



Lower Park

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Dear Parents,

Parents' Evening Bookings

Just to confirm that from 6.00pm on Monday 12th you can book your parents' evening appointment. Bookings can be made via the school spider app as explained in the Beacon last week or, you can use your log in details on the website. 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.

The appointments are for meetings on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October with your child's current class teacher and the meetings are via Zoom..



Before parents' evening day, your child's class teacher will send you a class specific meeting ID and password by DOJO. You should then click either the link OR use the ID and password to log on. Please join the meeting just before your appointment and you will be in the waiting room until the appointment time you have booked. At that point the teacher will admit you in and the meeting will take place. The appointments will last for 10 minutes and the teachers will strictly adhere to this to ensure that parents are not kept waiting unnecessarily.



We really would like every parent to have an appointment in order to help children make progress this year.

Governors' Meeting Update

On Monday, the full Governing Body met. The election of the chair and vice chair were at the top of the agenda. I am pleased to report that Paul Banford was confirmed as the chair for the following year and Sandra Sharpe was elected as the vice chair. Both governors will do an excellent job for the school and their experience and leadership greatly benefit the school.

Thank you to Nicola Spragg for her term of office as the vice chair. She will continue as a governor and her contribution is highly valued.

At the meeting, the governors approved the updated Health and Safety Policy, which is now on the school's website.

Collection for Design Haven for Heroes



It was a superb day last Friday when the children spent the day celebrating the magnificent work of the NHS. I am delighted to tell you that we raised £165.

Thank you for your kind donations.

Hazelbadge Road Safety

There are three items to notify you about this week.

I received an email from a very concerned parent who had a near miss on Hazelbadge Road:

1) "Is it possible to ask parents not to park on the kerb? There are so many people doing this that it makes it

difficult to walk on the pavement and see properly when crossing. It also forces people to walk in the road on occasion. We also had a car door opened onto us the other day which could have been a lot worse if it were a small moment later.

I witnessed one parent drive the full length of the pavement on the first section on the left of Hazelbadge Road, one set of wheels on the pavement, the other two wheels on the road. So unsafe! And at a speed that was far too fast."



It is alarming to hear of these near misses, and I request that you do not place the lives of pedestrians on the footpath in danger by inconsiderate manoeuvring or parking. There are fewer possible parking spaces now and I greatly appreciate that parents are parking further away from school. 'Park and Stride' has been a success overall.

2) The coning off of Hazelbadge Road has been a welcome safety development and parents now wait in the road where there is more space than in the playground. It is important that parents continue to keep a 2-metre distance from each other whilst waiting, especially at collection times and first thing in the morning, as the transmission of the virus is more readily transmitted between adults.

3) We have received an update from the Local Authority today, and with a rising number of infections locally, Public Health are advising that parents bringing children to and from school, wear face coverings. With that in mind, we are asking parents and carers to put on their

face coverings in the vicinity of the school – in the area outside school that we have coned off. The staff will also wear face coverings at the front of the school.



Whilst it is not compulsory, I am sure that parents will appreciate, whilst masks are not the most pleasant of things to wear, it is an added layer of protection for us all where groups of people are gathering.

Children do not need to wear face coverings.

This we will come into effect from Monday. Thank you for your support.

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:

Zoe L, Jasmine A, Sammy W, Ethan S, Amber K, Jess B, Rowan T, Elissa T, Bethan T, Korby A and Helena P.

Well done to all those children!

Individual Photographs

On Monday 19th October, the photographer will visit school to take the children's individual & sibling photographs.

Sad News



Many parents and children will remember Mr George Galway who taught many children how to play the flute, clarinet or saxophone at our school. Unfortunately, after being unwell for many months, he passed away last Sunday. Our thoughts are with his family.

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.

Lower Park Hoodies, Joggers and Fleece



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. **Update 9th October – PSU have advised us that there is a supply issue with the hoodies and these are not currently available to order. We will text when they become available to order.**

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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.

Letters this Week

- Email to year 6 parents in Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Jones' classes re cover.

This Week in School

- The full Governing Body met on Monday this week.
- Parents were asked to download the School Spider App & ensure you can log on in readiness for parents' evening bookings.

Next Week in School

- There are two sub-committee meetings of governors on Monday evening; the Pupil & Curriculum and the Environment & Community Committees.

<i>After-school activities taking place – Autumn Term 2020</i>						
<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 12 October	Pupil & Curriculum Governors at 6.30pm
Mon 12	Environ & Community Governors at 7.45pm
Mon 19	In school sibling and 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

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 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 12th October 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

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	