, Isla O'Hara, Pippa Banford, Katie Taylor, Mia Nickson, Peggy Johnston, Jenna Mallender, Jess Durban & Emily Ferguson

Very well done to these children.

Harvest Festival
THANK YOU!



I would just like to thank you for the magnificent response to the Harvest Appeal for food donations. There seemed to be an explosion of tins, packets and jars this week and our two stage blocks containing the donations grew dramatically. We have now taken hundreds of food items to the food bank in Hazel Grove.

On Monday, our harvest assembly illustrated what a traditional harvest is like but also how today, we harvest the food from around the world. The children were fascinated to learn that a pizza's ingredients have travelled on average 23,000 miles to reach their plate.

Lining Up at 8.50am Request for Space

We have a problem on a morning with so many children and parents waiting with the class line before the children walk into school. It has become very congested and this presents problems for the teachers keeping their lines together and leading them inside.

When the teacher arrives to take in the class we would ask parents to move away to the back of the line to make it easier for the children to enter school.

Many thanks.

Teacher2Parents
Text Service

*More Donations Needed
and*

*Tell Us When You Change Your
Contact Details*



We want to continue with this service in 2017 – 2018 but we need parents to help us meet the cost. There are still several parents yet to donate for us to continue.

We are asking parents for a donation of £5.00 per family per year, so that texts can be sent immediately to you.

We ask you to forward the £5 contribution which is available for you to pay on line now.

At the same time, please remember that when you change your phone number or your email address, please inform the office. This is particularly important should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Parents' Evenings



Thank you for attending our parents' evenings this week. Almost all parents were able to attend the parents' evening appointments and there were many productive conversations that took place.

Parent Governor Election

Be a School Governor



The election forms were sent out on Tuesday this week. Completed nomination forms need to be submitted to the office by 12 noon on Tuesday 31st October.

Film Night



On Wednesday 29th November the school hall will be transformed into a cinema for the evening with a large cinema screen and popcorn. The film showing will be:-

Lego Ninjago (u)

Film - £3 per child
Snack packs - £1.50 per child
KS1 showing will start at 3pm, KS2 showing will start at approx 5.30pm – Final pick up/drop off times TBC
An order form and final time information will be available on a flyer after the half term holiday.

Christmas Fair



Preparations for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December have already begun! The Friday after half term there will be leaflets in bags with reminders of our dress down days which form the backbone of the fundraising for the fair. These dates are below for your diaries. We are also planning an exciting Lego Masters competition (look out for more details after half term) and a new "Adopt a Teddy bear" stall. We are always looking for toys for the tombola, so if you plan a pre-Christmas clear out over half term and have any 'as new', unwanted toys or teddies, please bring them in on one of the collection days.

Friday 10th November - Onesie day - please bring sweet filled jars

Friday 17th November - Fancy dress (KS1) Sports stars (KS2) - please bring a bottle

Friday 21st November - Out of uniform day - please bring £1

Friday 1st December - Christmas tops/silly socks - please bring cakes

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. Often, we will have a theme for the commendation awards.

The winners this week are:-

Jude Alvey, Finlay Parkin, Bea Kershaw, Elissa Tomkinson, Holly

Loutit, Charlotte Jacob, Niamh Willett, Harry Purslow, Eden Phillips, Cole Grant and Alfie Winn.

Well done to all those boys and girls!

Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.

- Nomination forms for Parent Governor vacancy
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Leaflets attached with Beacon

- Poynton Methodist Pre school Stay & Play flyer for half term
- Hollies Holiday Club flyer

Reminders:

Bonfire Night Ticket Sales

Reminder - If you are planning to go to the Poynton Bonfire and Firework Extravaganza which takes place on Saturday 4th November at Poynton Park, please purchase your tickets from the school office. The Round Table will donate generous commission to our school for all the tickets sold. The tickets are available now from the school office priced:

Family Ticket (2 adults+ up to 3 U16s) £20.00 each

Adult Ticket £7.50 (17 & above)

Child Ticket £4.50 (3-16)



If you want to know more about the Bonfire Event itself, particularly if you are willing and able to volunteer assistance over the Bonfire weekend in terms of site preparation and clearance, please check out their website. www.PoyntonBonfire.co.uk

Matched Funding

If anyone is an employee of a bank (eg, Barclays Bank) you may be able to obtain matched funding for some of our PTA events. We have done this very successfully in the past. If you are a bank employee, please let a member of the PTA, the office or any member of staff.

Many thanks

Games Kit Reminder

Children need to remember to bring

into school their PE and games kit. Children need to wear the appropriate clothes for PE for Health and Safety reasons and we find that some children are forgetting their kit.

We intend to notify parents when children forget their PE kit twice and they will be unable to participate in the activity.

As a reminder, children will need:

All children are expected to wear the School uniform. The P.E. and Games kit is shorts and a T-shirt with pumps for indoor wear and trainers for outdoor wear.

Girls

PE Kit Blue leggings or shorts and Lower Park T-shirt (pumps for summer)

Games Kit As for PE with trainers and track suit

Swimming Costume, towel (and swimming hat for long hair)

Boys

PE Kit Blue shorts and Lower Park T-shirt

Games Kit As for PE with socks, trainers and track suit

Swimming (Year 4 Autumn term)

Costume, towel (and swimming hat for long hair)

Branded track suits are not necessary. We would prefer older clothes for outdoor games as they will become wet and muddy at times

This Week at School

- Our harvest assembly on Monday was enhanced by the huge number of food donations brought in from home. They were taken to the food bank today – thank you.
- On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, our parents' evenings took place.
- Yesterday, the children had their individual and family photographs taken.
- School closed today at 3.15pm for the half term holiday

Next Week at School

- School is closed on Monday 30th October.
- School reopens on TUESDAY 31st October at 8.50pm
- On Wednesday, there will be a school council at 10.00am
- On Wednesday, the Year 6 children are travelling to

Kingswood for a three-day residential visit where they will

participate in a range of activities including ICT

<i>After School Activities taking place week beginning Mon 30th Oct 2017</i>						
	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Yr Group</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser</i>	<i>On or Off</i>
Mon	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mrs Ralph / Mr Atherfold	OFF
	Drama club	3.30 - 4.30 4.45 - 5.45	KS2	Hall	Generate Theatre Arts Group	OFF
Tues	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	OFF
	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha	On
	Girls Football	3.15- 4.15	KS2	Outside	Mrs Ralph	On
	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick	OFF
Weds	Choir	8.15 – 8.50	Y3 – Y6	Hall	Mrs Mellor	On
	KS1 Choir	8.15 – 8.50	Y1- Y2	Mrs O'Hara's class	Mrs Cunha	OFF
	Coding Club	3.30 – 4.15	KS2	Miss King's class	Miss King	Spring term
	Football	3.45 – 4.15	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Les Clitheroe	On
	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mrs Ralph / Mr Ferris	On
Thurs	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	F&KS1	Outside or Hall	Mrs Ralph / Mr Atherfold	On
	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	OFF (head's meeting)
Fri	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson	On

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2017

Date	Event
Fri 20 October	School closes at 3.15pm for half term
Mon 30	INSET Day / Review Day
Tues 31	School reopens after half term
Weds 1 – 3 November	Year 6 Kingswood Residential
Mon 13 - 17	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 13	Peter Fraser in assembly
Mon 13	PTA meeting at 8.00pm (May change)
Weds 29	Film Night – Times TBC
Fri 1 December	9.00 School Nursing Team admin Fluenz to R, 1, 2, 3, & 4
Sat 2	Christmas Fair 11.00 – 2.00pm
Wed 6	1.00 & 2.00pm Christmas Story Trail
Thurs 7	9.30, 10.45, 1.00 & 2.00 Christmas Story Trail
Thurs 7	Wreath Making Night 7.30pm (tickets needed)
Fri 8	9.30 & 10.45 Christmas Story Trail
Mon 11	Afternoon performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Tues 12	Evening performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Weds 13	Afternoon performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Thurs 14	Panto at Buxton (10.00am Performance Leave at 8.30)
Thurs 14	Evening performance of the KS2 Christmas Show
Mon 18	Afternoon performance of the KS2 Christmas Show
Tues 19	Evening performance of the KS2 Christmas Show
Weds 20	Christmas Parties, Christmas Dinner, Talent Show
Thurs 21	Christmas Service 10.00am
Thurs 21	School Closes for Christmas holiday.
Mon 8 January 2018	School Reopens for Spring Term at 8.50am.

*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 with *
TBC means To be confirmed. TBF means To be Finalised.*

School Calendar Dates 2017 – 2018

SCHOOL CLOSES

Autumn Half Term Friday 20th October
Christmas 2017/18 Thursday 21st December
Spring Half Term 2018 Friday 16th February
Easter 2018 Thursday 29th March
May Day 2018 Monday 7th May
Summer Half Term 2018 Friday 25th May
Summer 2018 Friday 27th July

SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 31st October
Monday 8th January 2018
Monday 26th February
Monday 16th April
Monday 11th June

INSET DAYS LEFT: Monday 4th September 2017, Monday 30th October 2017, Friday 22nd December 2017, Monday 30th July 2018, Tuesday 31st July 2018.

School Calendar Dates 2018 – 2019

SCHOOL CLOSES

Autumn Half Term Friday 26th October
Christmas 2018/19 Friday 21st December
Spring Half Term 2019 Friday 15th February
Easter 2019 Friday 5th April
May Day 2019 Monday 6th May
Summer Half Term 2019 Friday 24th May
Summer 2019 Friday 26th July

SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 4th September
Tuesday 6th November
Monday 7th January 2019
Tuesday 26th February
Tuesday 23rd April
Monday 10th June

INSET DAYS: Monday 3rd September 2018, Monday 5th November 2018, Monday 25th February, Monday 29th July 2019, Tuesday 30th July 2019

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 *Jan J Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park*

My School Lunch Menu

Week Commencing 30th October

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
Inset Day	Mac & Cheese topped with Mexican Pork Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Mash (v) 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"/> Mixed Veg, Salad Bar Cookie Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Pasta Bolognaise Tuna Melt Sub 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"/> Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad Bar Lemon Bite Biscuits Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Pizza with Saute Potatoes (v) Quorn Stir Fry with Noodles (v) 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"/> Carrots, Green Beans, Salad Bar Fruit with Ice cream Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Hunters Chicken with Chips Fish Fingers and Chips 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"/> Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar Krachollette Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt

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.