



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Parents' Evenings - Invitations

Parents' evenings are on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October (next week) with your child's current class teacher and the meetings are via Zoom..



Teachers will send out the invitations to you on Monday. Just before your appointment time, please click the link to join the meeting. You will be admitted into the waiting room from where the teacher will invite you to join her/him.

However, it will help us to identify you if you can change the name on your email to one that we will recognise. Your child's name would be the most appropriate. Here is how to do it:

1. If you are using the app, click on settings in the bottom right corner. Now click on your profile at the top. Under Account, it says 'display name'. You can change this here (to your child's name).
2. If you enter the meeting by using the ID, you will be asked for your name in the box below. Then enter your passcode.

The appointments will last for 10 minutes and to be fair to other parents in the waiting room, please limit your time to the 10-minute allocation.

I will be dropping into some meetings and I am happy to 'meet' with any parent if you wish to provide your email and some convenient times.

Mrs Bird is Flying!

I am sad to tell you that after many years of loyal and effective work as a teaching assistant, Mrs Bird is retiring from the staff of the school. Mrs Bird has been a teaching assistant in KS1 and reception classes and most children in the school will have been in her class or group being taught to read, learn phonics or perhaps even being treated for first aid. She has been a very successful and effective member of staff.

Ever cheerful, she will be missed. Her last day in school will be next Friday 23rd October. On behalf of everyone, I would like to thank her for her years of service and wish her all the very best in her retirement.



Hazelbadge Road Safety Thank You Again!

I would like to say a huge thank you to parents for wearing face masks along Hazelbadge Road – your response has been superb. I would also thank you because parents are generally keeping a two-metre distance apart when waiting for the children.



However, I will be asking children to go slowly inside the coned area if arriving or leaving on scooters or bikes especially when the younger children run out to meet their parents and may collide with them. Please would you remind your children to scoot slowly in that area? Many thanks!

Making a Video for our Website

Under the current Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to show parents who are interested in applying for places at Lower Park, around in the school day. It is an important decision about which school is the right one for your child, and seeing inside on a 'working day' is important, helpful and informative. To this end, we are hoping to make a short video to place on our website. It will be a 'virtual tour' of the school on a typical working day.



Applications for Admission to Reception 2021 – Now Open

I am pleased to announce that parents are able to make an application for a place at Lower Park for the reception class in September 2021.

Applications are made on line via the Cheshire East website, the following link will take you to the relevant page for September admissions <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

I would like to remind parents who already have older children in the

school, that they must also apply for a place for a younger sibling – it is not automatically allocated.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2021.

Science days in LKS2

We thought you would like to know that LKS2 are having two science days next week (Wednesday and Thursday). The children will be learning about UV light and eye protection - linking it to astronauts in the space station, testing materials and designing visors.

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.

This week's winners were:

Max Q, Oliver G, Leo W, Henry G, Betsy A, Annie M, Harry I, Zoe M, Charlie K and Cara T.

Well done to all those children!

Individual Photographs

Next Monday 19th October, the photographer will visit school to take the children's individual & sibling photographs. Unfortunately, we are unable to have pre-school or older siblings in the family photograph.

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 – 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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Letters this Week

- To some Y6 parents – by email a letter from Cheshire East Admissions
- Letter from Poynton High School virtual tour invitation for Year Y6 pupils
- To parents of children in Miss Cork's class - by email

This Week in School

- Governors of the Pupil & Curriculum and Environment & Community committees met on Monday this week.
- There was a health and safety inspection at school this week and we emerged with top marks. Coincidentally, last week we had an inspection by Environmental Health with a similar top report.

Next Week in School

- On Monday, the school photographer will be in school taking individual and in-school sibling photographs.
- On Monday, there are meetings of the Personnel and Finance governors.
- On Tuesday, there is the first of the parents' evenings
- On Wednesday, the second parents' evening will take place.
- On Thursday, there will be a special Harvest Festival assembly.
- On Thursday and Friday, LKS2 are having science days.
- On Friday, the school closes at the end of the school day for the half term holiday.
- School reopens on TUESDAY 3rd November.

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 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
Thurs 22	Harvest Festival assembly
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 CLOSURES

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 3 rd May
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 28th May
Summer 2021	Friday 23 rd July

SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 3 rd November
Monday 4th January 2021
Tuesday 23 rd 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 19th 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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