



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Times, They Are **STILL** A-
Changing!



We were quick to evaluate the ordering of lunch for the younger children at morning registration, as it did eat into teaching time more than we anticipated. So we decided to revert back to our system of pre-ordering – in a fashion. We decided to email the menu to parents of KS1 & FS on Wednesday, to give a couple of evenings to decide on the choices and asked parents to send in the paper copies today (Fridays). In doing so, and with minimising possible transmission in mind, it has reduced one exchange of paper and increased teaching time for the children.

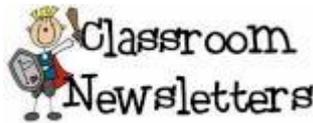
Apologies that the fruit & drinks choice was not itemised but this will be done from next week.



The second change has been forced upon us, as the picnic bag supplies seem to have been gobbled up by schools doing the same as us for meals in KS2. With 100 bags a day being used, we have had to move quickly, and the meals are now taken to classrooms by the kitchen staff and served onto plates for the children by the teachers. KS2 children have their meals a little earlier and consequently, have more lunchtime play. There is also less waste with no brown picnic bags in recycling. I

think we could say that this is a ‘win, win’ outcome.

Welcome Newsletters!



You should have received your class’ Welcome termly newsletter yesterday. It was a little longer in being sent out, as we had made some timetabling and lunchtime changes and needed to coordinate them first. We hope you find that there is a great deal of useful information in them about the term ahead.

The newsletters are being loaded onto our website tonight on the class pages and will serve as reminders of what the children will be doing this term.

Closing Hazelbadge Road



Arguably, the most anxious and worrying time for me in the last few months, came on our first day back at school with the congestion on Hazelbadge Road. Whilst totally understandable as it was the first day, I feared that someone would be hurt in the movement of traffic amongst a great many people. I feel the decision had to be made and the road was closed off the following day at a point beyond the Hazelbadge spur but before the school gates.

You will have noticed that I have continued to close the road and you may have seen members of Cheshire East Highways and the police with

me, who I asked to come and see the problem.

I have been very pleased with their response and they are supportive of me continuing to close the road at arrival and collecting times. Effectively, it is from 8.25 to 9.10 and 2.45 to 3.35pm.



I have applied for an order to be approved and an interim arrangement has been agreed to make Hazelbadge a ‘School Street’ at these two times of the school day.

CE Highways department envisage that cars can reverse in order to turn round using the Hazelbadge spur and Wayside Drive if it is really necessary to drive up Hazelbadge Road. They were impressed, as I have been, that parents of the school have responded magnificently to my ‘Park and Stride’ appeal and have parked in streets further away from school and walked the last short walk.

In addition, parents have continued to follow a one-way system crossing over to the opposite side of Hazelbadge when walking away from the school. Please continue to do the same as it does help the flow of the one-way system.

The intention is to place additional cones on the corner of Hazelbadge spur, which must not be blocked at all. We intend to place cones opposite the spur to enable vehicles to reverse better. Please keep that free too.

CE Highways are providing us with more substantial cones (due on Monday) and are working with me for a more long-term solution, which hopefully, could be to continue as a School Street as long as the COVID-19 epidemic is with us.

Effectively, the playground waiting area at these times, has been transferred to the road at the front of the school. My point is, official guidelines require us to stop parents coming onto the school campus because of social distancing.

The ability to facilitate social distancing for parents and children when there is only one effective narrow route leading from the road to the playground, where there is limited space for so many parents and children, is not possible.

I will keep you updated with developments. In the meantime, thank you for supporting the action the school has taken and for the VERY many positive comments I have received about how much safer and easier it is bringing and collecting the children.

Your School Needs You!

A date for your diaries – Monday 14th September at 7.30pm PTA meeting by Zoom.



At Lower Park we are very lucky to have a fabulous PTA who organise many and varied events, both for the children and parents. The committee is made up of parents committed to supporting the school. Membership changes as children progress through the classes and new children join. The PTA have funded many resources and events in school which wouldn't have been possible without the financial assistance the PTA donates. To continue to put on the events, the PTA needs to continue to maintain a good core of members who are able to help in whatever way they can. There are so many benefits to be gained from being on the PTA; meeting parents from across the year groups, sharing experiences, giving each other support, transferable skills, huge sense of achievement, brilliant social nights out, problem solving – all this whilst having fun at the same time.

Please do 'come along' to the PTA committee meeting on Monday and you will be made very welcome; just email the chair of the PTA on charlf@hotmail.co.uk

Music Taster Evening for Children in Key Stage 2

I almost titled this, 'The show must go on!'

Despite the obvious difficulties of having music lessons in the very small rooms within school, we have found a way of moving forward.



On Thursday 17th September, we will be having a music tuition taster evening, using Zoom. It can be done! Our peripatetic music teachers will be presenting their structure of lessons, perhaps a little demonstration and talking to you about how they can proceed. Mr Longson, Mrs Marley, Mr Parkinson, Mr Thompson, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Whettam, will all talk to you and the children next Thursday if you wish to attend.

Whilst the Pandemic is still with us, lessons will take place, mainly over Zoom, outside of school hours.

If you would like to join the meeting, please email Mrs Mellor (our music and performing arts leader) with your child's name to: amellor@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk She will email you an invitation to attend and send you passwords. She will then invite you in from a 'waiting room' on Thursday just before 7.00pm.

Whilst Year 3 children may be particularly interested, it is also open for any child from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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:

Chloe W, Aurita S, Mark R, Neve H, Harley S, Emily W, Eric R, Conor M and George B

Well done to all those children!

Fluenz Letters

Either on Thursday or today, your child will have brought home a pre addressed letter from the NHS Immunisation team regarding the Fluenz vaccination usually given in school at this time of year. Please send in the completed forms with your child to be given to their class teacher. Forms must be returned by the morning of 18th September as stated on the letter to ensure your child is included.

Reminders

Lunch Menus

Lunch menus for KS1 & FS will be emailed home on Wednesdays for the following week. We ask you to send in the completed paper copy on Fridays. KS2 can order their choices at morning registration.

A menu will be attached to the Beacon each week.

Forgetting items

We can no longer take items to classes if they have been forgotten in a morning. Please ensure your child has everything they need for the day (including 2 bottles filled with water). However, if it is a forgotten lunchbox, we will provide a school lunch for your child that day and request that you pay for the meal.

Letters this Week

- Email update for KS1 & FS on Wednesday re: Lunch menus
- Welcome Newsletters were sent home by email yesterday to each class.
- Thurs/ Friday - Paper letters to all from Immunisation team re Fluenz vaccination
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This Week in School

Our first full week: –

- On Monday, our new reception children had their first full day. They also stayed for their first school lunch.
- On Monday, our first ever Commendation assembly took place via Zoom and it was successful.
- The Governing Body met on Wednesday to hear how the first few days of school had been.

They also approved the updated Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and its Addendum. It will be on our website next week.

- On Wednesday we made a change to the ordering system for school lunches in KS1 & FS.

Next Week in School

- On Monday, the first meeting of the PTA will take place via Zoom. If you wish to become part

of this committee (and we really need new members) please email the chair of the PTA on charlf@hotmail.co.uk

- The School Council meets for the first time via Zoom (Brought forward from last week).
- A Music Taster evening for children in Key Stage 2 will take place at 7.00pm via Zoom invitation on Thursday 17th September – see above.

After-school activities taking place – Autumn Term 2020

	On or Off?	Activity	Time	Yr Group	Venue	Organiser
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After-school activities will not commence for a short while

Diary Dates for the first half of the Autumn Term 2020

Date	Event
Mon 14	PTA Zoom at 7.30pm
Thurs 14	* 1 st school council Zoom meeting following class elections for school council reps.
Thurs 17	Music Taster Zoom evening 7.00pm via Zoom
Thurs 1 October	School Census Day – no action needed
Thurs 1	New Intake Zoom meeting for parents at 7.00pm
Mon 5	Chairs of the Governing Body at 6.30pm
Mon 5	Full Governors' meeting 7.00pm
Mon 12	Pupil & Curric Govs at 6.30pm
Mon 12	Environ & Comm Govs at 7.45pm
Mon 19	Family & Individual photographs am
Mon 19	Personnel Govs' meeting 6.30pm
Mon 19	Finance Govs' meeting at 7.45pm
Tues 20	Parents' Evening Zoom meetings
Weds 21	Parents' evening Zoom meetings
Fri 23	Harvest Festival Loom assembly (KS2)
Fri 23	School closes for half term
Mon 2 November	Review Day – staff and governors
Tues 3	School reopens after half-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 2020 – 2021

SCHOOL CLOSES

Summer 2020
Autumn Half Term 2020
Christmas 2020/21
Spring Half Term 2021
Easter 2021
May Day 2021
Summer Half Term 2021
Summer 2021

Wednesday 22nd July
Friday 23rd October
Friday 18th December
Friday 12th February
Thursday 1st April
Monday 3rd May
Friday 28th May
Friday 23rd July

SCHOOL OPENS

Wednesday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd November
Monday 4th January 2021
Tuesday 23rd February
Monday 19th April

Monday 14th June

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 1st September 2020, Monday 2nd November 2020, Monday 22nd February 2021, Monday 26th July 2021, Tuesday 27th 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
The Lower Park Beacon is also available to read on our School Website at: www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk

Kind regards Ian Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park

My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 14th September 20

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
Beef Burger in a Bap & Jacket Wedges	Cheese Quesadilla & Jacket Wedges	Pizza & Jacket Wedges	Turkey Baguette & Sauté Potatoes	Fish Finger Bap & Chips
Quorn Burger in a Bap & Jacket Wedges	Wrap Ham Tuna Cheese	Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese	Quorn Baguette & Sauté Potatoes	Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese
Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese	Cucumber & Carrot Sticks	Cucumber & Carrot Sticks	Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese	Cucumber & Carrot Sticks
Cucumber & Carrot Sticks	Melting Moment	Lemon Muffin	Cucumber & Carrot Sticks	Chocolate Muffin
Chocolate Crunch	Fruit	Fruit	Ginger Biscuits	Fruit
Fruit			Fruit	