



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Road Closure Update

Maybe we haven't had too much trouble on a morning with the road resurfacing but on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th, Cheshire East Highways are 'patching' Chester Road from the junction with Clifford Road to the junction of Burton Road.



Once again, you will have to plan your journeys with extra time, especially at pick-up time. Already the benefits of a smoother road over the bridge makes for a pleasanter journey.

Review Day Feedback



On Monday, we had an excellent Review Day with 7 governors, several midday assistants, teaching assistants office staff and teachers, all evaluating the school development plan for last year and deciding on the way forward for the next year and beyond.

Every comment from parents was considered by those present on the day and altogether, there were 80 returned questionnaires. Thank you for taking the time to return them. As promised, I am feeding back the numerical summary of your responses. It is attached with this Beacon. We were heartened by the terrific response from parents. Some parents chose to return them

unsigned and I would urge you to make it known if there is an issue you would like to discuss with us.

We are forming the next school development plan (called the School Strategy Plan) and we will also include a summary of it once it has been approved by governors on 2nd December

Governor Vacancies and a Possible Change.



Two parent governors have come to the end of their term in office and have not stood for re-election. I would like to thank Keith Lambert for his four years as a governor. Mr Lambert contributed well and his skills in our Environment and Community committee have provided excellent advice and support for our decision making. Colin Richards was also a parent governor and I mentioned and thanked him in a previous Beacon.

Earlier this term, we held a parent governor election. Unfortunately, we received no nominations. Yesterday, we initiated another parent election to fill, what are currently, three parent governor vacancies. It is hoped that some parents may step up for the challenge. However, if the vacancies are not filled, the Governing Body intend to change the constitution by reducing the number of parent places. Currently, the constitution states five parent governors but some of our co-opted governors are also parents.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor and wish to know more, either make an appointment to talk it through with me, or contact the

chair of governors, Paul Banford, at chair@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

Lost Property

We have been making serious attempts to re-acquaint many sweatshirts with their owners this week and it has been quite successful. However, please take one more look in the lost property box (main corridor, just in from the main door) before we dispose of the rest that are unclaimed and unnamed.

Please remember to name all your child's clothing and belongings, including shoes. Naming items makes it much more likely that found items make their way back to the owner.

Poppy Appeal and Marking Remembrance Day

I have been impressed with the children's desire to have a poppy this year. There had been some other items to buy which have all now been sold, however, there are plenty of poppies left for children to purchase on Monday.



On Monday, at 11.00am (the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month) we will observe 2 minutes silence. This will come at the end of the assembly during which the children will be taught about Remembrance Day.

Aldi Chart



A huge thank you to everyone who has provided stickers for our charts. Today, we have posted 3 completed posters to Aldi in the hope that the school will win £20,000. Fingers crossed, as the children in the School Council have already suggested how they would like to spend the money when they win it (not 'if!')

Fluenz

Yesterday, all the children in the school received their vaccination and, hopefully, it should mean a healthier winter time in and around school.

Wreath Night



It's that time of year when parents, friends and local residents can come and make their own living Christmas wreath. You don't need to be creative as our expert florists will guide you and all materials are provided. You can bring your own tipples and we'll provide the warm mince pies. There is an early bird discount and places are limited so please get your tickets as soon as possible from the office. The evening starts at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th December and more information is on the attached flyer. Please come and raise money to support the children by having lots of fun with friends. If you have any queries please contact Sarah on 07846 299957

Countdown to the Christmas Fair



It's that time of year again filled with anticipation and excitement for the Christmas Fair which takes place on Saturday 7th December between

11.00am and 2.00pm. Your child will today have brought home a flyer detailing the countdown working towards that date which help to create items for stalls or to sell at the fair.

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:

Friday 15th Nov - Bring a bottle for the Adult Tombola in return for children coming to school 'out of uniform' (Please take extra care when bringing them in)

Friday 22nd Nov - Rainbow Day! Children can wear an item of clothing in their year specified colour and bring in a colour themed contribution to the Christmas hampers

Friday 29th Nov - Please bring sweet filled jars, small tins or other festive surprises in return for coming to school in onesies(No nuts please).

Friday 6th December - Festive Friday Please send in cakes & chocolates in return for wearing Christmas tops and / or silly socks, headbands or bobble hats.

Many thanks for your support.

NSPCC Thank you



The NSPCC have confirmed the amount raised during the speak out stay safe event in the summer term of last school year was a magnificent £533.72. Thank you all for your support for this worthy cause.

Gymnastics Success!



Last month one of our pupils, Liam N, competed in Regional Grades gymnastics events and finished in third place, qualifying for National Grade Finals which took place in Birmingham on 3rd November. Liam performed really well scoring a personal best on P Bars, increasing

his PPP score by 3 points (which is enormous in gymnastics) and achieving a perfect 10 on vault! Not only did Liam compete individually but also as part of a team representing the North West. Together the 5 boys had some brilliant performances and achieved a well-deserved bronze medal meaning that the North West were placed 3rd in the country at Elite level 1.

What a fantastic achievement – well done Liam!

Toys



In the last Beacon, we reminded parents not to allow toys to be brought into school. Unfortunately, a bead was brought into school and ended up lodged in a child's nostril. The trip to A&E was unpleasant but it serves to reinforce the need not to bring toys into school.

School Council Make an Important Decision!!

School Council

The School Council is up-and-running! Yesterday, the children had arranged their first agenda item to be about Pokémon Cards. They had been concerned that 'trading' (swapping) of cards had led to arguments. After a long discussion they decided that the 'trading' cards should only be between children in the same year group.

I was happy to endorse that decision for them, so as from Monday, 'trading' will only be allowed between children in the same year group and there will be no 'returns' once 'traded.'

Toy Appeal



We will be collecting new toys for under privileged children over the coming weeks. Look out for more information coming home next week.

No Swing Band on Tuesday

Please note there is no Swing band practice on Tuesday morning.

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

- To Reception – School Health Questionnaire, please return by Friday 22nd November
- Christmas Fair Donations/Dressing down days flyer to all

This Week in School

- There was an INSET Day in Monday during which the teachers, governors and non-teaching staff met to evaluate the school development plan and generate the next one for 2020 and beyond.
- On Tuesday, family and individual photographs were taken.
- From Tuesday, poppies were being sold each day in preparation for Remembrance Day.
- Yesterday, all the children had their Fluenz vaccination.

Next School Week

- Next Week is anti-bullying week and we begin the week with a drama production by a visiting theatre company. This will be followed by more anti-bullying lessons.
- On Monday, we will observe 2 minutes silence along with the rest of the country.
- On Monday, there is a meeting of the governors' personnel and finance committees.

<i>After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 11th 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	ON	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Stewart / Mr Atherfold
Tues	OFF (at a meeting)	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	ON	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Stewart
	ON	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
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 gov's meeting at 6.00pm, Finance gov's 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

SCHOOL CLOSES

Christmas 2019/20
Spring Half Term 2020
Easter 2020
May Day 2020
Summer Half Term 2020
Summer 2020

Friday 20th December
Friday 14th February
Friday 3rd April
Friday 8th May
Friday 22nd May
Wednesday 22nd July

SCHOOL OPENS

Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 24th February
Monday 20th April
Monday 8th June

INSET DAYS: Monday 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 11th 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
Organic Beef Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges	Chicken Hot Pot	Chicken Korma & Rice	Roast Pulled Pork, Apple Sauce , Roast or Mash Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread
Quorn Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges	Falafel Burger in a Bun with Sauté Potatoes	Quorn & Roasted Vegetable Enchilada & Rice	Quorn Fillet with Apple Sauce, Roast or Mash Potatoes & Gravy	Harry Ramsden Battered Fish Fillet & Chips
Vegetarian Cottage Pie	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Pork Baguette	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Baguette	Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <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, Peas, Salad Bar	Carrots, Cauliflower, Salad Bar	Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar	Ginger Bread & Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter	Vanilla Ice Cream with Warm Fruit Coulis Seasonal Fruit Platter	Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Chocolate Oatie Biscuits Seasonal Fruit Platter
Yogurt Dorset Apple Pie Seasonal Fruit Platter			Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar Yogurt Rice Pudding with Fruit 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.