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Dear Parents,

Sponsored Reading Challenge Begins Next Week.



Ready, Steady....Read!

To celebrate and promote a love of reading at home and at school, we are going to launch our Ready Steady Read next Tuesday 6th February. During assembly this initiative will be launched and will run until Monday

12th February. Look out for a letter, reading log and sponsor form that is being brought home today and attached to this email. 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.)

This is a golden opportunity to replenish our school library with new and exciting books, as well as giving a reading reward for the efforts with the sponsored read.

You can read the letter and have a copy of the sponsor form attached to this Beacon that explains everything. However, in our assemblies on Tuesday, Pip Langdon will tell the children more about the reading challenge. It will be a short, sharp event, but can be very successful.

Please help us to make the most of this golden opportunity.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I am pleased to announce that there are two parents who have submitted nominations to become our new parent governor. It is therefore necessary to have an election.

Voting papers and an explanatory letter is being sent home on Tuesday, together with a short profile of the two parents who have submitted applications.

The two parents are, Nicola Spragg and Ellen Little. Both have produced a short paragraph informing parents about why they would like to be elected to the Governing Body.

Please return your voting paper to the school by 13th February, when the result will be published.



Have Your Say – Last Chance! Proposed Housing Development Around School



The period of consultation ends on 7th February, so please make your views known before then.

On Monday, Mr Richards and Mr Banford, our chair and vice chair of governors, joined me in delivering the school's objections at the Poynton Town Council's Planning meeting.

The Governing Body of Lower Park does not want this housing project to be approved and has requested to Cheshire East Council that the application is rejected.

The main thrust of our argument was that:

1) There is only one planned access route to the new proposed housing estate. The new housing estate will generate additional cars at peak times and this will create chaos, but more significantly, be an increased

danger to the children walking to and from school. The question is a simple one that I would recommend you put to the deciding body in this consultation, "What is more important, the well-being of 280 children or the building 146 new houses, when there are alternatives?"

2) The access to the new estate is only along Hazelbadge Road, which is already chaotic at peak drop off and pick up times.

3) Lower Park will not gain from this development, as any '106 monies' from the building firm will, almost certainly, be channelled away from Lower Park, to other schools in Poynton or beyond (because overall we are full and others are not (even though there are spaces in some year groups). We do not have a say in the allocation of 106 monies.

4) There will be years of disruption to the school with construction vehicles travelling along Hazelbadge Road, creating noise and dust pollution for the children in school. New double glazing and protective fencing, both temporary and permanent, would help the children's learning in school. Any monies made from this housing development should be used to improve the safety and facilities of the children attending Lower Park Primary School.

Surely, the safety and well-being of the children should be the first priority in the decision not to allow building to commence with one access road.

We have also made clear that originally, I requested a large car park be made on the field which belongs to the school to the left of the turning circle at the end of Hazelbadge Road. This would alleviate much of the parking problems that we already have but would be made worse if building goes ahead. The building firm included the car park in their original plan, of which I have a copy, but they have omitted it from their planning

application. Inclusion of this new car park as a condition of approval, would be crucial if the application is to be granted.

Thankfully, Poynton Town Council voted against agreeing to the planning application. However, the committee who has the final say is Cheshire East Council, who have requested your views about the application.

Please lodge your views on the consultation website (it is easy to do) and use the information above if you agree:

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

The more that Poynton residents lodge their complaints, the more successful we may be.

WARNING – Inappropriate App

One of our parents has brought to my attention that there is an inappropriate app that children have been using at home. It is called ROBLOX. Kent police have researched and found it is a popular game for 5 to 10-year-old children and we are aware that some children have been on it here.

Please check your child's use of this inappropriate App.

It is Internet Safety Day on Tuesday, but I will be talking to the children about the dangers of a chat room and the inappropriate language and pictures on these sites.

To help parents, there are websites you may access that provide you with parent reviews of all Apps and games..

Parents' Evening for Year 2 Class

Unfortunately, I have to inform you that Miss Jenkins and Mrs Ripper are both unwell and will not be able to meet you at the scheduled parents' evenings. As soon as they are well enough to resume, we will reschedule the parents' evening for the children in the Year 2 class.

They will both be absent for the next two weeks, but, thankfully, Mrs Sherratt, whom the children know well, will continue to teach the class.

Mr Longson is Unwell

Just to inform those parents of children having music lessons, Mr Longson is unwell and there have been no lessons this week. We hope he will be better soon.

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: -

Darcie Cundiff, Zachary Richardson, Caitlin Kelly, Scarlett Naden, Danny Howarth, Emily Warrington, Meeka Allen and Dan Jacob.

Well done to all those children!

Did You Know?



Did you know That the reception children are eligible for a free 'Time to Read pack from the Book Trust? We will be giving these out in the near future. However, if you would like them sooner, call on Mrs Cunha.

The School Council has Decided

The School Council met today for a one item agenda; to decide on the children's author names for the new house competition houses. The class reps had gathered suggestions from their classes and then voted. The names that have been chosen are:

David Walliams.
J K Rowling
Roald Dahl
Julia Donaldson.
Enid Blyton
Jaqueline Wilson



Les Clitheroes Football Advance notice

Les Clitheroe's football school re starts on Wednesday 28th February, the first week back after half term. Look out for letters coming home in the next couple of weeks.

Half Term Holiday Club at the Hollies

We are open Monday 19th February till Friday 23rd February.

Cost: Full day is £24.75 Half day
£15.75

Morning session 7.30am – 1pm
(Breakfast is provided)

Afternoon session 1pm – 6pm

A morning and afternoon snack is included in the price, but a packed lunch must be provided.

To book please contact Rachel on 01625 850176 or email at admin@theholliespreschool.co.uk

Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.

- Ready Steady Read letter and sponsorship form

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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 lasting three weeks – until 7th February. 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

We are still need of adults to work as midday assistants in school.

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)

This Week at School

- On Tuesday Evening, there was a meeting of the full Governing Body

Next Week at School

- Tuesday - Pip Langdon in assembly to tell the children

more about the sponsored reading challenge.

- Wednesday - Fire prevention Talk for Year 5 children
- Friday – Animals in tuition workshops for children in LKS2, KS1 and FS
- Friday - School Improvement Partner Visit.

After School Activities taking place - week beginning Monday 5th February

	<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	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	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	OFF
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
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Mon 5 & week February	Book Sponsoring Event
Tues 6	Reading Challenge Begins – talk by Pip Langdon in assemblies
Weds 7	1.30pm Year 5 Fire safety talk
Fri 9	3 workshops for LKS2 animals intuition – am & pm
Mon 12	Reading Challenge ends
Mon 12	Parents' Evening
Tues 13	9.00am School Health for Vision and hearing for Reception children
Tues 13	Parents' Evening
Thurs 15 *	Parents' Evening – Year 2 only (GR/NJ) – postponed – will be re-scheduled
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 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

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Spring Half Term 2018	Friday 16th February	Monday 26th February
Easter 2018	Thursday 29th March	Monday 16th April
May Day 2018	Monday 7th May	
Summer Half Term 2018	Friday 25th May	Monday 11th June
Summer 2018	Friday 27th July	

INSET DAYS LEFT: Friday 22nd December 2017, Monday 30th July 2018, Tuesday 31st July 2018.

School Calendar Dates 2018 – 2019

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Autumn Half Term	Friday 26th October	Tuesday 4th September
Christmas 2018/19	Friday 21st December	Tuesday 6th November
Spring Half Term 2019	Friday 15th February	Monday 7th January 2019
Easter 2019	Friday 5th April	Tuesday 26th February
May Day 2019	Monday 6th May	Tuesday 23rd April
Summer Half Term 2019	Friday 24th May	Monday 10th June
Summer 2019	Friday 26th July	

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 5th February

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	Spaghetti Bolognese Cheesy Potato Tortilla (v)	Butchers Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> or Quorn Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> with Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans & Hash Brown
Tomato Pasta Italienne (v)	Salmon Fish Fingers with Potatoes Jacket Potato with	Hot Pork Baguette Hot Quorn Baguette Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Fish Goujon in a Wrap with Chips
Jacket Potato with	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with
Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
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(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled	Sandwich filled with	Sandwich filled with	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Wrap filled with	with	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with
Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
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Sweetcorn, Green Beans, Salad Bar.		Mixed Veg , Salad Bar	Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Carrots, Salad Bar
Ice Cream	Peas and Carrots, Salad Bar	Chocolate Puddle	Scotch Pancake with	Sultana Cookie with
Seasonal Fruit Platter		Pudding with Mandarin	Vanilla Ice Cream &	Milkshake
Organic Yoghurt	Tangy Lemon Cake	Puree	Fruit Coulis	Seasonal Fruit Platter
	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Organic Yoghurt
	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.