



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Parents' Evening Bookings

Parents' Evenings this term will be held on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October. There will be one ten-minute appointment made available for every child with their current class teacher and the meetings will be carried out using Zoom.



Booking an appointment will be done via the School Spider app, which parents can download from the App Store (Apple phones) or Google Play for android devices. You may already have the app as we have used it in previous years to book parents evening appointments. There is a leaflet regarding the app sent with this Beacon. Please download or ensure you have the app over this weekend as on Tuesday next week we will send you an email with your username and a link so that you can set up or reset your password. As with our teacher2parent communication the email will be sent to the first named contact for your child.



Once the parents evening booking forms are available online you will receive a notification on the app together with an email. You will then be able to log in and select a convenient appointment time from those available.

We will inform you of the time that the booking forms are made available on-line, in the week beginning 12th

October, but it is necessary to download the app before then in order to book your appointment with your child's class teacher.

It is important that every parent makes an appointment (nearly all parents make an appointment) as we value working in partnership with you. Teachers will inform you of your child's current strengths and areas to focus on in the coming term. In light of possible home learning in the future (should the number of Covid cases rise significantly in the community), it will be important to know what to focus upon at home.

New Intake Parents' Zoom Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting last night. Mrs Cunha will forward the information to you and the children will watch the movie in the next few days. Well done to the staff for their excellent presentations and allowing themselves to be filmed!

European Languages and World Rainbow Day



An excellent day was enjoyed by the children yesterday that 'all things French,' filled the day. Some had a French picnic on the field, playing boule with onions whilst others learned the colours of the rainbow in French and about French artists. The younger children listened to and sang Leon Le Cameleon. The children can expect to see lots of artwork and colourful rainbows around the school.



The children really did look colourful today and were very definitely dressed in all colours of the rainbow. In fact, so many rainbows in so many ways, appeared around the school as the day went on. Thank you for your kind donations, which will be sent to Design Havens for Heroes

School Council Election Results!



Today we held a School Council meeting by Zoom to elect the officers of the council. All the nominees spoke very well and with confidence. The School Council voted and the successful candidates were:-

Chair – Bryn J
Vice Chair – Amelia G
Secretaries – Abigail W & Katy S

Well done to those children and all who stood for office.

Lower Park Hoodies, Joggers and Fleeces



Government guidelines suggest that windows and doors should be opened each day in order to keep classrooms ventilated. As you can imagine, even with the heating on, the air may be

cooler than we would normally like. For this reason, and as an addition to our normal uniform, we have asked Ann at PSU to make up some Lower Park hoodies in blue. The children will be permitted to wear them over their normal sweatshirts in class so we would recommend buying them in a slightly larger size than you might normally order. We have also added Lower Park joggers to the items available, which may be useful for PE days. The school fleece, which has always been available, can also be worn in school if you prefer. We are advised that new stocks of these will be available mid-December. There is, however a shower proof fleece as an alternative. Please note the joggers and hoodies will be available from Wednesday next week.

Costs:

Joggers: £11

Hoody: £12.50

All of the items are optional and any parents wishing to order one, will need order as usual via the PSU website.

www.lowerpark.uniform4you.co.uk

Commendation Award



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 'continuing favourable attitudes in the new school year.'

This week's winners were:

Elsie K, Samuel L, Amber G, Ava B, Ella L, Ivy F, Annika G, Jacob A, Amelia H and Zelma H.

Well done to all those children!

Reminders



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.

Decisions About Covid-19 and Possible Symptoms – should children stay off school



Parents are understandably 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 again 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.

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

An easy way to help the school raise funds is to join our school Lotto! It is only £2.00 a month. If you would like to buy a number, please contact Pip Langdon on 07791 405247 or email to: pippalangdon@hotmail.co.uk

Letters this Week

- Email to year 5 & 6 parents re PHS virtual open evening

This Week in School

- On Thursday, we celebrated World Languages Day and the focus was 'All things French!'
- On Thursday evening, our new intake parents attended a meeting to review how the children are learning and progressing in the first few weeks of their school life.
- Today, the children came to school dressed in every different colour to celebrate World Rainbow Day.
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Next Week in School

- On Monday, there is a meeting of the full Governing Body.
- Parents asked to download the School Spider app, log in details will be sent out on Tuesday.

After-school activities taking place – Autumn Term 2020						
	<i>On or Off?</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Yr Group</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser</i>

After-school activities will not commence for a short while

Diary Dates for the first half of the Autumn Term 2020

Date	Event
Mon 5 October	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	Friday 23 rd October
Christmas 2020/21	Friday 18th December
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12th February
Easter 2021	Thursday 1st April
May Day 2021	Monday 3rd May
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 28th May
Summer 2021	Friday 23rd July

SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 3 rd 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 5th October 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

Please choose one item from each section and remember to indicate which filling you would like for your sandwich

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Fish Fillet & Jacket Wedges	Southern Style Chicken Bap & Sauté Potatoes	Vegetable Sausage Roll & Jacket Wedges	Gammon Baguette & Sauté Potatoes	Hot Dog Sausage & Chips
Wrap Ham Tuna Cheese	Quorn Bap & Sauté Potatoes	Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese	Quorn Baguette & Sauté Potatoes	Quorn Dog & Chips
Cucumber & Carrot Sticks	Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese	Cucumber & Carrot Sticks	Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese	Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese
Shortbread	Cucumber & Carrot Sticks	Melting Moment	Cucumber & Carrot Sticks	Cucumber & Carrot Sticks
Fruit	Vanilla Sponge	Fruit	Lemon Bite	Doughnut
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