



Lower Park School

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Dear Parents,

Distributing the Beacon Change



In readiness for the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), we are trialling sending you the Beacon by email from a new distribution list. Inevitably, this may mean that some parents may not receive the Beacon this week. Please inform us if you know of parents who have not received the Beacon - by emailing a notification to our school secretary.

Mrs Allatt at sallatt@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

It will mean that only parents with children currently at the school, will receive the Beacon.

A new consent form for all forms of communication will be sent home soon.

The Plants Are Coming!!!

One week from tomorrow, we will have a great many plant orders to deliver to houses in Poynton AND we need your help to deliver them.



Please come along on the morning of 12th May – 8 days time – in your car or van and pick up some orders to deliver. We are asking you to do this from 8.00am and if you can give an hour of your time that would be greatly appreciated.

A map with directions will be given to you and there will be some refreshments on hand too.

This is one of our biggest fund-raising events of the year, but this is very dependent on the goodwill of parents to help us.

Many thanks for your support.

Big News – Big Event Summer Fair with a Difference?



On the 23rd June the National Festival Circus is coming to Lower Park School as our main Summer fundraiser. We will have some fantastic stalls, prizes and snacks alongside the Big Top. Information on tickets will follow very soon.

In preparation for our circus we will have the following dressing-down Fridays.

18th May: Children to wear 'Silly Socks' and / or Mad Hair in return for bringing a sealed bag of sweets/chocs (no nuts).



25th May: Children come to school dressed as Sports Stars/Screen Stars in return for £1 for hamper prizes.



15th June: Children can wear 'Loud T Shirts' for the day in return for bottle for Adult Tombola.



22nd June: Children can come in non-uniform in return for a jar filled with wrapped sweets (no nuts)



This new circus initiative, the first in Poynton, will be a wonderful new experience for Lower Park and, with your help, it will be a fantastic occasion for all the family.

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. This week, the theme for the commendation awards was 'Taking turns.'



The winners this week were:-

Ben C, Cole G, Ethan S, Felicity F, Zelma H-F, Max T, Oscar T, Heath L and Finn McC.

Well done to all those children!

Library Books Please Check at Home



There are a great number of books out on loan from our library which have been outstanding for some time. Children are not able to borrow a different book until they have returned the one previously borrowed. Please would you check at home over this weekend and send in any school library books you have in order to replenish the shelves.

Did You Know ...?



..... we raised £4500 for books from the Usborne Reading Challenge. These children did exceptionally well in their individual challenges and received an Osbourne book: Francis E, Aiden C, Gaurav B, Brodie C, Theo L, Hannah O, Zoey L. These classes received an Osbourne book for their collective efforts: Mrs Ripper's class, Mrs Mellor's class and Miss King's class. However, it is well done to everyone for this magnificent achievement. Thank you to Mrs Langdon too, for her organisation of the whole event.

Trim Trail and Circular Seat Out of Bounds

Following a routine inspection of the grounds, it was found that the large structure and rope bridge on the trim trail are in need of repair. This is also true of the circular wooden seat beside the climbing wall. Until this happens, please ensure children do not use this equipment when arriving or leaving school.

Leaving school at the end of the school day

Tempting as it might be to stay longer in the school grounds at the end of the school day, please ensure that your children do not continue to play on after school in the school grounds, as there is a health and safety issue. This is particularly important, due to the repairs needed on playground furniture, but is still the case ordinarily.

High Temperatures Next Week

The weather may be erratic at the moment with frost this week and temperatures due to rise sharply next week over the next few days (at last I hear you say!!). A sun hat is a good idea for your children, even though they have shade in amongst the trees and in the new outdoor classroom at playtimes. Hats can be purchased from our supplier; Poynton School Uniform. The website is www.lowerpark.uniform4you.co.uk the password is Hazelbadge1.

Please put your child's name inside their hat (and sweat shirts as they often take them off when they are hot).

It is essential that your child brings a water bottle to school each day. Please fill it with fresh water each morning. The children do have drinks provided at lunchtime if they have a school lunch and we do have water fountains. However, this can cause chaos if all the children needed to fill their bottles at the start of each day.

New water bottles can be purchased from the school office at £1.50. Please ensure your child's name is written on the bottle with permanent ink)

Gardening & Cakes Message from GDPARA



Please come along and help us plant the Kew seed kits, tidy up existing shrubs and help give our play area a spring clean on Monday 7th May, 10am-12pm. There will be a cake sale (donations would be gratefully received) and we will be staying for a relaxing picnic afterwards. Please come with your children to have some fun, sew some seeds and help tidy our play area. Any gardening tool or litter picking tools would be great, although we will have some spares on the day.

Thanks, Glastonbury Drive Play
Area Residents Association

Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.

- Email to Reception parents with Reading presentation
- To some Year 3/4 letter re golf tournament

- To some Year 3 /4 letter re tennis tournament
- To Year 6 today letter & kit list for Menai residential

Chris Hammond and Caroline Corlett Awards

I am delighted to inform you that in assembly today, our termly awards were presented to two children. Chloe Horseman received the Caroline Corlett trophy and Bethany B received the Chris Hammond Trophy.



Each will keep their trophy until the end of term and they are given to a total of three children from Year 2 and Year 6 in the course of a year. They recognise such qualities as hard work, kindness and friendliness. Their parents were in assembly to see them receive their awards. Well done to both children, they are well deserved.

Reminders

Lost Property

The amount of lost property has increased this year and we do not have the facility to keep it in storage for long. It would help if the children's name could be written in the clothing and then we can attempt to reacquaint lost sweat shirts, shorts, socks, shoes, trousers, bags, gloves and hats (yes – all of these appear in our lost property box regularly) with the right children.

The lost property box is located in the centre of the main corridor and is usually full by the end of the week. We are going to introduce a policy of keeping unclaimed clothing for only two weeks before they will be discarded. Please check the box regularly if your child's clothing has gone missing.

Job Vacancy at The Hollies

Hollies pre-school are looking to employ a bank member of staff to work 1 or 2 sessions a week, plus 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. Closing date for applications 11th May. We are

committed to safer recruitment all appointments subject to an enhanced DBS check.

This Week at School

- This has been a quiet week for additional events at school.

Next Week at School

- School is closed on Monday for the May Bank Holiday.
- There are parents' evening appointments for Year 2 (Emerald Class only) on Tuesday and Thursday next week.

- There is a meeting of the finance committee at 6.00pm on Wednesday
- The plant sale deliveries are planned for next Saturday, 12th May, from 8.00am – please come along and help.

After School Activities taking place - week beginning Tuesday 8th May 2018

	Activity	Time	Yr Group	Venue	Organiser	On or Off
Mon	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Cunha / Mr Atherfold	OFF
	Drama club	3.30 - 4.30	KS2	Hall	Generate Theatre Arts Group	OFF
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	Mr Cunha	On
Weds	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick	On
	Choir	8.15 – 8.50	Y3 – Y6	Hall	Mrs Mellor	On (last one this half term)
	KS1 Choir	8.15 – 8.50	F & KS1	Mrs Cunha's class	Mrs Cunha	On (last one this half term)
	Computer Club	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's class	Miss Cork	On
	Football	3.45 – 4.15	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Les Clitheroe	On
Thurs	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mr Cunha / Mr Ferris	On
	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	F&KS1	Outside or Hall	Mrs Cunha / Mr Atherfold	On
	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	On
	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson	On
Fri	Multi-Sports	3.13 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Hall or outside	Mr Coulson	On

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2018

Date	Event
Mon 7 May	School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Tues 8	Y2 parents' evening
Thurs 10	Y2 parents' evening
SAT 12 *	Plant Sale – Your help needed from 8.00am
Mon 14	KS2 SATs week
Thurs 17	Y3&4 tennis tournament 12.00 – 3.30pm
Fri 18	Y 5&6 tennis tournament 12.00 – 3.30pm
Tues 22	Mayor with School Council – learning walk 10.00 – 11.30am
Thurs 24	New Intake meeting 7.00pmTBC
Fri 25	School Closes for half term
Mon 11 June	School reopens at 8.50am
Mon 11 and week	Year 1 Phonics testing.
Mon 11	Pupil & Curriculum Committee at 6.30pm
Mon 11	Environment & Community Committee at 7.45pm
Mon 18 - 20	Y4 Tattenhall residential
Mon 18	PTA AGM at 7.30pm
Tues 19	Personnel Govs' meeting at 6.30pm
Tues 19	Finance meeting of Govs at 7.45pm
Weds 20 - 22	Y6 to Menai visit
SAT 23 *	Summer Fair / Circus 11.00 – 2.00 (times to be confirmed but 3 shows are planned)
Mon 25 & week	DT week
Tues 26	Year group photos - am
Fri 29	Disco KS1 & KS2,
Tues 3 July	6.30pm Chairs of Govs & 7.00 Full Govs' meeting
Weds 11	Cabaret Evening at 7.15pm
Thurs 12	Sports Day
Fri 13	Reports to Parents
Weds 18	5.30 – 7.30 Open Evening
Weds 18	7.30pm Music Concert
Fri 20	Reserve Sports Day
Mon 23	Children to new classes
Tues 24 & 25	Bikeability (Year 6)
Weds 25	7.00 – 9.30pm Year 6 Prom

Fri 27	Leavers' Service at 10.00am
Fri 27	School closes for summer hols
Mon 30	INSET Day
Tues 31	INSET Day
Mon 4 September	INSET Day
Tues 5	School Opens for Autumn 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

SCHOOL OPENS

May Day 2018	Monday 7th May	
Summer Half Term 2018	Friday 25th May	Monday 11th June
Summer 2018	Friday 27th July	

INSET DAYS LEFT: Monday 30th July 2018, Tuesday 31st July 2018.

School Calendar Dates 2018 – 2019

SCHOOL CLOSURES

SCHOOL OPENS

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

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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 Monday 7th May

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
Bank Holiday	Chicken Korma with Rice	Cheese Flan with Mashed Potatoes	Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Southern Style Chicken Chunks BBQ dip with Chips
	Cheesy Veg Bake (v)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Potatoes (v)	Quorn Fillet (v) with Stuffing & Gravy & Roast potatoes	Vinegar Infused Fish Goujons with Chips
	Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Turkey Baguette	Jacket Potato with
	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Baguette	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
	Sandwich filled with	Wrap filled with	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with
	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Carrots, Cauliflower. Salad Bar	Green Beans, Carrots, Salad Bar	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Baked Beans, Peas, Salad Bar	
Oatie Biscuit	Summer Shortbread	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>		
Seasonal Fruit Platter	with Fruit Chunk	Mixed Veg, Salad Bar	Cookie	
Organic Yoghurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Chocolate Mandarin	Seasonal Fruit Platter	
	Organic Yoghurt	Sponge	Organic Yoghurt	
		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