



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Fri 25th
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2019

Dear Parents,

Road Closure Notice

We have received notice today that Chester Road will be closed between Deva Close and Clifford Road from 31st October to 12th November, for resurfacing work between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Access between these dates at those times will be for residents only. It is probable that you will need to allow more time if you travel to school by car, to park up away from school and walk the last part of the way to school.

There could also be traffic lights in operation at other times too.



Head's Updates

Today we break up for the half-term holiday and everyone at school wishes you a pleasant October break.

Forthcoming Events:

At the end of this Beacon I have included the forthcoming events to the end of term.

Back to School:

Just a reminder that we begin back at school on *Tuesday* 5th November.

Questionnaires:

Thank you for returning the questionnaires. You have provided us with a great deal to think about and consider on the Review Day on 4th November. Mrs Allatt collates the returns and I will provide the numerical results to you after half term.

Just Around the Corner:

Next half term is one of our busiest, yet it is always very exciting for the children as we have Christmas festivities at the end of the term. Start dusting off your coat hanger decorations!!

Daily Mile Evaluation:

The Daily Mile track has been well-used since it was installed and many children now do run a mile each day – despite the wet weather we have been experiencing.



School Library:

Next half term we hope to be getting back to our school library afternoon visits. Since September, many parent volunteers have been doing a magnificent job in adding stickers to our library books so that we can fully implement a new reading incentive called Accelerated Reader, which is aimed at children from Year 2 to Year 6. This term we have seen the number of library books increased from 2.5 thousand in our library to just over 9 thousand and so the children have an even greater choice than before.

Phonics Update:

Our new phonics scheme has also been very successful. Parents of children in KS1 and FS will have heard about 'Fred Words' and, our school improvement partner observed all the phonics groups last week. We are all pleased with the outcome.

First Day Back:

Family photographs will be taken on the day we return after half-term. They will take the form of individual and family photographs. Other siblings can be added but must it be before school starts – see below.

Parents' Evening Feedback

The changes we introduced this week for KS2 parents generated almost all positive feedback. The main advantages were that parents had

their appointments on time and, for KS2, the choice to meet teachers who teach their children for English or maths was well-received.

The new report format also received very good feedback; it gave concise, simple to read information.

The only real negative was that parents could not make an appointment online (but could do so over the phone). This was due to our website provider unable to provide a 3-column format for KS2 parents. We will work on that one.

I would particularly like to thank all our parents who responded to the request to move on from their appointment once time was called and this majorly contributed to a successful parents' evening.



Perhaps the antics of the bell ringer raised the biggest smile, especially when the ringer fell out of the bell – otherwise it was a smooth-running evening.

I would be interested in any further feedback, although I talked with many during the evenings.

Individual Photographs
Tuesday 4th November
(and no band practice on 4th)



On Tuesday 5th November, the photographer will be in school to take photographs of all the children individually and with siblings.

She will arrive at 8.15am to allow any family that has younger or older siblings, not at Lower Park, to have their photograph taken together. Please come to the hall via the main entrance.

KS1 Choir to start after half term

Key stage 1 choir will start after the half term holidays on Wednesdays. This is open to children in Reception and Key stage 1. If your child wishes to take part, please arrive through the front office doors and allow the children to walk down to Mrs Cunha's classroom where a register will be taken. We will be starting with some Christmas songs ready for the Christmas Fair!

Lost Property

During parents' evenings, I am sure many parents will have noticed the amount of lost property in the LP box. Please put names on your children's clothes, especially the sweatshirts. It seems that many names are washed out after being in the washing machine, so please check and over-write the names each time if necessary. We will be discarding the latest unclaimed collection at the end of the first week after half-term, so please take a look at what is there, before it disappears.

Film Night



Once again, our hall turned into a fantastic cinema with a wall to wall screen and digital quality projection. The children enjoyed their snack which was ordered beforehand. Thank you to the PTA for organising the event.

Bonfire and Halloween

This week the children had talks on being safe at bonfires, firework displays and Halloween. The talks were delivered by the Community Support Officers. Thank you for buying your bonfire party tickets from school – much appreciated.

Poppy Appeal

When we return after half-term, we will be selling poppies in preparation for Remembrance Day on 11th November. Please send your child in

with a donation if you wish them to buy a poppy. Also available are the items below for which there is a suggested donation amount.



Wristband – £1
Reflector – 50p
Zip Pull – 50p
Snap band - £1.50

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's winners were:

Benjamin B, Henry G, Eve B, Zoe L, Brodie C and Sophie F. Sofia G, Holly L.
Well done to all those children.

Toys



Our school policy is for children not to bring toys to school. Unfortunately, we have had issues with, in particular Bay Blades (spinning tops which can be dangerous), toys being lost or broken and children then becoming upset so please ensure that that toys stay at home.

We do allow collecting cards such as Pokemon as it is good for the children to learn about starting collections. However, if children have their cards out in the classroom during lessons, they will be kept by the teacher and returned at the end of the day.

The Lion King
KS2 Cast Rehearsals

There was much excitement in key stage 2 today as those who had auditioned for roles in the KS2 show, found out which parts they have been asked to play. Your child will no doubt let you know.

Rehearsals begin after half term and will be on Tuesday and Thursday for that week until 4.30pm. Mrs Mellor will then send a schedule of rehearsals home after that, but do keep an eye on the clubs and activities table at the end of the beacon as rehearsals days will be indicated there.



Planning Permission Has Been Granted

On Wednesday, despite our efforts and those of local residents, Cheshire East Council Strategic Planning Board approved planning permission for houses to be built at the end of Hazelbadge Road. Persimmon has been given the permission to build, but there are yet some details to be negotiated. The road access from Chester Road will be widened. There will be some recessed parking bays adjacent to the school and an additional small staff car park will be built at the end of the road, allowing more space for parents elsewhere. Residents have yet to be consulted over other measures, such as the addition of some double yellow lines etc.

The land had been approved for housing for a long while and it was almost inevitable that houses would appear there. Throughout the application process, I have worked hard to ensure the safety of our children, winning some concessions along the way, including the additional dropping off bays opposite the school and a small staff car parking area. You can be assured that I will continue to negotiate vigorously so that our children will be safe coming to and from school. Thank you for all your support over this issue.

Reminders



Contact Family Information Service for information and links across services in Cheshire East. FIS is a service for parents/carers, children and young people 0 – 25.
<https://bit.ly/2KIXIIP>

Applying for a Reception Place for September 2020

Reminder – parents of children with older siblings already at school DO need to apply for a reception place in September 2020 - contact the office for more information.

Join the PTA Committee

Successful as the PTA is, we are always looking for new members to join. If you would like to become part of the PTA committee, ring Charlotte Fazackerley, the current chair, on 07884208045.

A Message from the Hollies

We will be holding a quiz night to raise funds towards a new building. It will be held on FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER at Davenport golf club. Tickets £10, to include a hot pot supper (I can definitely recommend this!!)

Please email Debbie or Rachel to book your tickets
manager@theholliespreschool.co.uk
[/ admin@theholliespreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@theholliespreschool.co.uk)
 You can book for a team or join another team
 We look forward to another fun filled night.

Letters this Week

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This Week in School

- Last Friday, the children enjoyed another film night in our school hall.
- On Monday, the Community Support Team delivered talks to all the children about fireworks and bonfire safety.
- On Monday, the governors met to discuss a range of issues.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday, we had our parents' evenings.

Next School Week

- School is closed on Monday 4th November for an INSET day. Part of the day will be spent reviewing the previous year, your questionnaire responses and progress against the school development plan, before forming next year's priorities. Part of the day will also involve the staff training on the new curriculum.
- School opens on Tuesday 5th November
- We will be selling poppies from Tuesday 4th to mark Remembrance Day
- On Tuesday, children will have their individual and family photographs taken – see above.
- On Thursday, School Health will be administering Fluenza to all children.

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 4th November 2019</i>						
	<i>On or Off?</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Yr Group</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
Mon	OFF Inset day	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Stewart / Mr Atherfold
Tues	OFF (photographs in school all)	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	ON	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Stewart
	OFF	Craft	3.15-4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's room	Miss Cork
	ON	Netball	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Outside	Miss Booth
	ON	Cast Rehearsal	3.15 – 4.30	KS2 cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor
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	Computing Club	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Mr Cunha's room	Mr Cunha
	ON	Football	3.30 – 4.30	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Mr Mather / Mr Stewart
Thurs	ON	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	F&KS1	Outside or Hall	Mrs Stewart / Mr Atherfold
	ON	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	ON	Cast Rehearsal	3.15 – 4.30	KS2 cast	Hall	Mrs Mellor
Fri	ON	Dodgeball	8.00 – 8.40	Ys 1, 2 & 3	Hall	Mr Stewart / Miss Jones
	ON	Multi Sports	3.30 – 4.30	KS2	Hall	Mr Stewart
	ON	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Hall	Mr Longson

Diary Dates for the 1st Half of the Autumn Term 2019

Date	Event
Fri 25	School closes for half term
Mon 4 November	INSET Day – school closed
Tues 5	School reopens at 8.50am (Reminder about road closures – see first item)
Tues 5	Individual & Family photos from 9.00am
Weds 6	Governors' meeting at 7.00pm
Thurs 7	Fluenz to all pupils YR to Y6 (Boost Room?)
Mon 11 & week	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 11	Anti-bullying performance at 9.00am
Mon 18	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Weds 20	KS1 workshops – Great Fire of London – using the hall
Fri 22	School Discos KS1 & FS 3.15pm – 4.30pm, KS2 at 4.45 – 6.00pm
Mon 2 December	KS2 Choir to disabled swimmers party

Mon 2	Personnel gobs' meeting at 6.00pm, Finance gobs' meeting at 7.45
Thurs 5	Wreath-making night (PTA)
SAT 7	Christmas fair – 11.00 – 2.00pm
Tues 10	KS1 pm performance,
Tues 10	KS2 eve performance
Weds 11	KS2 pm performance
Weds 11	KS1 eve performance
Thurs 12	KS1 pm performance
Thurs 12	KS2 eve performance
Fri 13	Freddy Fit
Tues 17	Whole school to pantomime at Buxton
Thurs 19	Christmas Party, Christmas Dinner & Talent Show
Fri 20	School closes at 3.15 for Xmas holiday
Mon 6 Jan 2020	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 2019 – 2020

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Autumn Half Term	Friday 25th October	Tuesday 5th November
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20th December	Monday 6th January 2020
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February	Monday 24th February
Easter 2020	Friday 3rd April	Monday 20th April
May Day 2020	Friday 8th May	
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 Ian G Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park

My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 4th November 2019

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
INSET DAY	Chicken Fillet, Mash or Roast Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Fillet, Mash or Roast Potatoes & 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 Vegetables, Salad Bar Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter Yogurt	Sausage Casserole & Mash Pasta Italienne Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Green Beans, Sweetcorn Salad Bar Chocolate Brownie Seasonal Fruit Platter	Beef Stew & Sweet Potato Dumplings Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Jacket Wedges Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Baguette filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Carrots, Broccoli Salad Bar Apple Crumble & Custard Yogurt Seasonal Fruit Platter	Chicken Korma Chunks in a Soft Tortilla Boat & Chips Fish Fingers & 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, Peas, Salad Bar Dinky Doughnut with Fruit Coulis Seasonal Fruit Platter

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.