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Dear Parents,

Have You Downloaded our School Spider App?

It is Important to do this before the Booking Time Arrives for Parents' Evening Appointments

The log-on details for the School Spider app will be sent out on Tuesday next week.

We are urging all parents to download the app as it is the quick way to book your parents' evening appointment – we will no longer use the paper forms to write in your time. This will be done on-line.

Here is a reminder:

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



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 **Monday 8th October at 6.00pm** which means 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.

Film and Story Night – Update! Friday 19th October Transylvania

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The planning of the film / story night is well underway and details are as follows:

The KS1 and FS children will be taken to the hall first while Mother Hen sets up in a classroom. They will then enjoy their story, singing and snack times before being collected at 5.00pm from the Foundation playground.

KS2 children's film, Transylvania 3 will begin at 4.45pm and the children need to be collected at 6.45pm

Order forms will be sent out in book bags next week.

KS1 & FS stage – start straight after school and end at 5.00pm

KS2 film begins at 4.45pm and end at 6.45pm

Reminder – There will be no multi-sports on film night on 19th October

Reception Parents' Meeting Next Thursday, 4th October

I am sure that parents of children in the reception class will remember that there is a meeting for you next Thursday, starting at 7.00pm. The meeting is for parents only and during the meeting we will be highlighting how the children are being taught in school. Teachers will show you how phonics is taught and how you can follow this up with your child's phonics homework as well as how you can help your child with

reading at home, writing and practical ideas for developing numeracy skills. We will also be showing a movie of your children's first few weeks in school. The meeting will last approximately 75 minutes.

Disco Night – Next Friday 5th October

On Friday, the disco for the reception children and those in KS1 will take place from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. The KS2 disco begins at 7.15pm and ends at 8.30pm. The cost is just £1.00 and there will be snacks to buy.

Our DJ, Nick Barnes, will be working his magic tricks in the first disco and will introduce some excellent games in the second disco.

Tickets can be bought from the school office next week – the tickets make for a speedier entry to the disco, although children can pay at the door.



Parents of children at the first disco are welcome to stay but we ask that you collect your children at the end and leave by the doors at the back of the school hall.

Parents of children in KS2 are asked to collect their children promptly at 8.30pm.

If you are able to help at either of the discos please let the ladies in the office know.

**Book Fair Open Next Week
On Monday & Tuesday After School**



Your last chance to visit the book fair with your children will be on Monday and Tuesday next week at the end of the school day. Please come along with your children and purchase these lovely books. There are more books than ever in this fair with a greater number of books for each age range. In addition, if this fair is successful we will qualify for a half price book fair in the summer term.

Languages Week



What a week this has been! About everything possible has taken place. There has been baking, cooking, singing, dancing, painting and picnics happening all over the school (the Pizzas in LKS2 were magnificently authentic and were very tasty – so much so there were many eaten on the way home!). After lessons had taken place in French, German and Spanish, there was even a boules competition on the school field in the afternoon – using French onions as the boules. It had the children in fits of giggles. Look out for pictures on Class Story and out website.

Thank you for dressing your children in the colours of the flag

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.

'Lunch Favourites' Thursday

On the lunch menu for this week you will notice we have a 'Favourites Thursday'. As a reward for the children making such a good start to the school year, Mrs Laffey has arranged a lunch menu for Thursday which is filled with, what they tell her, are their favourite meals.

Christmas Fair Dressing Down Days



Parents have asked us to give as much notice as possible about what is required on dressing down days. We have these days to raise items for our Christmas Fair which takes place on Saturday 1st December between 11.00 am and 2.00pm. We ask parents to send their children in with items in return for dressing in other clothing. Here are the details for this term's dressing down days:

9th Nov - £1 coin in return for wearing a onesie

16th Nov - Bring a bottle in return for coming in fancy dress/stars of sports & screen (Please take extra care when bringing them in)

23rd Nov – Please bring sweet filled jars in return for coming to school in out of uniform No nuts please).

30th Nov – Please send in cakes & chocolates in return for wearing Christmas tops and / or silly socks.

Thank you for your support.

Did You Know?

Did you know.....



..... If you work in a bank, especially Barclay's, HSBC or Santander, you can apply for matched funding for fund raising events in school. This can be as much as £1,000.00. It may also apply to other banks.

If you work in a bank, or any company that operates a similar scheme, please let us know and we will help you make the application.

Dodgeball



This morning saw the start of a new Dodgeball club for KS1 & FS. It was lovely to see the children having fun learning dodge ball skills. They will soon be dodging, ducking and dipping.

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:

Charlotte B, Alice K, Will B, Isobel M, Lewis B, Harry I, Daniel M, Max T and Zoe S.

Well done to all those children.

Letters this week

- To Reception Parents copy of Reading meeting slides

Reminders



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.

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:

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| 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

- On Monday, the staff had a twilight training session on Emotional Literacy.
- On Monday, the auditions for the school band took place.
- On Thursday, all the school celebrated World Languages Day (see above)
- On Thursday and today, our book fair was open after school in the hall and school library.

- Dodgeball began this morning for children in Years R, 1 & 2.
- Today was the first meeting of the School Council.

Next Week in School

- From Monday at 8.15am, tickets for the school discos will be available from the office
- On Monday after school, there will be a twilight training session for staff.
- On Monday, there is a meeting of the full Governing Body.
- On Tuesday, there is a last chance to visit the book fair after school in the school library area.
- On Thursday at 7.00pm, there is a meeting in the school hall for parents of children in the reception year.
- On Friday, there is a disco for children in FS and KS1 between 6.00pm and 7.00pm and for KS2 between 7.15pm and 8.30pm.

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

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 1st October 2018</i>						
	<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	ON	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
	ON	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	ON	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 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 govs' 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 1st October 2018

School Meals are free for Reception & KSI 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		****Favourites**** ***THURSDAY***		FRIDAY	
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potatoes (v)	BBQ Pork with Cheesy Pasta	Roast Chicken with Creamed Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Fish Goujons Wrap & Chips	Butcher's Sausage Hot Dog with Chips					
Vegetarian Meatball Pasta Bake (v)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll(v) with Saute Potatoes	Quorn Fillet (v) with Creamed Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a bun & Chips	Quorn Sausage Hot Dog with Chips					
Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Chicken Baguette	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Minced Beef Pie with Chips					
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Baguette	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna					
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwiches filled with Tuna					
Sandwich filled with Tuna	Sandwich filled with Tuna	Ham	Ham	Sandwich filled with Tuna					
Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna					
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Mixed veg, Salad Bar	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar					
Peas, Green Beans, Salad Bar.	Carrots, Sweetcorn. Salad Bar	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Choc Muffin	Pancake, Ice Cream & Fruit Coulis					
Chocolate Crunch with Fruit Chunk	Flapjack with Fruit	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter					
Seasonal Fruit Platter	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Broccoli, Carrots, Salad Bar	Organic Yoghurt	Organic Yoghurt					
Organic Yoghurt	Organic Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream							
		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.