



# Lower Park

## Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

### Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update

The advice remains the same as in the letter sent home by email on Wednesday of this week. However, on arrival at school, we are asking all visitors to use the sanitiser, located in the entrance hall,

During parents' evening, please use a small amount when coming into school (supplies are very limited)- this would be appreciated.

We do not have any children or staff members who are showing symptoms of the virus and there is no one with heightened risk. However, if these symptoms (cough, fever or difficulty with breathing) occur at home, please follow the recommended action, which is to keep the children at home and ring NHS 111 (and let us know).

The children have responded well to the hand washing advice and we will issue continued reminders to them.

Of course, we will keep parents updated if and when there is new advice or the situation changes.

### Parents' Evenings – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March – Next Week

Our spring parents' meetings are taking place in the school hall next week. We advise you to visit your child's classroom, where you can look through your child's books and view the displays on the classroom walls. However, following the pattern of the last parents' evenings, please note:-

5-minute appointment times  
will be closely adhered to

Key Stage 2: A buzzer / bell will sound every 5 minutes for parents and teachers in KS2, at which point you will be required to leave your seat

to allow the next parent to have their appointment.

We have introduced these arrangements to facilitate parents meeting the teachers who teach their children for English and maths rather than just your class teacher. What will make or break this is if appointments times are kept to schedule.

Please note that ALL the teachers will take a 20-minute break for tea at 5.30pm and will have a comfort break at other times.

#### KS1 & Reception classes:

Normal visiting arrangements continue for parents of children in KS1 and FS although we would still ask you to keep to your 10-minute appointments.

#### Report form:

Again, in response to favourable feedback, we are continuing with our new report form and this enables the targeted meetings to take place, Details of what work has / is being covered, is on your child's class page on our website.

[www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

Bingo (and Curry) Night  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
5.00pm



Our Bingo nights AND OUR EXCELLENT, Home-made CURRIES are very popular, so please ensure you buy your tickets in good time. Here are the details:

Bingo Night 14th March starts at 5.00pm. Tickets are on sale now from the school office at £2.50 per family. Thai food can be purchased on the night priced at £6.00 per adult, £3.00 per child.

### Dinosaurs Returned to Jurassic Lower Park!



We did say it was going to be a 'big' surprise and it certainly was! The appearance of Jam, the Tyrannosaurus Rex, from the room off the hall, took the children by total surprise. Intended to increase KS1 children's knowledge and fascination of animals – especially dinosaurs - (their topic this year in KS1 and FS) and 'evolution' (part of the KS2 topic this term), the children learned a great deal about the first dinosaur fossil, evolution and many new facts. The occasion was linked to making a movie with the children and staff starring alongside the dinosaur. The finished movies were shown to the children. Jam even stayed in the hall while children had their lunch.

It really was one of those 'Lower Park Buzz days.'

Thank you to the PTA for financial support in bringing the dinosaur to Jurassic Lower Park and giving the children a most memorable experience.

### Wonderful World Book Day

Yet another exceptional day for the children of Lower Park yesterday! This was an opportunity to raise the enjoyment of reading for the

children, which is a main priority for us this year. Imaginations ran riot with children in KS2 creating a jar with contents to reflect their favourite book character and asking the other children to identify the story. Children linked their books 'to a shoe' and created imaginative books using ICT. In KS1, children shared books from home before listening to Evie and the Animals. Reception children had a message in a bottle before making a journey to Dinosaur Island (with appropriate music and drama).

Children and staff always keen to dress for the part and story characters were all around the school. Bringing stories 'to life' in this way, certainly raised the profile of reading (and writing).

One KS2 child wrote:

*"World Book day was yesterday. It is a day when children from all around the world celebrate reading. At Lower Park, we love reading to each other and to ourselves – it is a time to express your love of books."*

Thank you with the help in dressing the children appropriately.

The Buzz" continues next week into "Science Week."



On Monday, we will be taking delivery of 'live eggs' and the children will be able to watch the chicks hatching. We have timed this to coincide with topic work in science and PSHE on life cycles. We have done this on previous occasions and the children have loved the experience, both seeing and learning at first hand. The eggs will be located in the library area so that all children will have the opportunity to witness the emerging chicks.

On Thursday, we will be visited by more animals when classes will have the opportunity to handle a range of familiar and unusual animals in a series of workshops. The timing is intended to coincide with the current topics the children are undertaking.

### 'Invacuation'

On Monday, we will be carrying out a practice to address the possibility that children need to be safely kept in classrooms. During assembly, they

will be reminded of the procedure should there be a threat whilst outside playing (for example, if a 'dangerous dog' entered the playground).

It will be the opposite of a fire drill, when we will bring the children in quickly from the playground into classrooms and keep them safe.

*(Parents may not know that all the external doors in the school cannot be opened from the outside (without a key).*

We will be coordinating the exercise with the Hollies.

### 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:

Ava B, Abigail W, Oliver G, Jessica B, Ella L, Mya S, Mia M, Betina M, Sam C, Sophie M and Leah P.

Well done to all those children.

### Reminders

#### Booking Parents' Evenings

Key Stage 2 (see at the end of this item for Mrs Marshall and Mrs Mellor's classes):

Following the favourable feedback from parents after the change of format for parents' evening in October, we are continuing with our new appointment system. This makes it possible for KS2 parents to meet with the teacher who teaches their child for English and maths (they may be different to your class teacher).

Please make only **TWO** appointments which are five minutes each. You choose which two teachers you wish

to meet for 5 minutes each. You can use your two appointments consecutively with one teacher.

The meetings will be strictly timed with the sounding of the bell, when we will insist that you end your meeting. This is important so that other parents' appointments are not compromised or reduced.

Don't forget parents evening!

Our website is still unable to create one on-line form to make the two appointments. Therefore, the bookings are now available on a paper form in the entrance hall.

Usually, every parent makes an appointment to meet with teachers on one of our two parents' evenings, which take place next week on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March.

#### KS1 & Reception classes:

We invite parents of children in KS1 and reception classes to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher for either Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Mrs Mellor's and Mrs Marshall's Classes

Unfortunately, due to being unwell, Mrs Mellor and Mrs Marshall will not be available to meet with parents at parents' evenings on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The meetings will be rearranged for later this term. We will let you know when we have the dates and we are sorry that there is a delay.

#### Calling All Your Skills

As part of one of the school's main development priorities, we are focusing on 'aspirations.' We would like to invite any willing parents in to deliver a 15- minute talk in assembly. This would be during Mr Coulson's whole school assembly when we ask that you talk to the children about your career, what skills and education you needed to be successful and what you love about your job. We hope this will inspire the children, introduce them to future prospects they may not have heard of and break down any gender stereotypes. Please contact the school office if you are available on Monday mornings from 10:30 to 10:45 and let them know the

job you have and the date you would be available.

*We have had one volunteer! Can you do this too?*

We hope that many of you will be willing to come in from a wide variety of career paths; the only requirement is that you are passionate about what you do.

#### Letters this Week

- Attached to this Beacon email is an initiative to collect food for deprived children close to us

#### This Week in School

- There were two excellent discos last Friday after school. Thank you to all the PTA helpers on the night.

- There were two governors' committee meetings on Monday - the Pupil and Curriculum and the Environment and Community committees.
- On Tuesday, our BIG surprise was Jam, the life-sized dinosaur, who roamed around the school hall and taught us so much.
- On Tuesday, there was a book fair after school.
- On Thursday, we had a magnificent World Book Day with such an exciting range of reading-related activities throughout the school.
- The book fair was open again this evening after school.

#### Next School Week

- On Monday, we will practise our 'invacuation' procedure.
- On Monday, 'live eggs' will arrive in school.
- On Monday, there are two governing body meetings - the personnel and finance committees.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday, we are having our spring parents' evenings. Please note that after-school clubs will be limited on those days.
- On Thursday, Animals in Tuition will be running workshops for the children.
- On Saturday, there will be a Bingo and Curry night for all the family.

#### After-school activities taking place – week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

	<i>On or Off?</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Yr Group</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
Mon	OFF	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Stewart / Mr Atherfold
Tues	ON	Swing Band	8.15 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson
	OFF (parents' evening)	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Stewart
	OFF	Craft	3.15-4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's room	Miss Cork
	OFF this term	Netball	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Outside	Miss Booth
	OFF (parents' evening)	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick
Weds	OFF	KS2 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 (parents' evening)	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
Fri	OFF (coach unavailable)	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 Spring Term 2020

Date	Event
Mon 9 and week March	National Science Week – surprises in store!!
Mon 9	6.30pm Personnel Govs, 7.45 Finance Govs
Tues 10	Parents' evenings
Weds 11	Parents' evenings
Thurs 12&13	Animals in Tuition
Sat 14	PTA Bingo Night 5.30pm
Mon 16	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Mon 23	Easter story visits this week
Mon 30	Chairs of Govs meeting at 6.30pm
Mon 30	Full Govs' Meeting at 7.00pm
Weds 1 -3 April	Year 5 to Ilam Residential
Fri 3	School closes for Easter Holiday
Mon 20	School reopens for summer 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 Calendar Dates 2019 – 2020

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSURES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
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 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

## School Calendar Dates 2020 – 2021

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSURES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Summer 2020	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Autumn Half Term 2020	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Christmas 2020/21	Friday 18th December	Monday 4th January 2021
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12th February	Tuesday 23rd February
Easter 2021	Thursday 1st April	Monday 19th April
May Day 2021	Monday 3rd May	
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 28th May	Monday 14th June
Summer 2021	Friday 23rd July	

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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](mailto:head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)  
*The Lower Park Beacon is also available to read on our School Website at: [www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)*

**Kind regards Ian G Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park**

## My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

School Meals are free for Reception & KS1 and £2.35 for a larger portion in KS2

Please pay online at [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://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	Jacket Potato with	Pork Baguette	Jacket Potato with
Jacket Potato with	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Quorn Baguette	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Baguette filled with	Sandwich filled with	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Wrap filled with
Baguette filled with	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>
Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Carrots, Broccoli, Salad Bar	Peas, Cauliflower, Salad Bar	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar
Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar		Vanilla Ice Cream with Warm Fruit Coulis	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	
Yogurt	Ginger Bread & Custard	Seasonal Fruit Platter	Mixed Vegetables, Salad Bar	Chocolate Oatie Biscuits
Dorset Apple Pie	Seasonal Fruit Platter		Yogurt	Seasonal Fruit Platter
Seasonal Fruit Platter			Ginger Biscuit	
			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.