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Dear Parents,

Film and Story Night – Update!
Friday 19th October
Transylvania
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It is even better news about our Film Night. The film will be Transylvania 3 and not Transylvania 2.

Mother Hen will have a limited number of children in her sessions for her illustrated story. She will tell the story in two groups. She will tell the story in one group whilst the other group has their snack and a singalong. Look out for the flyer.

Downloading our School Spider App. It is Important Before the Booking Time Arrives for Parents' Evening Appointments

The app looks a little like this (a grey background with a black spider showing two eyes) and is called 'School Spider.'



Please download the app before the time allocated for booking your appointment. Initially, the app will be used to make this appointment, but there are other features we can use it for in time. These will include:

- Complete online surveys and forms (these could include school trip/club bookings etc.)
- Smartphone messages

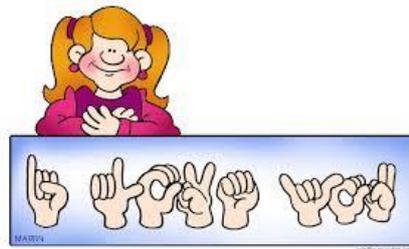
The app can be downloaded from the store from where you download your other apps (eg the App Store). The date and time to make an appointment for the October parents' evenings will be notified to you in advance so that everyone can access the available appointments from that time. I have attached the letter generated from School Spider again this week. It explains how to download the app.

We should smile and be friendly

What a response from the children in KS2 this week, who were challenged to reproduce our 'positive' school rule. Imaginations have run riot with this and the children produced some stunning ideas, some of which will be displayed on our school rule noticeboard.

Thanks go to Leah P and Sophie M. They had learnt the school rule in Makaton and demonstrated it to the whole school. All children are learning the rule in Makaton and will be able to show you: -

We should smile and be friendly; be well-mannered and polite; speak the truth; be fair and treat each other with respect



Book Fair Next Week

You will have received a letter by email with details of the book fair we have in school from next Thursday 27th September until Tuesday 2nd October. Also a leaflet incorporating an order form, has been sent home

with the children today. The fair will be open from Thursday evening from 3.20pm after school so you can visit with your children. Additionally, it will be open for parents only from 2.30pm on Friday. The children will visit with their classes during the school day. The letter emailed home gives details of how books can be ordered, if you are unable to visit the fair and also how payment can made. Please do support our book fair.

Languages Week



Next week is Languages Week at Lower Park and there will be a whole range of exciting learning opportunities taking place throughout the school. In Early Years and Key Stage One, the focus is on Germany, to tie in with the 'Tell me a Story' topic and the early life experiences of the author Judith Kerr. The children will be learning some German vocabulary and taking part in a variety of activities, including baking, art and traditional dance. On Thursday we would ask that the children come to school dressed in the colours of the German flag (red, black, gold).

In LKS2, the children will enjoy a taste of several different European countries to fit in with their topic 'A taste of Europe', including France, Spain and Italy. They will learn a little more about the art, cuisine and architecture of these countries and on Thursday and Friday they are invited to dress up in the colours of any European flag.

In UKS2, the focus will be on France. The children will enjoy a French picnic and will be creating a 3D map of Poynton with important landmarks labelled in French. This map will eventually be shown to the children attending our twinned school in Haybes, France, via video link as part of an initial introduction to our school. The children will also be learning a French song and taking part in French games. They are invited to dress in a French inspired costume on Thursday and Friday.

We're looking forward to a busy week which we've no doubt is also going to be lots of fun!

What has the Money Raised by the PTA Been Spent On?

At the beginning of the school year, it is good to inform parents about how the funds raised by the PTA events in the year have been spent. Soon, the PTA will be sending out a more illustrative flyer about the use of the funds and about up-and-coming events for this year. With reduced school funding and rising costs, the funding raised by the PTA makes a real difference to what the school can provide for your children. This year the PTA funds have bought or will buy:

	£
School money	1,000
Classroom funds (£200 per classroom)	2,000
Yr4 Maths/tables test	400
3 x EYFS scooters	400
Bubble room fit out	400
New microphones/sound system	1,500
Music stands	1,000
Kingswood coach	465
Leavers DVD	350
iPad provision	3,000
Dyslexia screening*	1,100
IDL licence*	400
PE Shed	1,000
Total**	£13,015

fund

In addition, an amount of money is allocated for adding to the Boost Room resources for SEN.

10% of funds raised from every PTA event is allocated to a special needs fund that school can draw upon in different ways.

It goes without saying how important our PTA is to Lower Park. The teachers are so grateful that the PTA pays £200.00 for equipment for each classroom, so that teachers can add all sorts of equipment that enhance the classrooms for the children. A huge thank you from the staff. Please support our events again this year.

Quarry Bank Visit

We do still need helpers, so if you are available and willing to help on 9th October, please call the office on 01625 872560.

School Lotto



At Lower Park, the PTA run a Lotto Club (100 Club) where parents can purchase a number between 1 and 100 for our monthly draw. Three numbers are drawn each month and the prizes are:

1st - £25.00, 2nd £15.00, 3rd £10.00. The draw raises upto £1000.00 each year for school.

It is easy to join (and help the school buy the types of things we have listed in this Beacon). To join, all you need to do is complete a form which is available from the school office or attached to this Beacon. There is also a standing order form attached, should you prefer that method to pay.

Did You Know?

Did you know.....



..... that all the children in school run a 'Daily Mile?' At some point each day, the children break out of the classroom to 'run a mile.' Teachers choose the appropriate time to do so and it is an attempt to increase the amount of physical activity the children do in a week.

We hope to install a dedicated 'Daily Mile Track' when funds are secured.

Digital Art Club

Miss Cork is starting a digital art club next week. Names of the children who want to go to the club have been drawn from a hat. The club starts next week. A letter has been sent home today informing parents which children have been drawn out of the hat and are first to attend the club this term. Those who were unlucky to not be drawn from the hat also have a letter to advise that they will have their opportunity in spring term. Miss Cork will send a letter in January advising when the club will recommence.

Dodgeball



This new club begins next Friday. Children can do this activity in their school uniform but will need to wear trainers / pumps for the activity. They can change back into their school shoes at the end of the session.

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 'New Beginnings.'



This week's winners were:

Matthew B, Maia H, Leah P, Sophie M, Thomas M, Daniel L, Jude L, Holly L, Danny H, Thomas P, Ben H and Joe G

Letters this week

- To Year 6 re transfer to secondary school
- To all re Dick Whittington pantomime trip

Reminders

School Uniform

Here is a reminder about our school uniform. We hope that all children should wear our school uniform proudly. The wearing of a watch and stud earrings is fine (watches and earrings must be removed (or earrings taped over) for safety reason during PE and games and that long hair is tied back.

Please ensure your children come to school in our school uniform and

PLEASE, PLEASE put your child's name in their sweatshirts and other property. Here is a reminder:

Uniform White polo shirt or blouse
Grey trousers, skirts or pinafore
Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan.
Black, sturdy shoes (not trainers)

PE Kit Shorts or blue leggings and T-shirt (trainers for summer)

Games Kit As for PE with trainers and tracksuit

Swimming Costume, towel (and swimming hat for long hair)
(Year 4 have swimming lessons on Fridays this term)
Our supplier's details are: info@psupoynton.co.uk 01625

876885, Anne Taylor also comes into school on the first Thursday of each month and sells uniform in our reception area.

Library Helper Needed



We still are asking for another parent to fill the vacancy for one afternoon on Thursdays each week.

If you are able to help for Thursday 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

This Week in School

- Auditions for the Swing Band took place on Monday afternoon this week.
- The staff had a training session led by a maths consultant.
- The PTA held its first meeting of the school year on Monday. Planning for the Christmas Fair is now underway and confirmation that the PTA has donated £3,000 for new IPADS and £1,000 for our new PE Shed.

Next Week in School

- On Monday, the staff will have training on Emotional Literacy
- On Thursday, our book fair will open after school in the hall / school library.
- Dodgeball begins on Friday morning before school.

Please note – the On/Off column has moved to the left– at the request of the PTA – for quick reference!!

After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 24th September 2018						
	<i>On or Off?</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Yr Group</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
Mon	ON	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
Tues	OFF	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	ON	Digital Art Club	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's class	Miss Cork
	OFF(on Friday lunchtime this week)	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha
	OFF	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick
Weds	ON	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	Football	3.45 – 4.15	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Les Clitheroe
	ON	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mr Cunha / Mr Ferris
Thurs	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
Fri	OFF	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson
	ON	Multi-Sports	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 - Y4	Hall or outside	Mr Coulson

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2018

Date	Event
Mon 24 September	World Languages Week (Thursday focus)
Thurs 27	Book Fair open for parents after school until Tuesday 2 Oct
Fri 28	Afternoon viewing of book fair for parents.
Mon 1 October	Full governors' meeting – 6.30pm Chairs & 7.00 FGB
Weds 3	Book fair collected today
Thurs 4	New intake meeting at 7.00pm
Fri 5	School discos 6.00 – 7.00 and 7.15 – 8.30pm
Tues 9	KS1 & FS to Quarry Bank
Thurs 18	Individual photos am
Fri 19	Harvest Festival (KS2)
Fri 19	PTA Film night from 3.00pm school hall
Mon 22	School Health admin Fluenz to children from Rec to Year 5
Mon 22	Pupil & Curric Govs' meeting 6.30pm
Mon 22	Environ & Comm gov's' meeting at 7.45pm
Tues 23	Parents' evening until 7.30pm
Thurs 25	Parents' evening until 7.30pm
Fri 26	School closes for half term

Mon 5	November	INSET Day Review Day – School Closed
Tues 6 - 9		Anti-Bullying week
Tues 6		9.00am Anti-bullying performance – times TBC
Weds 7 - 9		Year 6 to Kingswood
Mon 12		Personnel govs' meeting at 6.00pm, Finance govs' meeting at 7.45
Thurs 15		PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Mon 26		Chairs of Govs at 6.30pm, FGB at 7.00pm
Saturday 1st December		Christmas fair – 11.00 – 2.00pm
Weds 12		Whole school to Pantomime – Dick Whittington
Fri 14		Freddy Fit
Mon 17		Christmas Shows - KS1 pm performance, KS2 eve performance
Tues 18		Christmas Shows - KS2 pm Performance, KS1 evening performance
Weds 19		Christmas Shows - KS1 pm performance, KS2 eve performance
Thurs 20		XMAS Party/entertainer KS1&FS, XMAS Dinner & Talent Show KS2
Fri 21		School closes at 3.15 for Xmas holiday
Mon 7 Jan 2019		School opens for spring term at 8.50am

*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 Calendar Dates 2018 – 2019

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

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSURES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Autumn Half Term	Friday 25th October	Tuesday 3rd September
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20th December	Tuesday 5th November
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February	Monday 6th January 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3rd April	Monday 24th February
May Day 2020	Monday 4th May	Monday 20th April
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22nd May	Monday 8th June
Summer 2020	Wednesday 22nd July	

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 24th September

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