



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

The PTA Will Not Be Beaten!

Online Shopping Makes Fundraising Easy - And Costs You Nothing Extra! Fundraising events don't have to cost you a penny extra. Here is an easy way you can help the PTA when shopping online for things you were going to buy anyway.



Lower Park's PTA is now set up on Amazon Smile. When you buy through the Smile portal, you get access to the same products, at the same prices, but on qualifying products, Lower Park will earn a 0.5% commission. Just follow these 3 simple steps:

1. Go to smile.amazon.co.uk
2. Select charity - Lower Park Parent Teachers Association (Poynton)
3. Always use smile.amazon.co.uk to start your Amazon shopping.

Just by buying birthday gifts, household items, etc, you can help us grow the size of our funding pot, so we can do more to enrich the lives of the children who attend Lower Park School.

New Intake Parents' Zoom Meeting at 7.00pm

All our new parents are invited to the meeting on Thursday and an invitation will be sent to you next week. The meeting starts at 7.00pm and we will talk about how you can support your child's learning and find out what they have been doing in

the first few weeks of their school life. We need to limit the number attending to parents of children in reception. During the meeting, we will be sharing advice on how you can support the teaching of phonics, number, writing and reading. We will also talk more about different aspects of the school day.

We hope to show you a movie of the children's first few weeks, how well they have settled in and what they have been doing 'for the first time.' The meeting usually raises a smile or two, too!

Hazelbadge Road



A big thank you. It is noticeable that fewer cars are now coming into Hazelbadge Road and that is making the arrivals and collection of children so much easier and safer.

Thank you also for social distancing from each other as you wait in the road. Nearly all parents are keeping a two-metre distance, and in these times of rising infection rates, that surely needs to be the case.

The one-way system of arriving on the school-side footpath and leaving on the opposite side, also works well.

My last thank you is for ensuring your dogs do not confuse the cones with lampposts! - No further occurrences this week!!

Thank you for supporting all these safety measures

European Languages Day Next Thursday - 1st October



We are determined to make the term exciting and varied for the children as in previous years. Next week, UKS2 will be celebrating all things French on European Languages Day on Thursday. As part of these celebrations, we are hoping to enjoy a picnic and game of boules on the field (weather permitting). Please would you be kind enough to provide your child with a French style snack and a drink for the afternoon. We are not dressing in traditional French style clothes (in any key dtage) as we are saving dressing differently until Friday. A reminder that we are a nut free school. Please do not send in anything that contains nuts.

This year EYFS and KS1 will be linking World Languages Day to World Rainbow Day and will subsequently be learning colour names and rainbow songs in different languages.

In LKS2, children will be learning about European culture, placing landmarks in and around Europe and learning about French artists. They will also be listening to stories in French.

'Tout est très bon !!'

World Rainbow Day Next Friday - 2nd October

We couldn't say no to this! Just a reminder that we are asking children to come to school dressed slightly differently next Friday; we

would like them to wear as many colours of the rainbow as possible!



We would ask, however, that they still wear clothes and shoes that they can comfortably play outside in and they should bring a warm coat. The children will follow a day full of learning, reflection and fun, all inspired by the rainbow, which has been recognised throughout the country as a symbol of gratitude, respect and admiration for our NHS and other key workers

So why are we doing this?

To show our support for the NHS and others who have supported us all through the COVID-19 pandemic. It will also send another timely message now that infection rates seem to be climbing – and it is likely that the NHS will be called upon again.

We ask the children to bring in just one pound which will create a very good donation. The children can give the £1.00 to the class teacher which we will put towards a new charity 'Design Havens for Heroes', which has been set up to show ongoing support and gratitude to our wonderful keyworkers in the NHS.

www.worldrainbowday.org

Should I, or Shouldn't I?



I know that parents are worried about whether to send their child into school if they have one or more of a range of symptoms and whether they are or are not symptoms of Covid-19. Public Health England has produced some further guidance that can be put together with the Quick Guide for parents that I sent home last week. I have attached them to this Beacon email.

Essentially, the children should not come to school if they have any one or more of the 3 symptoms:

1. High temperature
2. A new continuous cough or
3. A loss of, or change to sense of smell or taste.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If one of the three symptoms is showing from anyone in the household, your child shouldn't attend school and should start isolating until the person who shows symptoms, has their test results. If negative and no symptoms are showing, return to school. If positive, inform the school of the result and the whole family isolates for 14 days. Importantly, the 14-day isolation stays in place, even if someone tests negative during those 14 days during isolation family members without symptoms do not need to be tested. It is a tough call and we all (staff, parents and children) must follow the guidelines, otherwise large numbers of children may need to stay at home. I hope the attachment helps.

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. The awards this week were focused on 'a good attitude in the new school year.'

This week's winners were:

Grace W, Harry D, Jessica R, Isaac F, Jamie S, Lucy H, Fifi M, Daisy G, Joshua B, Katy S and Amelia M.

Well done to all those children!

PTA Lotto is Growing



A very excited PTA member told me this week that there are several new members who have signed up for the monthly draw (it is just £2.00 per month) – thank you!!

It is an easy way to help the school raise funds. If you would like to buy a number, please contact Pip Langdon on 07791 405247 or email to: pippalangdon@hotmail.co.uk

PTA Event We Will Not Be Beaten!

We are pleased, that with some innovative, Covid-secure thinking, we WILL BE HAVING Christmas Wreaths again this year! Unfortunately, we won't be able to have the wreath making evening in the hall, but everyone will have an opportunity to order pre-made / or do it yourself wreath kits from the PTA. There will be different designs to choose from and clear instructions if you pick the do it yourself option: either way the PTA team are busy sorting the plans to ensure you can all have your Christmas Wreaths and help raise some much needed money for the school at the same time.'



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.

Join the Best PTA in England!!



If you would like to get on board with the PTA, please email the chair of the PTA on charlf@hotmail.co.uk

Letters this Week

- Email to year 6 parents re applying for secondary school

This Week in School

- Traditionally this week in the term is a quieter one – and it has been, but the children have been able to spend more time than usual on the school field.

Next Week in School

- On Thursday, we have planned a day for the children to enjoy a focus on different languages and culture in France – see above.

- On Thursday Evening, there is a Zoom meeting for all our new parents at 7.00pm.
- On Friday, we are taking part in World Rainbow Day, when children come to school dressed in rainbow colours to show support for the NHS.

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 |
|-----------------|--|
| Thurs 1 October | School Census Day – no action needed |
| Thurs 1 | New Intake Zoom meeting for parents at 7.00pm |
| Thurs 1 | World Languages Day |
| Fri 2 | World Rainbow Day |
| Mon 5 | Chairs of the Governing Body at 6.30pm |
| Mon 5 | Full Governors’ meeting 7.00pm |
| Mon 12 | Pupil & Curriculum Governors at 6.30pm |
| Mon 12 | Environ & Comm Governorss at 7.45pm |
| Mon 19 | In-school Siblings & Individual photographs am |
| Mon 19 | Personnel Governors’ meeting 6.30pm |
| Mon 19 | Finance Governors’ 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

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

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

SCHOOL OPENS

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 28th 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 | Turkey Baguette & Sauté Potatoes | Fish Finger Bap & Chips | Pizza & Jacket Wedges |
| Quorn Burger in a Bap & Jacket Wedges | Wrap Ham Tuna Cheese | Quorn Baguette & Sauté Potatoes | Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese | Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese |
| Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese | Cucumber & Carrot Sticks | Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese | Cucumber & Carrot Sticks | Lemon Muffin |
| Cucumber & Carrot Sticks | Melting Moment | Ginger Biscuits | Chocolate Muffin | Cucumber & Carrot Sticks |
| Chocolate Crunch | Fruit | Cucumber & Carrot Sticks | Fruit | Fruit |
| Fruit | | Fruit | | |