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Dear Parents,

This is the last Beacon of the school year. Thank you for all your positive comments about the weekly Beacon. The Beacon is intended to keep parents informed about what is happening at school and what is coming up in the future. It is now delivered by email to all our current parents so, for our Year 6 leavers, this is their last edition. However, the Beacon is always posted on our website, so please go there every now and again and see what's happening at your 'old' school. Having said that, we wish all our Year 6 leavers our very best good wishes for your future education and adult life and hope that you will look back with happy memories of your primary school years at Lower Park.

Thank you also, to the parents of our Year 6 leavers. Some have been 'parents' of the school for well over seven years and this is their last child to leave Lower Park. Thank you for your help and support and we wish you all the best for the future too.

Staff Leaving



The last Beacon of the year often rings out the changes and this year we are also saying 'Goodbye' to one of our longest serving teachers, Mrs Ripper. Her last day in school will be on Wednesday and she is moving on to a new school and a new phase in her career. I know there are many parents who have expressed their thanks to Mrs Ripper for her excellent teaching skills when

teaching their children in her class and have sent their best wishes. All at Lower Park thank her for all she has done and wish her the very best of success for the future.

Another Change – in Name Only!

It will be an exciting summer for Miss King who is walking down the aisle on 11th August after which she will be known as Mrs Potts.

We all send our best wishes for her special day and their future together as Mr and Mrs Potts.

Goodbye to our MDA

Next week, we will also be saying goodbye to one of our midday assistants. Mrs Leatherbarrow has decided it is time to hang up her playground whistle. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

A New Member of Staff



In September, Miss Booth will join the teaching staff and we welcome her to Lower Park. She is no stranger to the school, having been with us for the majority of this current year. I am sure that she will receive a warm welcome and support from everyone as she takes up her post.

Children to New Classes on Monday

On Monday, the children will go to their new classes and meet their new teachers. A letter will be sent home on Monday, informing parents which class your child will be in from September.

This is a demanding and difficult job for teachers in determining what

classes to place the children in for September. It takes many hours of teachers' time until the final lists are formed and I can assure you that all decisions are made in the best interests of the children.

Once established on Monday, we will not be moving children to different classes and I would request that parents do not ask for a class change for their child, but instead, trust the staff to ensure that your child will achieve the best they can in the class in which they consider to be best for your child. I admire the teachers' care and consideration in carrying out this task. Each year they show excellent professional insight and knowledge of the children's needs when making these decisions. For your information, there are several criteria we apply when determining which class your child is placed in, which are; social grouping, friendships, maturity and ability to respond to the challenge of the class. It is not determined just by ability as is sometimes assumed. In each class, there will be children with a range of ability levels.

In the past, any concerns parents may have had were negligible after a short time in September and they have been very satisfied with the outcome. It is this support from Lower Park parents that we appreciate so much.

Year 6 Prom



On Wednesday, 25th July, we will be having our Year 6 Leavers' Prom. The red carpet will be rolled out and the children will make the 'Walk of Pride' down into the prom itself. If you plan to watch the arrival (and many do) I would ask you to take

special care on Hazelbadge Road when children's thoughts are sometimes not as focused on road safety as they should be.

It is a special occasion for the Year 6 children and it starts at 7.00pm with the arrivals and ends at 9.30pm when Year 6 parents can watch the final game in the hall.

This year, the Mayor of Poynton, who was bowled over by the children on her visit to the school earlier this term, can't resist popping in to join the party for a while. She has adopted Lower Park as one of her fundraising projects so that we can build a 'Sensory Garden' in school on the grass area outside the rear hall doors. She is holding a tea party to raise funds for this. See the next item....

Enjoy Afternoon Tea with Poynton Mayor and Raise Money for Lower Park

Ubagene, on London Road South, are to host an Afternoon Tea Party to help raise funds for Poynton Town Mayor's chosen good causes for her 2018/2019 mayoral year.

One of the good causes is to help our PTA raise funds for a sensory garden at school.

Cllr Sarah-Jane Gilmore hopes you can join her for cakes, sandwiches, scones, savoury bites, tea and coffee and if the tea's not strong enough, there's a licensed bar!

It will be held on Sunday 29th July from 2.30pm – 4.30pm and tickets, available from Ubagene and Mates DIY cost £10 per person.

Leavers' Assembly

On Friday 27th July at 10.00am, there will be a leavers' assembly. Parents of Year 6 children are welcome to attend. Sorry, but due to the limited space in the hall, there is only room for Year 6 parents to attend.

Bikeability

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, children from years 4 & 6 will be taking part in a bike safety programme. Those taking part from Year 6 are asked to come to school on those days with a roadworthy bike and also to bring their helmet as they will not be allowed to participate without one. The children can also come dressed in appropriate clothing for this activity - and apply a good amount of sun cream too please.

On arrival, the children need to walk their bikes through the playground to the field and rest them by the Hollies' building.



Children in Year 6 will be doing Bikeability on both Tuesday & Wednesday.

Children taking part after school either on Tuesday or Wednesday in Year 4 should follow the same arrangements for bikes and helmets and bringing their bikes to school.

Cabaret Evening

'Wonderful' accurately describes Monday's Cabaret Evening. The scene was set with candles and place settings as the audience filtered in. The first musical item was a very different collection of songs sung by our school choir. They featured many solos and multi-part singing that was a joy to listen to. Thank you to our choir director, Mrs Mellor.

The school swing band took to the stage and delivered and compered a mixture of musical treats ranging from, 'I Just Called to Say I Love You' to 'Rock Around the Clock.' All compered by the children themselves, who managed to entice a member of staff up to dance in rock and roll style to 'Woodchoppers' Ball.'

The evening was rounded off with the adult Manchester Swing Band playing their mixture of big band music, with the added bonus of a solo from the maestro himself, George Galway.

As ever, the stars of the night were the talented children we have here at Lower Park – well done to you all!



Annual Questionnaire



Thank you to those parents who have returned their completed

questionnaire to school. We would be really pleased to receive many more before the end of term. ALL your views are taken to our Review Day next term to which all staff and governors attend in order to decide our priorities for the following year.

The questionnaire was sent home with your child's report. It can be returned by email to admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk or in an envelope and posted / handed in at the office or via your child's class teacher. It can be returned anonymously if you wish too. The important thing is that we have everyone's views to take with us to our Review Day next term. Please return it by the end of this term.

Music Evening



The second music event of the week was a musical extravaganza performed by over 100 children from Key Stage 2. The concert had it all – the brass band, the guitar ensemble, the string ensemble and many, many solos and duets from the children. Helped by their peripatetic music teachers, it was non-stop music for 90 minutes that brought wonderful warm applause from the audience of parents (thank you so much).

Music is alive and well and a big feature of Lower Park, giving the children another skill and developing a talent that will enrich their lives as their expertise grows in playing on one of the eleven different types of instrument taught at school. Well done to all the children who performed and a big thank you to their teachers and Mrs Mellor for bringing it all together.

Library Helper needed

We have had superb support from parents, five of whom man our library on an afternoon each week. At the end of this term, two of the parents will cease their afternoon help. Our thanks to Mrs Kershaw and Mrs Harvey who have run our library on an afternoon a week over the last year. We have recruited one new parent – thank you - but need another parent to fill in the remaining afternoon.

If you are able to help for one afternoon each week, please get in touch with the school office on

admin@lowerpark,cheshire.sch.uk
or ring 01625 872560 or speak with
Mrs McLean.

Library Books

Thank you to those who have returned library books, however, there are still 85 library books that have not been returned, many of them are our new books. The cost of replacing the books is high and should not be a drain on the school's budget. We have already sent letters home to those who, according to our records, still have books out on loan. We may have to issue invoices to those families should the books not be returned.

Please take another look at home (the children's rooms maybe) and seek out and return any outstanding books. Many thanks.

School Meals Prices

For the second year running, we have some good news. We will not be increasing the cost of a school meal from September. The number of children having a school meal has increased again this year and I would like to commend the work of Mrs Laffey and her team for raising the standard of the meals and responding to the children's requests whenever she can – she is such a fantastic school cook.

From September, the cost of a school meal will still be £2.35. This applies to KS2 children only as KS1 children have Universal Free School Meals. Please ensure your school meal payments are up to date prior to the end of term to enable a smooth transition to the new school year in September.

Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following benefits. Cheshire East Council also needs to know if you are eligible and have a child in KS1 or FS (even though your child will receive free school meals in September) The criteria are::

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

The children will not know who is on free school meals as everything is kept discrete and confidential. For further information, to inform about your eligibility with a child in KS1 / FS or to make an application please contact Cheshire East Council.

Visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm
or call 0300 123 5012

Holiday Building Work

Over the summer holiday, three lots of building work will be taking place. If you are passing the school, you won't fail to notice scaffolding erected so that the hall roof can be replaced. The current roof has deteriorated and the Local Authority, who own the school building, are replacing it and paying for the majority of the cost.

Please take care if your children are attending the Hollies holiday scheme. There may be builders' vans moving in and out of the school car park. There will also be a skip in situ.

The second project is the conversion of the old staff room to a 'Boost Room' and there will be some minor alterations made to it.

The last development is that a new storage hut will be erected near the tennis court. This will be where games equipment will be stored.



Lost Property

This week we have been through the box of lost property and returned any named items to their owners. There does, however, remain a large amount in the box on the LKS2 corridor. If you are missing any items please come and look through the box to identify which items may belong to you. By Friday, any unclaimed property will be disposed of.

Message from the Hollies

The Hollies is currently looking to replace the current chair, who will be stepping down in September. Being OFSTED registered and a charity the Hollies must have a Chair of its Committee. The current committee may be able to temporarily cover this role on a short-term basis, however a new chair is required.

We urgently need a volunteer to take up the position of Chair. This can be a parent, grandparent or anyone with an interest in supporting the setting. Please contact Debbie or Rachel if you can spare some time to help support this wonderful setting. Guidance, training and support will be provided. Please ring 01625 850176 or email admin@theholliespreschool.co.uk. Thankyou

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 'Participation'



The winners this week were:- Eleanor S, Charlie H, Alfie E, Charlie C, Lewis B, Joshua B, Katy S, Joshua F, Elliott R, Heath L, Annie C and Ollie T.

Well done to all those children!

No Slime in School

You may have seen the health warnings regarding the recent slime craze. Many children have had a nasty bug in school recently we have decided that slime will no longer be allowed in school. Please would you support the school in this by reminding your children that they are not to bring slime to school. Thank you for your support.

Reminders

This Week at School

- On Monday, the rearranged Cabaret Evening took place – see above.
- On Wednesday, the open evening took place and parents brought

in their report with added comments for the school to photocopy.

- On Wednesday, the end of year music concert took place – see item above.

- On Monday, children go to their new classes and meet their new teacher.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday there are Bikeability sessions for the children.
- On Wednesday evening, the Year 6 Prom takes place.

- On Friday, the Leavers' service takes place at 10.00am.
- At 3.15 on Friday, the school closes for the summer holiday.
- School reopens on Tuesday 4th September at 8.50am.

Next Week at School

After School Activities taking place - week beginning Monday 23rd 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	OFF
Tues	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	OFF
	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha	OFF
	Girls Football	3.15- 4.15	KS2	Outside	Mr Cunha	OFF
Weds	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick	OFF
	Choir	8.15 – 8.50	Y3 – Y6	Hall	Mrs Mellor	OFF
	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	OFF
	Football	3.45 – 4.15	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Les Clitheroe	OFF
	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mr Cunha / Mr Ferris	OFF
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	OFF
Fri	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson	OFF
	Multi-Sports	3.13 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Hall or outside	Mr Coulson	OFF

Diary Dates for the Summer Term 2018

Date	Event
Mon 23	Children to new classes
Tues 24 & 25	Bikeability All day (Year 6)
Tues 24	Bikeability Miss Cork's class 3.15 – 5pm
Weds 25	Bikeability Mr Cunha's year 4 3.15 – 5pm
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 3 September	INSET Day
Tues 4	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

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

School Calendar Dates 2019 – 2020

SCHOOL CLOSES

Autumn Half Term	Friday 25th October
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20th December
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February
Easter 2019	Friday 3rd April
May Day 2019	Monday 4th May
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22nd May
Summer 2020	Wednesday 22nd July

SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 3rd September
Tuesday 5th November
Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 24th February
Monday 20th April
Monday 8th June

INSET DAYS: Monday 2nd September 2019, Monday 4th November 2019, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Monday 27th July 2020

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 23rd 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
Fish fillet Jacket Wedges (v)	BBQ Pork with Cheesy Pasta	Chicken Korma served with Rice	Minced Beef Pie with Mashed Potatoes	<u>Menu Chosen by Year 6</u>
Vegetarian Meatball Pasta Bake (v)	Butcher's Sausage Hot Dog with Saute Potatoes	Vegetable Bake	Vegetarian Sausage Roll and Saute Potatoes	Pizza with a BBQ Sauce
Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Sausage Hot Dog with Chips	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Pizza with a Tomato Sauce
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Roast Gammon & Gravy
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Roast Gammon Baguette
Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Baguette
Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
Peas, Green Beans, Salad Bar.	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Broccoli, Carrots, Salad Bar	Mixed veg, Salad Bar	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Chocolate Crunch with Fruit Chunk	Carrots, Sweetcorn. Salad Bar		Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
Seasonal Fruit Platter	Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble and Custard	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
Organic Yoghurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Organic Yoghurt	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
	Organic Yoghurt	Organic Yoghurt		Cheesy Potatoes, Chips
				Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce
				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.