



# Lower Park

## Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,  
I hope you all had a very pleasant half term holiday. We are now entering the busiest half term of the year, but it is the most exciting. Please keep an eye on the forthcoming events page at the end of each Beacon for the latest updates

### Parent Governor Appointment

Be a School Governor



I am very pleased to announce that Mr Paul Kelly has been appointed as our new parent governor. Mr Kelly has a son in year 2. Mr Kelly brings to the Board his experience as an Educational Psychologist and his term of office will be four years as a governor at Lower Park.

His position on the Board is filled because Mr Banford's term of office as a parent governor came to an end. However, the governors wished to co-opt Mr Banford for a further four year and he has another term of office too..

The next full meeting of governors is on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### Film Night



On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 will has been sent home today.

### Christmas Fair



Here is another reminder about our Christmas Fair Dressing Down Days Appeal:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Onesie day - please bring sweet filled jars

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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Out of uniform day - please bring £1

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

### Here We Go Again!!

One of the 'signature dishes' at Lower Park at Christmas, is the way we decorate our school hall and corridors with individually designed Christmas coat hanger decorations. It is probably the favourite Christmas decoration activity we do here and it is so simple and extremely effective, if every child is helped to make one. It really does make our school feel special for the children. We have 150 hooks in the hall and main corridor ceilings ready to receive your brilliantly creative Christmas coat hanger decorations. Our aim is to have a decoration hanging from every hook in time for our Christmas Fair on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Please begin making them over the next couple of weekends and send them into school from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

If this is your first year at Lower Park, this is what we ask every child (with parents help...) to do.

You need one or two wire coat hangers, some common Christmas decorations (tinsel etc) and a good idea. The objective is to make a Christmas mobile that can be hung from a hook on the ceiling of the hall or corridor. It should be built on the coat hanger (or two coat hangers joined together - making sure there is a hook showing at the top – and your child's name attached to the hook would help us to relocate the owners afterwards). The rest, as they say, is up to you. Obviously, we would ask you to help your children and it is intended to be a fun activity (with very little expense). If you still have last year's decoration, send it in too.



They can be sent into school anytime from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November onwards (one week on Monday) and our aim is to have them all hanging from the ceiling in time for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – just three weeks later! So, please send them in and let us make Christmas special and magical for the children again.

### Anti-Bullying Week



I am delighted to inform parents that we have been able to book a theatre company to enhance our anti-bullying work this year. This

year, they will be performing a play called, "The B Word" where 'B' stands for bullying.

The same company performed 'Sticks and Stones' last year and it was an excellent production that brought home the anti-bullying message very strongly.

To accommodate their performance schedule, the production will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> November at Lower Park. We will move our anti-bullying focus to that week.

### New Art Club for KS1 (Y1 & 2)

I am delighted to inform you that we have a new club starting for KS1 (Y1 & 2) children next Tuesday. Miss Cork will be running the club and a letter was sent home this week with details of the club, which will run until 5<sup>th</sup> December this half term.



The club runs from 3.15 to 4.15pm in Miss Cork's room

### KS1 Choir Starts again Next Week

The popular KS1 choir run by Mrs Cunha commences again next Wednesday at 8.15am. Previously for children in Years 1 & 2, it is now also open for children in Reception to attend. If your child would like to join just bring them to Mrs Cunha's classroom at 8.15am next Wednesday.

### PCSO Alert

The PCSO visited school this week to inform us that they are very concerned about the way cars are being parked on Hazelbadge Road. On this occasion, they are concerned about cars being parked near the junction of Chester Road. Whilst these cars may well not belong to our parents' other people are leaving their cars there in order to be near the train station and it is causing a real hazard. The PCSO informed us that cars should not be parked within 10 meters of the junction.

They are also going to be vigilant about cars stopping on the zig-zag lines and a violation will result in fixed penalties.

Please abide by our guidelines and requests when parking cars along Hazelbadge Road.

### Individual and Family Photographs

Today, children should have brought home the photographs that were taken just before half term. Instructions on how to order are on the packet, please send in your orders by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### Poppy Appeal

Next week poppies will be available for the children to buy, please send your child in with a donation if you wish them to buy a poppy. Also available are the items below for which there is a suggested donation amount.



Wristband – 50p

Reflector – 50p

Friendship bracelet - £1

Snap band - £1

The school will also observe the 11.00am 2 minutes silence on Friday.

### Middy Assistant Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for one or more Middy Assistants, the days we particularly need to cover are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Middy Assistant role is a most valuable role to ensure the children have sufficient supervision at lunchtimes. If you or a friend or relative enjoy the company of children please consider this, Mrs Peart or Mr Coulson can talk you through the details. Please ring 01625 872560 or call in.

### Bonfire Night Tickets – Thank You!

Thank you to those parents who have bought tickets at school for the Poynton Bonfire Night. The school receives commission from the sales.

### Did You Know?

Did you know 2 things about the school.....



We have a 'Share' box at school for children to drop in any concerns or worries that they have. A member of staff administers the Share box and helps children overcome and deal with their anxieties.

The school also has a SENCO (a special educational needs co-ordinator). Mrs Jones is our school's SENCO and she can be contacted through the school office phone number – 01625 872560.

### New School Lunch Menu

There is a new Autumn lunch menu starting from Monday. Take a look at the menu at the end of this beacon to see what delights are on offer.

### Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.

- Year 1 & 2 re Art club
- Individual photograph proofs
- Film Night Flyer
- Christmas Fair Flyer

### Leaflets attached with Beacon

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### Reminders:

*We Want to Send You Texts!*



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.

### 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

### This Week at School

- School was closed on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- School reopened on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

- On Wednesday, the Year 6 children travelled to Kingswood for a three-day residential visit where they participated in a range of activities including ICT

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| <b>Next Week at School</b> |
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- On Monday evening there are meetings for the Governors Finance Committee and Personnel Committees

**After School Activities taking place week beginning Mon 6th Nov 2017**

|       | Activity       | Time                       | Yr Group  | Venue              | Organiser                   | On or Off   |
|-------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Mon   | Tennis         | 8.00 – 8.45                | KS2       | Outside or Hall    | Mrs Ralph / Mr Atherfold    | On          |
|       | Drama club     | 3.30 - 4.30<br>4.45 - 5.45 | KS2       | Hall               | Generate Theatre Arts Group | On          |
| Tues  | Swing Band     | 8.00 – 8.50                | KS2       | Hall               | Mr Coulson                  | On          |
|       | 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                | On          |
|       | Art Club       | 3.15 – 4.15                | Y1 & Y2   | Miss Cork's class  | Miss Cork                   | On          |
|       | Cast rehearsal | 3.15 -4.30                 | Show cast | Mrs Mellor's class | Mrs Mellor                  | On          |
| Weds  | Choir          | 8.15 – 8.50                | Y3 – Y6   | Hall               | Mrs Mellor                  | On          |
|       | KS1 Choir      | 8.15 – 8.50                | F & KS1   | Mrs Cunha's class  | Mrs Cunha                   | On          |
|       | 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         |
|       | Cast rehearsal | 3.15 -4.30                 | Show cast | Mrs Mellor's class | Mrs Mellor                  | On          |
| 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   |
| Fri 10 *            | Christmas Fair Dressing Down Day – Where your onesie in return for a jar filled with sweets (not nuts please). |
| Mon 13              | Peter Fraser in assembly   |
| Mon 13              | PTA meeting at 8.00pm (May change)   |
| Fri 17 *            | Christmas Fair Dressing Down Day–Fancy dress (KS1) Sports stars (KS2) - please bring a bottle in return.       |
| Fri 24 *            | Christmas Fair Dressing Down Day – Out of Uniform Day in return for £1.00                                      |
| Mon 27-1 *          | Anti-Bullying Week   |
| Wed 29 *            | Anti-Bullying performance – The 'B' word   |
| Weds 29             | Film Night – 3.pm – KS1&FS, 5.30pm - KS2   |
| Fri 1 December      | 9.00 School Nursing Team admin Fluenz to R, 1, 2, 3, & 4   |
| Fri 1               | Christmas Fair Dressing Down Day – Christmas Tops and Silly Socks – in return for cakes                        |
| 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

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

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

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| 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)  
The Lower Park Beacon is also available to read on our School Website at: [www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

Kind regards *Jan J Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park*

# My School Lunch Menu

Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November

School Meals are free for Reception & KS1 and £2.35 for a larger portion in KS2

Please pay online at [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://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   |
| Pizza with Saute Potatoes (v)<br>Vegetable Paella (v)<br><br>Jacket Potato with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br>Sandwich filled with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br><br>Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad Bar.<br><br>Chocolate Crunch with Fruit Chunk<br>Seasonal Fruit Platter<br>Organic Yoghurt | Organic Beefburger in a Bap with Wedges<br>Quorn Burger in a Bap with Wedges(v)<br>Quorn Cottage Pie (v)<br>Jacket Potato with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br>Sandwich filled with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br><br>Carrots, Green Beans. Salad Bar<br><br>Carrot and Pineapple Muffin<br>Seasonal Fruit Platter<br>Organic Yoghurt | Minced Beef Pie with Creamed Potato<br>Quorn Korma (v) with Rice & Cous Cous<br><br>Jacket Potato with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br>Wrap filled with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br><br>,Cauliflower, Sweetcorn Salad Bar<br><br>Dorset Apple Cake with Custard<br>Seasonal Fruit Platter<br>Organic Yoghurt | Paprika Chicken with Rice<br>Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Creamed Potato & Gravy (v)<br>Jacket Potato with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br>Sandwich filled with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br><br>Mixed Veg, Salad Bar<br><br>Steamed Pear & Peach Sponge with Custard<br>Seasonal Fruit Platter<br>Organic Yoghurt | Roast Gammon & Pineapple with Chips<br>Fish Fingers with Chips<br>Jacket Potato with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br>Sandwich filled with<br>Tuna <input type="checkbox"/><br>Ham <input type="checkbox"/><br>(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/><br><br>Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar<br><br>Lemon Biscuit with Fruit Chunk<br>Seasonal Fruit Platter<br>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.