



Lower Park  
School

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## Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

### Sponsored Reading Challenge



To celebrate and promote a love of reading at home and at school, we are about to launch a new reading challenge for the children, called, **“Ready Steady Read.”** The challenge will begin on 6<sup>th</sup> when the children and run to 12<sup>th</sup> February and is being done in partnership with Usborne Books. On the 6<sup>th</sup> the challenge will be launched during assembly. Before and during the challenge, children (and parents on their behalf) are being asked to gain sponsorship. (Any approach by children for sponsorship **MUST** be with the specific approval of their parents, but will usually be from family or by parents seeking sponsorship in their workplace.)

A letter and sponsor form will be sent home next Friday.

*There is a lot to be gained by the children, not least, the reward of receiving a Ready, Steady, Read voucher to the value of half the money they raise.*

Of course, the school will gain by being given an extra £360 for every £600 raised.

All the money raised will buy reading books for our school library, where books are now depleted since the loan system was introduced some weeks ago. We want to provide the children with many more attractive books to choose from and fill up our shelves - this is an ideal way to do it.

Please look out for further details coming home next week.

### Parents' Evening Forms

Parents' Evening Appointment forms will be available for parents to book an appointment on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

January from 7.30am in the school library.

The dates for parents' evenings are in the forthcoming events at the end of this Beacon newsletter.

After Tuesday morning, the booking forms will be displayed and available for you in the entrance hall.

This is hoped to be the last time we use this way of booking appointments before moving them 'on-line.'



### An Entrance Hall Masterpiece

When you visit to make your parents' evening appointment, please take a close look at the mural that has been painted on the entrance hall wall.

We owe a great debt to Rachel Barber, one of our parents, who has, once again, used her incredible, creative and artistic skills to paint the 'Lower Park Tree of Life.' The mural depicts all aspects of the curriculum we teach at Lower Park and, sitting around the tree, are two children reading. It really is a masterpiece and very unique to us.

Rachel has painted many a stunning backcloth for our Christmas productions, The Lion King, Peter Pan and ELF, to name but a few, but this is a lasting gift to the school which we appreciate so much and notice every time we walk through our entrance hall.

Many, many thanks from the children, staff, parents and governors of Lower Park.

### 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: -

Jack Blaydon, Matthew Gale, Lucy Hardicre, Eric Roebuck, Harriette Bayles, Martha Johnston, Maia Hudson, Ben Thirde, Alfie Walker and Max Waterman.

Well done to all those children!

### Have Your Say!!

There is currently a consultation process open, regarding the application for 146 houses to be built at the end of Hazelbadge Road.

The consultation is by means of a website:

<http://planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=17%2F6471M&query=99b9cb8ebcc745e9bfffba1e9b8981e2&from=p>

Please have your say about a development that will UNDOUBTEDLY affect our school.

There is also a Poynton Town Planning Committee meeting on Monday evening (29<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8.00pm) at the Civic Hall at which the

planning application will be discussed. The public can attend.  
**HAVE YOUR SAY!**

**Hello / Goodbye / Good Work**



A party of 92 boarded the train and evacuated from Poynton Station leaving behind a tearful crowd of parents fondly waving goodbye to their children. The group included 79 evacuees and 12 adults (many thanks to the parents who kindly helped us during the day)

The day was broken into two parts :

**Part One**  
Stockport Story Museum where children took part in workshops to learn how to improve their chances of being selected by the billeting officer and families. These activities included;

Learning how to be useful around the house - beating carpets, ironing, washing clothes and how to use a mangle, how to make a rag rug and darn socks.

Make do and mend - how to transform old blankets into a warm coat, or how to exchange clothes and use ration coupons.

How to stay safe in an Air Raid, including how to wear a gas mask, how to provide oxygen for a baby during this time, and how a stirrup pump could put out a fire. Using pre-decimalisation money.

**Part Two**

A chance to experience the reality of spending time in Stockport Air Raid Shelters. The children experienced what it might be like to be one of the 4000 Stockport residents who would spend their evenings underground during World War Two. Their visit included singing popular wartime songs, visiting the medical area, canteen and toilets!! The trip was truly memorable for all those who took part as everyone remained in role throughout the day, dressing in appropriate costume and carrying their authentic packed lunch in a gas mask box. The children were impeccably behaved throughout the day and this was commented upon by all the adults who accompanied them along with those who ran the workshops. Comments from the children: "Please can we do this every day?"

"I loved every minute of it!"  
"That was one of the best days EVER!"

#### Parent Governor Vacancy

The closing date for the submission of nomination forms is midday on 30<sup>th</sup> January. Forms should be returned to the school office.

#### Did You Know?



Did you know ..... the calendar of events is now up to date on our website. This can be found by going to the website and clicking on the diary dates 'button' at the bottom of the page. The events are colour-coded by class so you can see at a glance those relevant to your child. Why not take a look using this link <http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/events/1293/4874>

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

- Lunch flyer re Chinese New Year
- To Year 3 & 4 email re Animals In-tuition visit to school

#### 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=99b9cb8ebcc745e9bfffba1e9b8981e2&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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

#### This Week at School

- On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 children visited the air raid shelters in Stockport.

- On Monday, there was a meeting of governors from the Hollies and Lower Park.

- On Friday, there was a uniform sale in the hall at 3.00pm

- On Tuesday evening there is a Governing Body meeting

<b>Next Week at School</b>
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### *After School Activities taking place week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January*

	<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	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
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*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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Tues 30	Chairs of Gobs 6.30 / Full Gobs' meeting 7.00pm
Mon 5 & week February	Book Sponsoring Event
Tues 6 *	Reading Challenge Begins
Weds 7	1.30pm Year 5 Fire safety talk
Fri 9	3 workshops for LKS2 animals intuition - am
Mon 12 *	Reading Challenge ends
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
Tues 27 *	Usborne Book Fair after school in the hall
Thurs 1 March *	Usborne Book Fair after school in the hall
Thurs 1	6.30 – Pupil & Curriculum Gobs' meeting
Thurs 1	7.45 – Environment & Community Gobs' meeting
Mon 5	Year 6 SATs meeting at 7.00pm
Tues 6	Year 2 SATs meeting at 4.00pm
Thurs 8	6.30 Personnel Gobs' meeting & 7.45 Finance Gobs' 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 Gobs 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 CLOSURES

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 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 CLOSURES

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 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 G Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park*

# My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> 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](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

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
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	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	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	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  Kracholette 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.