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Dear Parents,

The Heat Wave Continues

We often complain about the rain... This week has been very hot in school with little respite at playtimes in the sun. Fortunately, our 'Wild Area' at the bottom of the field came into its own and the children played in the cool, under the shade of the trees.



However, with the forecast being similar to this week, please apply the sun cream to your children before they come to school and ensure they have a water-filled bottle to bring in. Many children with hats have been much more comfortable too.

School Discos TONIGHT

Welcome tonight to our new September 2018 starters who are coming to their first disco at 6.00pm. They should enjoy the show with our current KS1 and Reception children. At the end, would parents leave the disco by the doors at the back of the hall so that there is no congestion with the KS2 disco arrivals at the front. The KS2 disco starts at 7.15 and ends at 8.30pm. Please arrive promptly to pick up your children at 8.30pm **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN ONTO THE FIELD THIS EVENING – thank you!**



Summer Fair and Circus

BRILLIANT!

Last Saturday's event must rank amongst the best we have had. Everything seemed to go like clockwork, and that included the weather. The circus was a tremendous success with three performances all virtually sold out and the show was so entertaining for the children (and adults!!) – everyone got wet!

There were several new initiatives in addition to the circus and it was good to see the change and new ideas. Whilst it was an excellent occasion for everyone, the amount of £3,000 was raised for the school. This was the icing on the cake of a great day.



It is so important to say thank you to those who organised it and made it such a success, so thanks to those parents who helped on the day – although we didn't have enough parent helpers to run our barbecue – but those who came and helped ensured most stalls ran well all day – thank you.

A special mention and thanks to Mrs Gatenby and Mrs McConkey, two of our PTA parents, who organised the whole event and worked so hard in the preparation and the day. We can't thank you enough for making it a huge success.

They would be the first to say thank you for the support from the other PTA committee members.

Local History Exhibition Visit (It's Open Tomorrow)

All our Year 5 & 6 children have visited this exhibition in the Baptist Church on Park Lane this week. It was a most fascinating exhibition that chronicled life in Poynton over the last 150 years that the church has been there. Many adults were dressed

in typical clothing of the different decades of the 150 years and that included a reconstruction of a typical WW1 trench, complete with artefacts.

Events through the decades were presented in a time line. The children had the opportunity to dress in the different costumes of the times. The exhibition ended with a range of dancing styles - from 150 years ago to the present day and they were demonstrated before the children tried many of the dances - including the Twist and Saturday Night Fever. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and learned so much.



The exhibition is open tomorrow, so why not pop in and take a look?

Our thanks to Chris Pilkington, who used to be a regular teacher at Lower Park, for the arranging the visit for the children.

Take a look at the photographs on the website and Class Story soon.

Cabaret Evening – 11th July. Tickets Now Available



Do Not Miss This Terrific Event!!!

Here is another reminder about this superb event:

Everyone is invited to the cabaret evening on Wednesday 11th July. This is always a popular and very successful event. The evening will be brimming with music and song with the school KS2 choir beginning the

evening with a repertoire of popular songs. The KS2 choir this year has been singing beautifully and you will be thrilled to hear the quality of their singing. This will be followed by the School Swing Band playing its repertoire of great music. Again, the school band is excellent this year and it is one of our biggest ever bands. The hall will be set out in 'cabaret-style' and the evening is concluded with a performance by the George Galway Manchester Swing Band – with George conducting and playing those magical solos (you can hear a pin drop!!).

Tickets for the evening are on sale now and the price includes light refreshments (you are asked to bring your own choice of liquid refreshments and glasses). The cost of the tickets is £4.00 and can be bought from the school office. This is a popular event so please be sure to get your tickets.

**Transition Meeting for Parents of
Children in Year2
Monday 9th July 6.30pm**

We are having a meeting for parents of children who are moving from Year 2 to Year 3 in September. The purpose is to raise awareness of the changes that the children will make and it will enable parents support their children from now until then. The meeting will take place on Monday 9th July and will start at 6.30pm in the school hall. It will last about 45 minutes.



Picnic Bag Option for KS2

Due to the good weather forecast again next week, we are offering children in KS2 the option of a picnic bag to eat outside for lunch. This will include lunch options which can readily be eaten with their hands e.g. sausage roll, baguettes and sandwiches.

Staff Vacancies

We are now recruiting for new midday assistants. In particular, we need to recruit suitable people to take up this important role on any of these days from September: Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays.

If you, or you know someone is interested in applying for this job, please contact the school office on 01625 872560 and speak to Mrs Peart who will assist you.

Design Technology Week

The secret is out. On Monday, the Year 6 children were challenged to make products out of discarded plastic. The week began with a talk on the effects of plastic pollution on our planet by Lucinda Hodges, Waste Education Officer for Cheshire East. The Year 6 children set about making some very interesting and creatively brilliant products. Everything from plastic flowers to solar powered windmills, were created out of plastic. This afternoon, the children went to every class to look at what the children had made. It was a lovely atmosphere and a grand way to finish a Friday with our DT Challenge products. The children thoroughly enjoyed the project and we should thank Miss Jenkins, our DT leader, for organising the event.

Look out for photographs on our website.



**School Council to Address the Full
Governing Body**

On Tuesday next week, seven members of the School Council will attend the first part of the Governors meeting. This is an invaluable experience for them. They will talk about their work this year and ask questions of the governors.

Athletics Report

18 children from Years 5 and 6 went to Woodbank Park on Wednesday evening to take part in the SSSP athletic extravaganza.

The team competed extremely well in the various field and track event with a special mention to Maddie M who won her girls 80m sprint. Fin G had an amazing evening winning both the boys 80m sprint and a nail biting 4x100m relay alongside Ewan L, Joe H and Tom I with Lower Park taking the win at the finish line by overtaking first place by centimetres! Well done to all the girls and boys who represented our school so well.

A Big Thank you

The Grant family would like to say a very big thank you to Kate Woodhouse who completed the Wilmslow triathlon and raised over £1000. Every penny raised will go towards helping Cole with his rehabilitation. They would also like

to say thank you to everyone who donated to help Cole, they are truly grateful'.

Cricket Report

It was another scorcher as Lower Park headed to Cheadle Hulme School for a cricket festival on Thursday afternoon. The 8 children batted well with plenty of 4s and 6s hit. There was also some brilliant fielding too, with a few wickets bowled and some opposing players run out. Well done to Isla O, Annie C, Georgia H, George O, Will M, Charlie A, Theo L and

Cian T for representing the school so well and your excellent teamwork!



Reminders

Beacon Distribution

As you will be aware we have begun to use the email version of Teachers 2 Parents text service to send out the Beacon. This means that the Beacon is emailed to the first named parent just like the text messaging service. The Beacon is also available on the website:-

www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

*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 play on after school, 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

This Week at School

- Our summer fair and summer circus took place last Saturday and was a huge success.
- The annual DT challenge week began on Monday and children have been busy making products out of waste plastic ever since.
- There were three visits to the Local History Exhibition at the Baptist Church this week.

- On Tuesday, photographs were taken of children in their year groups and parents are able to buy copies.
- On Wednesday, several children took part in a big athletics meeting at Woodbank Park in Stockport.

- Yesterday, our cricket team played a number of games in a tournament.

Next Week at School

- Our last Discos of the school year take place TONIGHT.

- On Tuesday, there is a meeting of the full Governing Body – the School Council will attend.
- On Wednesday, there is Teddy Bears’ picnic.
- On Thursday, there is the final visit by our new intake children
- On Friday, staff from Poynton Library will talk to the children in assembly.

After School Activities taking place - week beginning Monday 2nd July 2018

	Activity	Time	Yr Group	Venue	Organiser	On or Off
Mon	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Cunha / 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	On (last week)
	Girls Football	3.15- 4.15	KS2	Outside	Mr Cunha	On
	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick	On (last week)
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	Off
	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
	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mr Cunha / Mr Ferris	TBC
Thurs	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
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 Summer Term 2018

Date	Event
Fri 29 June	Disco KS1 & KS2,
Tues 3 July	6.30pm Chairs of Govs & 7.00 Full Govs’ meeting
Mon 9	Transition Meeting for parents of children in Year 2 6.30pm
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.
TBC means To be confirmed. TBF means To be Finalised.*

SCHOOL CLOSURES

SCHOOL OPENS

Summer 2018

Friday 27th July

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

School Calendar Dates 2018 – 2019

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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
Summer 2019

Friday 24th May
Friday 26th July

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 J Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park*

My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 2nd July

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
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potatoes (v) Vegetarian Meatball Pasta 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, Green Beans, Salad Bar. Chocolate Crunch with Fruit Chunk Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	BBQ Pork with Cheesy Pasta Fish fingers (v) with Saute Potatoes 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, Sweetcorn. Salad Bar Flapjack with Fruit Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	<h1 style="margin: 0;">Teddy Bears' Picnic</h1>	Roast Chicken with Creamed Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy Quorn Fillet (v) with Creamed Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy Chicken Baguette Quorn Baguette 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 Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Butcher's Sausage Hot Dog with Chips Quorn Sausage Hot Dog with Chips Fish & 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 Pancake, Ice Cream & Fruit Coulis 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.