



Lower Park
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Dear Parents,

School Council



This year we have very active school council members who are keen to change the school's house team names. They have voted on the theme for the names, and out of several discussed, have decided on the names of children's authors. School Council representatives are gathering suggested names from their classes that will be voted on by the school council – Democracy in action!

They have produced a flyer that they have produced and you may like to read it – it is attached

Goodbye! Goodbye!



On Monday, all the children in years 5 and 6 will be evacuated from Poynton. They will be dressed as evacuees were in World War 2 and leave on a train (as they did in 1940 onwards) from Poynton Train Station, heading away to the air raid shelters in Stockport. They will carry their lunchbox on a string around their neck. They will also receive instruction, as children did in WW2. When children study history topics at Lower Park, our philosophy is to let the children be as close as possible to that period of time (it can be challenging). This is why LKS2 went to Chester and met a 'real' Roman

soldier (pictures are on our website) last term. It is also why we have so many dressing up days to do with our topics. In this way children will 'experience' how it was, as much as we can make it for them. They will see, hear, feel, touch and smell (learning through their senses) what it was like in the last World War when they are inside the air raid shelters or waving goodbye to parents at the station (we have asked parents to come along, if they are free, to wave them off).

Experiences like this are remembered by the children for a very long time. Learning at first hand, or as near to it as possible, is our philosophy at Lower Park.

The Bubble Club

The School Council has introduced another excellent idea. Without any prompting from staff, school council members have opened the Bubble Club on two lunchtimes per week. They have invited anyone from the school to come along between certain times, just to talk about anything that they wish, to the older council members. Appointments can be made via the School Council noticeboard and there is an adult in the room to supervise.

It has proved popular (not just for being out of the cold) and the children have listened carefully and shown their caring nature towards other children.

Unprompted care like this is heart-warming.

Does your Child Need Part of a School Uniform?

Members of our PTA have been very active in trying to help the school and parents. We have dozens of sweat shirts and other school uniform items, that have gone unclaimed – many are quite new and all are without names in them. After a period of time in the lost property box, they are removed. Instead of

throwing them away, members of the PTA have taken them home, washed and ironed them and they are now setting up a sale next Friday afternoon at 3.00pm in the school hall. Please call in and see if there is something suitable for your child that is convenient and remarkably cheap – and help school at the same time.

This Week's 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 were: - Sam Douglas, Daisy Gait, Oliver Jensen, Harry Lees, Bobby Aspinall, Anay Chirputkar, Millie Scott Jones, Theo Lester, Toby Parkinson and Filipa Magnanini White
Well done to all those children!

End of Term of Office



I would like to say a big thank you to Leanne Johnston who has been an

active governor at Lower Park and whose term of office has now come to an end. She has chosen not to stand for re-election. Mrs Johnston has been a very hardworking governor and the chair of our finance committee in recent times. Her expertise has been greatly valued and the children of Lower Park have benefitted greatly. On behalf of everyone at Lower Park, I would thank Mrs Johnston for her commitment, enthusiasm and hard work in her time as a governor.

Parent Governor Vacancy

On Tuesday this week, information and nomination forms for a new parent governor were sent home. The nominations have to be returned by midday on 30th January. I am happy to discuss any aspect of the role with any current parent of a child at Lower Park or you may also speak with any governor or Colin Richards, our chair of governors (contact through the school office).

Parent Teacher Association



The PTA met this week and are busy planning the events for the spring and summer terms, some of which are regular favourites and some are new and exciting - not least is the summer circus planned for 23rd June.

Fund raising is a big part of the PTA and the money raised from recent events will pay for new 'remote' microphones (you will have heard our current ones crackle during the Christmas Shows), new music stands (they have done their time!!) and some new equipment for our soon to be open, Bubble Room.

One of our regular and popular events is the Plant Sale. It will be on Saturday May 12th. Please keep that date free in your diary as we need as many parents as possible to come along on that day with their cars or vans to help distribute the plants to homes in Poynnton.

The date for our ever-popular Bingo night has also been confirmed and it will take place on Saturday 17th March at 5.00pm

Please keep these dates free and come along and help your child's school:

- 1) Uniform Sale – Friday 26th January (Next Friday)
- 2) Bingo Night – Saturday 17th March

3) Plant Sale – Saturday 12th May

Did You Know?



Did you know

We can raise considerable money for school with matched funding from Barclay's Bank and Santander - if you are an employee. Please let me know if you are an employee and are willing to make a bid at the bank for a PTA fund raising event

Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.

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Leaflets Attached with Beacon

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Reminders:

Planning Application for New Housing at the end of Hazelbadge Road

The application for planning permission has been made and we are now in a period of consultation which lasts three weeks. Cheshire East are now in the process of consulting statutory consultees and neighbours. The responses may or may not raise issues which the applicant (building company) will have to address. If you are able, please make your response.

You can visit the application at: <http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=17%2F6471M&query=99b9cb8ebcc745e9bffffa1e9b8981e2&from=p>

The responses are then considered and permission may or may not be granted for the houses to be built.

Midday Assistant Crisis

We are still very much in need of adults to work as midday assistants in school. We will not have sufficient midday staff to supervise the children at lunchtimes in the new year. This will be the case, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you are willing and able or know anyone who is, please get in touch with the school office as a matter of urgency.

01625 872560 (school office)

Vacancies at the Hollies

1. Hollies pre-school are looking to employ a bank member of staff to

cover for staff sickness and holidays. Hours between 9am and 3pm. No qualification required.

Please contact Debbie on 01625 850176 or by email manager@theholliespreschool.co.uk for an application form, or if you require further details.

We are committed to safer recruitment all appointments subject to an enhanced DBS check

2. We are offering a part time vacancy approximately 8 hours per week at our After-school club. Term time or full time contract.

Variable holiday club hours also available.

If you require further information or an application form please phone 01625 850176, and ask for Debbie or Rachel.

Closing date for applications: Friday 26th January. We are committed to safer recruitment. All posts subject to enhanced DBS checks.



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

This Week at School

- On Monday, there was a meeting for parents of children in Year 5, regarding the residential trip to Ilam in March
- There was a PTA meeting on Monday too.
- On Tuesday, maths subject leaders from our local schools, met at Lower Park.

Next Week at School

- On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 children are going to the air raid shelters in Stockport.
- On Monday, there is a meeting of governors from the Hollies and Lower Park.
- On Friday, there is a uniform sale in the hall at 3.00pm

<i>After School Activities taking place week beginning Monday 22nd January</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	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
	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
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	OFF
	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	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 Spring Term 2018

Date	Event
Mon 22	Y5&6 Evacuee Experience
Tues 30	Chairs of Govs 6.30 / Full gov's meeting 7.00pm
Mon 5 & week February	Book Sponsoring Event
Weds 7	1.30pm Year 5 Fire safety talk
Fri 9	3 workshops for LKS2 animals intuition - am
Mon 12 *	Parents' Evening (all except Year 2 GR/NJ)
Tues 13	9.00am School Health for Vision and hearing for Reception children
Tues 13 *	Parents' Evening – all classes
Thurs 15 *	Parents' Evening – Year 2 only (GR/NJ)
Fri 16	School closes at 3.15pm for half term
Mon 26	School reopens at 8.50am
Mon 26	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Thurs 1 March	6.30 – Pupil & Curriculum Govs' meeting
Thurs 1	7.45 – Environment & Community Govs' meeting
Mon 5	Year 6 SATs meeting at 7.00pm
Tues 6	Year 2 SATs meeting at 4.00pm
Thurs 8	6.30 Personnel Govs' meeting & 7.45 Finance Govs' meeting
Fri 9	Mothers' & Families Day celebration..TBC
Fri 9	Discos 6.00 – 7.00 KS1 & 7.15 – 8.30pm KS2
Weds 14	Tattenhall meeting for parents 6.30pm
Sat 17 *	Bingo Night - PTA
Weds 21	6.30pm Chairs of Govs meeting & 7.00 Full Gov Body meeting
Fri 23	Red Nose Day and Sports Relief
Tues 27 - 29	Year 5 to Ilam
Thurs 29	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Mon 16 April	School Opens for Summer Term

*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

SCHOOL OPENS

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

Monday 26th February
Monday 16th April
Monday 11th June

INSET DAYS LEFT: 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 G Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park*

My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 22nd January

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
Pizza with Saute Potatoes (v) Vegetable Paella (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"/> Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad Bar. Chocolate Crunch with Fruit Chunk Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Organic Beefburger in a Bap with Wedges Quorn Burger in a Bap with Wedges(v) Quorn Cottage Pie (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 Dorset Apple Cake with Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Minced Beef Pie with Creamed Potato Quorn Korma (v) with Rice & Cous Cous 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"/> ,Cauliflower, Sweetcorn Salad Bar Carrot and Pineapple Muffin Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Paprika Chicken with Rice Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Creamed Potato & Gravy (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 Peach Sponge with Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Roast Gammon & Pineapple with Chips Fish Fingers 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, Peas, Salad Bar Lemon Biscuit with Fruit Chunk 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.