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# Beacon

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Dear Parents,

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**TOMORROW 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**  
**11.00am – 2.00pm**

### Christmas Show Tickets

The rehearsals for “The Sleepy Shepherd” and “Elf” are going well and they should be spectacular.



The allocation of tickets is going well too. Two tickets were allocated per family for one of the Key Stage performances that your children are in, and they had to be collected by today, Friday 1st December.

Here is reminder about obtaining the remaining tickets:

**\*\*For one day only, any remaining tickets on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December will be issued initially on a ‘first come’ basis to Year 6 children’s parents (limited to two per family) for KS2 performances and Year 2 children for KS1 performances from 8.30am**  
**The next day all other year groups will be able to collect two tickets subject to availability**



*Dates to collect tickets:*

**2<sup>nd</sup> release** of two tickets for Y6 and Y2 parents – 4<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30am at the school office. **On this release, parents will be restricted to collecting for themselves and only one other parent.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> release** another 2 tickets for any other year groups – 5<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30am

*All the above are subject to availability*

If there are any tickets left after 7<sup>th</sup> December then they will be issued freely.

If you struggle to get to school to collect your allocation then friends/relatives may collect them on your behalf, subject to the above.

### Big ‘Thank You!’



Our hall and corridor look magnificent and have, indeed, created a Christmas wonderland for the children. They really have created so much interest for them and this year, I think you have excelled in your creativeness. For example, the KS1 & FS topic centres around Paddington Bear and who should be sitting in Santa’s sleigh in one of the decorations? Yes, Paddington Bear!

I am sure you will admire them when you come to the fair tomorrow or to the Christmas Shows. Thank you for your support with this venture.

Another thank you for your contributions over the last four Fridays in sending in donations for the dressing down days. I can assure you that you will be tempted by the cakes tomorrow – many thanks to those parents who have sent them in.

**Please bring your raffle tickets and monies to the fair tomorrow!**

### A reminder of the Performance Times Tomorrow

The Amazing Stephen will be joining our Christmas fair for his famous balloon modelling and magic shows at 11.45 and 12.30 he can be found in our reception classrooms  
Along with our magician, the programme is as follows:

KS2 choir 11:30  
Swing band 12.00  
Brass band 12.30  
KS1 choir 13.00

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Father Christmas from 12.30 – 2.00pm

*Please note the change of time for Santa’s grotto*

**However, We STILL Need Your Help**



**ARE YOU GOOD AT TIDYING UP AFTERWARDS?**

We have some very hard working parents and volunteers at the fair and they have given so much. I am sure they and I would really appreciate some help at the end of the fair in putting the school back to normal for Monday’s lessons to start. There will be some chair and desk shifting and hoovering to do at 2.00pm. If many parents can give half an hour, we can all be home sooner.

**Teachers Are Asking for Your Help. Can You Help Next Week?**

On Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday next week, all the classes

are walking down to St. George's Church to see and hear about the Christmas Story. It will be a superb experience for the children.

We need some parents to walk with us to the church and back.

**This is an important request.**

If you are able to help by walking to the Church and back, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher and let us know.

Many thanks!

[Children will need warm coats and hats for their walk to the church.](#)

The times your children are walking to the church are given in the forthcoming events section below.

**Emergency Evacuation Information**

As part of our risk assessment, I would like to inform you of the safety routine, should it be necessary to evacuate the school building during the Christmas Fair.

Should the alarm bell ring – it is one continuous sounding bell – please evacuate the building through the nearest external door and make your way to the netball court area of the school playground.

**Trim Trail  
Health and Safety**

Please do not let your child play on the trim trail before the bell sounds for the start of the school day. That area is not directly supervised from 8.40 to 8.50am and is out of bounds.

The trim trail and other playground furniture should not be used at the end of the school day because of the same concerns. Staff are dismissing children at that time and we are unable to supervise the whole of the playground.

We do not wish any child to be hurt before and after the school day.

Thank you for your support.

**Film Night - A Great Night**

I think it is safe to say that the film night last Wednesday was a tremendous success. All the children seemed to enjoy the film, especially as it was projected onto a huge wide screen that was almost as wide as the hall itself. Together with the surround sound, snacks and drinks, it was just like a local cinema and a super time for the children.

Thanks to the PTA for organising it.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

Our anti-bullying week started with a focused assembly and throughout the week, teachers delivered lessons on different aspects of bullying, including cyber-bullying. It was pleasing to see how much the children knew about bullying.

*Christmas Wreath Night -  
Next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at  
7.30pm*



There are still some tickets left for this event. They can be bought from the school office.

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

**Swing Band Playing in Assembly**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, the Swing band will be performing during assembly. The assembly starts at 9.00am and parents are welcome to come along and hear them play.

**Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.**

- Photograph orders have been sent out today
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**Leaflets attached with Beacon**

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**Reminders:**



The site is now live. We intend to develop the site further and add new features but browse at the photographs on many pages, contact details, governors' pages, policies

etc, that can all be accessed from the tabs on the home page. This 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](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

**This Week at School**

- We began the week with an anti-bullying assembly that was the forerunner to this week's PSHE lessons.
- Governors from two committees met on Tuesday evening – the Pupil & Curriculum and Environmental and Community committees. There was a presentation by Mrs Jones, our SENCO, on special needs at Lower Park.
- Today, there was a school council meeting
- This afternoon, PTA members and helpers were preparing for the Christmas Fair tomorrow.

**Next Week at School**

- TOMORROW, the Christmas Fair is open between 11.00am and 2.00pm.
- At 8.30am on Monday, Y2 & 6 parents may claim more Christmas Show tickets (see above).
- On Monday, the school choir are singing for the disabled swimmers' Christmas Party.
- On Tuesday from 8.30am, 2 Christmas Show tickets can be obtained - if there are any remaining.
- On Tuesday, there is a meeting of the full Governing Body.
- On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Years 1 to 6 will be walking to the church to see a performance of the Christmas Story Trail by Peter Fraser. St George's church will have settings for all aspects of the story. These are always stunning events and bring home to the children the real meaning of Christmas.
- On Thursday evening at 7.30pm, there is a wreath making event in the school hall. This is a very popular event.

<b>After School Activities taking place week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>						
	<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	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 (until 2018)
	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha	OFF
	Girls Football	3.15- 4.15	KS2	Outside	Mrs Ralph	OFF
	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 (Last one)
	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
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 (until 2018)
	Cast rehearsal	3.15 -4.30	Show cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor	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
Sat 2 December	Christmas Fair 11.00 – 2.00pm
Mon 4	School Band playing in assembly at 9.00am – parents welcome
Mon 4	School Choir to Disabled Swimmers Christmas Party
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	1.45pm Afternoon performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Tues 12	6.45pm Evening performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Weds 13	1.45pm Afternoon performance of the KS1 & FS Christmas Show
Thurs 14	Panto at Buxton (10.00am Performance Leave at 8.30)
Thurs 14	7.00pm Evening performance of the KS2 Christmas Show
Fri 15	Freddy Fit Day
Mon 18	1.30pm Afternoon performance of the KS2 Christmas Show
Tues 19	7.00pm 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: 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

**SCHOOL OPENS**

Tuesday 4th September  
Tuesday 6th November  
Monday 7th January 2019

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

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 4<sup>th</sup> December

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
Cheesy Pasta (v) Quorn and Veg Stir Fry with Noodles (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"/>  Carrots, Green Beans, Salad Bar.  Oaty Biscuit with Fruit Chunk Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Butchers Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> Or Quorn Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> in Onion Gravy with Creamed Potatoes Organic Vegetable Bake (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"/>  Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Apple Crumble & Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Chicken Korma with Rice & Cous Cous Vegetable Frittata (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"/>  Mixed Veg, Salad Bar  Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Beef Hot Pot Mexican Quorn Wrap with Rice (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, Broccoli, Salad Bar  Krachollette Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Chicken Slider Bubble Coated Fish with 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, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar  Banana Muffin 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.