



# Lower Park

## Lower Park Beacon

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2020

*It is important that you inform school if someone in your household has tested positive and you should do this by emailing me on [head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)*

*When this happens, the whole family must isolate.*

**From 18<sup>th</sup> December until 24<sup>th</sup> December, parents and carers should only contact the school if their child tests positive and was in school during the 48 hours before their first symptoms developed, or before they took the test if they did not have any symptoms.**

Dear Parents,

### Last Beacon of 2020

*This will be the last Beacon of 2020. I would just like to say a big thank you for reading our Beacon each week in 2020 and for your tremendous support and understanding under the turbulent conditions we have experienced this year.*

*It certainly has been an unprecedented period of time and I can only wish that 2021 becomes a safer and happier year for everyone. On behalf of everyone in school, I would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and an even happier New Year.*

### Important Message from Public Health England

We are entering a critical period when testing positive for Corona Virus will badly affect Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for the children and families who have either tested positive or have been a close contact. Contact with a person who tests positive after today will necessitate the child isolating over the Christmas Day celebrations.

Clearly, I am dreading having to inform families that their child has to isolate, but we are required to do this up to 24<sup>th</sup> December (6 days after closing for Christmas). You can imagine how awful that would be.

**Please be extra vigilant.**

Public Health England has produced this guidance and I would ask you to

follow their advice and contact school **BEFORE** sending your children to school, if the following symptoms develop:

*In addition to the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms, if a child or adult experiences sickness / diarrhea, headaches, unexplained tiredness, muscle and body aches, nasal congestion or a sore throat, they should be advised to speak to the school before attending. An outcome of this conversation may be an agreement to self-isolate at home for 48 hours and to request a test if symptoms persist or worsen. If the test is returned negative and the child / adult has been diarrhea and fever free for 48 hours, they can return to school.*

*This update has been provided (by the Local Authority), based on Public Health advice, as they have had reports from a number of settings where people have had these minor symptoms and then subsequently tested positive.*

### The Great Lower Park Virtual Balloon Race

**On your marks, get set, they went up!**



[www.BalloonRace.co.uk/LowerPark](http://www.BalloonRace.co.uk/LowerPark)

We hope you really are tracking your balloon this week and our leader board has been buzzing. Last night, the owner of a balloon called Thor, was leading, having covered 970 kilometres, however the lead keeps changing.

The race ends on 15<sup>th</sup> December – so who will win? Follow the race on the bottom of our home page on: [www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk) or follow your balloon on <https://balloonrace.com/lowerpark>

### Next week's Christmas activities

Here is a reminder about our Christmas week activities:

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec		BC/JJ Year 6
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EC/NW/LB/ KH/NO/N M Foundation Stage and KS1	RC/MC/A M Lower Key Stage 2
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	LP/HD/AS Year 5	

The children can come into school in a onesie on their pantomime day if they wish. We are asking for a donation of £1.00 for the Onesie Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk.



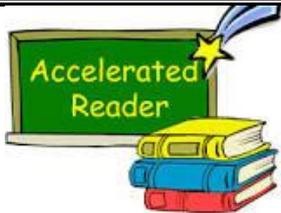
The Christmas Parties will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, children will have their Christmas Dinner in the middle of the day. For party day, children can come into school in party clothes. They will need their coats and outdoor shoes as they will need playtimes for fresh air.

Reverse Advent Calendar  
Now closing

What a success this has been!

Once again, thank you for your generosity. This Christmas appeal has been well supported through your donations.  
We are not collecting after Monday 14th

Accelerated Reader Running Total



We have decided to publish the running total of words our children have read each week. The totals over the last three weeks have been:  
1) 3,759,776 words.  
2) 8,538,775 words  
This week's fantastic total is:

**13,648,815**

Keep up the great reading!

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.

This week's winners were:

Zac R, James H, Eve B, Thomas P, Jacob S, Darcie T, Tom B, Molly L, Seb P and Frances E

Well done to all those children!

Christmas Jumper Day  
Today



What an unusual school uniform today! Thank you for sending in the children in their Christmas jumpers. We really are getting into the festive season. Thank you also for the £1.00 donations.

Reminders

*Classroom Displays*

With the current situation, we are unable to show parents around school. We are in the process of putting together a virtual tour and in the meantime have put a film onto the homepage of our website showing a selection of the wonderful classroom displays which are so typical of our school, take a look by clicking on this link and scrolling down to the bottom of the page.

<http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/>

*Christmas Coat Hanger Decoration*



*Last call for coat hanger decorations! Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – last day to bring them in.*

*We can hang your decoration up in school but have decided that we cannot return them at the end of term. However, hang them at home and keep them for next year!*

*Here is what to do:*

You need one or two wire coat hangers, some common Christmas decorations (tinsel etc) and a good idea. The objective is to make a Christmas mobile that can be hung from a hook on the ceiling of the hall or corridor. It should be built on the coat hanger (or two coat hangers

joined together) - making sure there is a slim hook showing at the top – and your child's name attached to the hook would help us to relocate the owners afterwards. The rest, as they say, is up to you. Obviously, we would ask you to help your children and it is intended to be a fun activity (with very little expense).

*What should you do?*

It is more than likely that more children (and parents) will have to isolate at some point over the next few months – it is something that we can try to avoid but it is difficult to stop. So, if a Lower Park child in the family has tested positive, it is doubly important to contact me (head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk) so that close contacts or bubbles can be traced and asked to isolate in order to stop it spreading in school. In all our cases so far, this has happened correctly and we want to keep as many children in school as possible. When you keep your child off school because you have been informed that they have been *in contact* with a person who has tested positive, you can contact the office by phoning 01625 872560 or email admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk to inform us.

*Nut Free School*

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. We do have children in school for whom nuts can be dangerous.



Please ensure nuts, or anything containing nuts, are not sent in to school.

*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 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 are now available.

Costs:

Joggers: £11

Hoody: £14.00

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

**THE HOODIES ARE NOW IN STOCK**

**You can order the hoodies now from:**

[www.lowerpark.uniform4you.co.uk](http://www.lowerpark.uniform4you.co.uk)

**Letters this Week**

- Email to parents of children in Miss Cork's class re parent evening appointments.

**This Week in School**

- Santa Zoom took place last Saturday and was a big success.
- On Wednesday, the school's improvement partner made a virtual visit to the school

**Next Week in School**

- Tomorrow (Saturday) – Round 2 of Santa Zoom 1.00 – 4.00 (fully booked).

- On Monday, Year 6 will be the first to watch the pantomime. Children in Year 6 may come in a Onesie (with a donation).
- On Tuesday, KS1/ FS and LKS2 will be watching the pantomime and may come in a Onesie (with a donation).
- On Wednesday, children can come into school in party clothes when there will be games and a Christmas Film. Christmas Dinner will also be served.
- On Thursday, Year 5 will watch the pantomime and may come in a Onesie (with a donation).
- On Friday, Y5AS can return to school (can wear Christmas jumper or Onesie if they wish)
- On Friday, there will be a carol service (via Zoom)
- On Friday, school closes at the end of the school day for the Christmas holiday.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, school reopens for the spring term.

***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>
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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***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mon 7 - 15	Virtual Balloon Race (see PTA newsletter)
Mon 14	Order Christmas Robin Artwork On Line by today
Mon 14 - 18	Christmas parties, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Film, Christmas Pantomime (with Onesies)
Mon 14	Pantomime for Year 6 children
Tues 15	Pantomime for Reception and KS1 children
Wed 16	Christmas Party day and Christmas Dinner
Thurs 17	Pantomime day for Year 5, Year 4 and Year 3
Thurs 18	Whole School Zoom
Fri 19	Christmas Carol Service
Fri 19	School Closes at usual closing times at the end of the day.
Mon 4 January 2021	School, reopens for the Spring Term

*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**

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

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

**SCHOOL OPENS**

Monday 4th January 2021  
Tuesday 23rd February  
Monday 19th April  
Monday 14th June

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## School Calendar Dates 2021 – 2022

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

Autumn Half Term	Friday 22nd October
Christmas 2021/22	Friday 17th December
Spring Half Term 2022	Friday 18th February
Easter 2022	Friday 1st April
May Day 2022	Monday 2nd May
Summer Half Term 2022	Friday 27th May
Summer 2022	Wednesday 27th July

### SCHOOL OPENS

Thursday 2nd September
Tuesday 2nd November
Monday 4th January 2022
Tuesday 1st March
Tuesday 19th April
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June

INSET DAYS: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, Monday 1st November 2021, Monday 28th February 2022, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**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](mailto:head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)**  
*The Lower Park Beacon is also available to read on our School Website at: [www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk)*

**Kind regards - Ian Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park**

## School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December 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](http://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
Organic Beef Burger in a Bap & Jacket Wedges	BBQ Pork Wrap	<i>Christmas Lunch</i>	Chicken Korma & Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
Quorn Burger in a Bap & Jacket Wedges (V)	Pizza & Sauté Pots (V)		Pasta Italiane (V)	Popcorn Chicken in a Soft Tortilla Boat (optional)
Tuna Pasta Bake	Jacket Potato with	Roast Turkey or Quorn	Jacket Potato with	Katsu Curry Sauce <input type="checkbox"/>
Jacket Potato with	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce & Gravy	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket Potato with
(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>		(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Wraps filled with	Served with Mash & Roast Potatoes	Sandwich filled with	(v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/>
Sandwiches filled with	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>		Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Carrots, Peas & Sprouts	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Sandwich filled with
Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>		Cauliflower	(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>
(v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Carrots	Melting Moment	Baked Beans	
Sweetcorn	Chocolate Muffin			
Coconut Oatie		Gingerbread Man		Ginger Oatie Cookie
Organic Yogurt	Fruit:- Melon	Ice-Cream	Fruit:- Melon	Fruit:- Melon
Fruit:- Melon	Banana		Banana	Banana
Banana	Apple	Orange	Apple	Apple
Apple	Orange		Orange	Orange
Orange	Drinks:- Milk		Drinks:- Milk	Orange
Drinks:- Milk	Apple/blackcurrant	Drinks:- Milk	Apple/blackcurrant	Drinks:- Milk
Apple/blackcurrant	Orange	Apple/blackcurrant	Orange	Apple/blackcurrant
Orange	Water	Orange	Water	Orange
Water		Water		Water