



Lower Park

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Dear Parents,
It's Children in Need Day Today
It's not too late to contribute; read on.....

Christmas Coat Hanger Decorations
25 Already Hanging – Thank You!



We have just two weeks left to achieve our aim of creating a Christmas wonderland of decorations in our school hall. Potentially, we could have 280 decorations in our hall and corridors and the children are so proud to see their decorations hanging there. Please keep sending them in.

Here is a reminder how to make one: 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.

New Website Now Live

We sent out a text message on Wednesday, letting everyone know that the new website is up and

running. It has a new look and we hope you find it helpful. There are some new features that you may find useful.



The site is not fully updated with names and dates but we are working on that now. We intend to develop the site further and add new features.

Teachers have been working on populating their class pages, so take a look. There are photographs on many pages, contact details, governors' pages, policies etc, that can all be accessed from the tabs on the home page. Our very own Beacon has a quick link from the top of the home page too.

The website can be accessed from this link at:

www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

Children in Need



There are so many fund-raising ideas. Heath Lambert from Year 5 is undertaking a 15-mile bike ride with his dad. If you would like to sponsor Heath, there is a form in the office you can fill in any time next week (or send a donation in an envelope marked 'Heath's Bike Ride') Well done Heath! Today, in school, there was a cake sale for children in Year 5 & 6. This was organised by Joseph Parrott who was so moved by the cause that he downloaded the fundraising pack & planned it all himself - well done Joseph!

School Library – Open Again

It was a pleasure to see our library up and running again this week with children visiting the library from all classes during the afternoons. Please remind the children about taking care of the library books when taking them home. They can only take out one book at a time and that must be scanned as they are taken in and out.

Christmas Fair



Today, our school was filled with sports stars and children in fancy dress.

Thank you for your bottle donations – they will make a huge difference to the success of the fair, as they do raise a great deal of money on the bottle tombola.

Next Friday, 24th November, children can come to school 'out of uniform' in exchange for £1.00. The money will be used to buy items for our much-prized Christmas hampers. Teachers will collect the £1.00 coins during morning registration.... next week!



The last dressing down day will be Friday 1st December – Christmas tops/silly socks – please bring cakes.

Can You Help?

We are looking for a number of items that you may be able to donate to

school. We would be very grateful for the following:

1. Lego Masters, Megablocks and Duplo for our outdoor Foundation learning area.

2. Decorations for Santa's grotto (Fairy lights, tinsel etc.)

3. Lego for the Christmas Fair – there will be a lego making competition in one room at the fair.

Any of these items (in good condition, of course) would be gratefully received.

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:-

Thomas Hughes, Esme Howard, Charlotte Barr, Ava Emmerson, Florence Watson, Henry Warr, Daniel Rogers, Lois Milk, Mia Nickson and Amy Peasnell.

Well done to all those boys and girls!

Christmas Fundraiser Artwork



All children, who were in school at the time, have done Christmas Artwork in school. A leaflet was sent home last week explaining how to order items decorated with your child's design. All ordering is done online and items are delivered directly to your home address. If you don't have access to a computer or would like some support in ordering please contact the school office and

the PTA will arrange a drop in session at school where support can be provided. All orders should be placed with the company by the end of November and samples of items that can be ordered are available in the office if you would like to see them before ordering.

Multi-Sports Club on Fridays - Finishing Time Confirmation

The first club meeting was this evening when basketball featured as the game. The club will finish at 4.15pm from now on – apologies for any confusion.

Individual Photographs

The photograph orders have been collected today. However, if you meant to order but haven't, don't worry as the company is returning in the next couple of days next week to collect any late orders.

*Christmas Wreath Night -
Thursday 7th December at
7.30pm*



The tickets are on sale from next MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER from the school office.

Last year was a sell out so please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are £20 each, bring your own festive tipples and homemade mince pies will be provided.

Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.

- To Year 5 & 6 letter re Evacuee Experience
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Leaflets attached with Beacon

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Reminders:

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 has been sent home.

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.

Midday Assistants

We still have a vacancy for one or more Midday Assistants, the days we particularly need to cover are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Midday 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.

This Week at School

- Peter Fraser led assembly this week and he was his usual inimitable self and captured the children's imagination with his meaningful story. Peter is also running the Christmas Story in St George's Church next month and our children will be going to see it.
- The PTA meeting on Monday dealt mainly with Christmas Fair business.
- The School Council met today and discussed having astro-turf on the netball court and new basketball courts built. The council voted against both of these ideas.

Next Week at School

- Friday – non-uniform day in exchange for £1.00

After School Activities taking place week beginning Mon 20th 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 4.45 - 5.45	KS2	Hall	Generate Theatre Arts Group	On
Tues	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	OFF
	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha	On (last one)
	Girls Football	3.15- 4.15	KS2	Outside	Mrs Ralph	On
	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick	OFF
	Art Club	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 & Y2	Miss Cork's class	Miss Cork	On
	Cast rehearsal	3.15 -4.30	Show cast	Hall	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	OFF
	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mrs Ralph / Mr Ferris	On
	Cast rehearsal	3.15 -4.30	Show cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor	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	On
Fri	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson	On
	Multi-Sports	3.13 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Hall or outside	Mr Coulson	On

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2017

Date	Event
Fri 24 November	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 Years R, 1 & 2
Thurs 7	Wreath Making Night 7.30pm (tickets needed)
Fri 8	9.30, 10.45 & 12.00 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

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

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 20th 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

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
Tuna Pasta Jumble	Pulled Chicken Flatbread	Roast Pork <input type="checkbox"/> or Quorn Fillet <input type="checkbox"/> with Apple Sauce, Stuffing, Gravy and Mash	Beef Bolognese Bake Cheesy Potato Tortilla (v)	Butchers Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> or Quorn Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> with Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans & Hash
Tomato Pasta Italienne (v)	Salmon Fish Fingers with Potatoes	Hot Pork Baguette	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Brown
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Hot Quorn Baguette	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Crunchy Baked Fish in a Wrap
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>		Ham <input type="checkbox"/>		Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
		(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>		(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Sweetcorn, Green Beans, Salad Bar.	Peas and Carrots, Salad Bar	Mixed Veg , Salad Bar	Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Carrots, Salad Bar
Flapjack Finger with Fruit Chunk	Tangy Lemon Cake	Chocolate Puddle	Scotch Pancake with Vanilla Ice Cream & Fruit Coulis	Sultana Cookie with Milkshake
Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Puree	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter
Organic Yoghurt	Organic Yoghurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Organic Yoghurt	Organic Yoghurt
		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.