



Lower Park

Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for your attendance at parents' evening this week. There were many, very productive discussions that will be of great help to your child's progress over the next few months.

Mrs Bird Has Flown!

Today, we said cheerio to Mrs Bird who has now flown the Lower Park nest. She leaves with our warmest wishes and good luck for the future.



COVID-19

Unfortunately, we have had a positive test result of COVID-19 in school. Consequently, a number of children have been asked to isolate for 14 days. Sadly, this is very bad timing at the beginning of the half-term holiday, but I hope that the children do find things to enjoy and have virtual contact with their friends. I have been asked to remind parents that if those children who are isolating have had a negative test result, they will still need to isolate for the 14 days. We hope that everyone affected by this case will soon recover and we see them back in school on 4th November.

It is a shock to us all when there is a positive test result, but it serves to remind us that the virus is in the community and we all must be vigilant and observe the guidelines,

particularly with social distancing and personal hygiene. To use the cliché, 'We are all in this together!' Thank you for your support.

A Letter to Parents from Cheshire East Council

As you are aware, Cheshire East is in Tier 2, which means that there are restrictions in place for people living here.

Yesterday, a letter was sent to schools with a request to forward it to all parents, staff and governors. I have attached the letter with this Beacon.

Parents' Questionnaire

On Wednesday this week, a questionnaire was sent home to parents. We would really appreciate as many responses as possible which will go forward to influence our planning for the coming year in our School Development Plan.

I have attached another copy to the Beacon email.



Thank you in anticipation for returning them to admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk by Thursday 29th October, in time for our Review Day.

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:

Leah D, Faith T, Jude A, Finn M, Noah E, Wilbur B, Joshua C, Fraser E, Matthew H and Sophia C.

Well done to all those children!

Individual Photographs



The children had their individual and sibling photographs taken on Monday. As soon as the photograph proofs are received after half term, we will send them home with the children.

Poppy Appeal

When we return after half-term, we will be selling poppies in preparation for Remembrance Day on 11th November. Please send a donation in with your child if you wish them to buy a poppy.



Lower Park Lotto



October's winners of the lotto are:-

- 1st Sarah Carter
- 2nd Odette Steele
- 3rd Nick Langdon

Thank you to those parents that have joined the lotto this year and also those who continue to support it. There is still space for more people to join.

Reminders

Applications for places in Reception 2021

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.



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

- Letters by email yesterday to all parents regarding a COVID-19 case in school.
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This Week in School

- On Monday, the children had their school photographs taken.
- On Monday evening, there were meetings for the Personnel and Finance Committees
- On Tuesday and Wednesday after school, we held our parents' evenings.
- School closed at 3.15 today and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd November

Next Week in School

- The school will be closed next week for the half-term holiday and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd November.
- On Monday 2nd November, there is a Review Day for staff and governors.
- There is a School Council meeting on Thursday 5th 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
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

	<u>SCHOOL CLOSES</u>	<u>SCHOOL OPENS</u>
Autumn Half Term 2020	Friday 23 rd October	Tuesday 3 rd November
Christmas 2020/21	Friday 18th December	Monday 4th January 2021
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12th February	Tuesday 23rd February
Easter 2021	Thursday 1st April	Monday 19th April
May Day 2021	Monday 3rd May	
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 28th May	Monday 14th June
Summer 2021	Friday 23rd July	

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 2nd November 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
INSET DAY	<p>Cheese Quesadilla & Jacket Wedges</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wrap Ham Tuna Cheese</p> <p>Cucumber & Carrot Sticks</p> <p>Melting Moment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fruit</p>	<p>Pizza & Jacket Wedges</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese</p> <p>Cucumber & Carrot Sticks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lemon Muffin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fruit</p>	<p>Turkey Baguette & Sauté Potatoes</p> <p>Quorn Baguette & Sauté Potatoes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese</p> <p>Cucumber & Carrot Sticks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ginger Biscuits</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fruit</p>	<p>Fish Finger Bap & Chips</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandwiches Ham Tuna Cheese</p> <p>Cucumber & Carrot Sticks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chocolate Muffin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fruit</p>