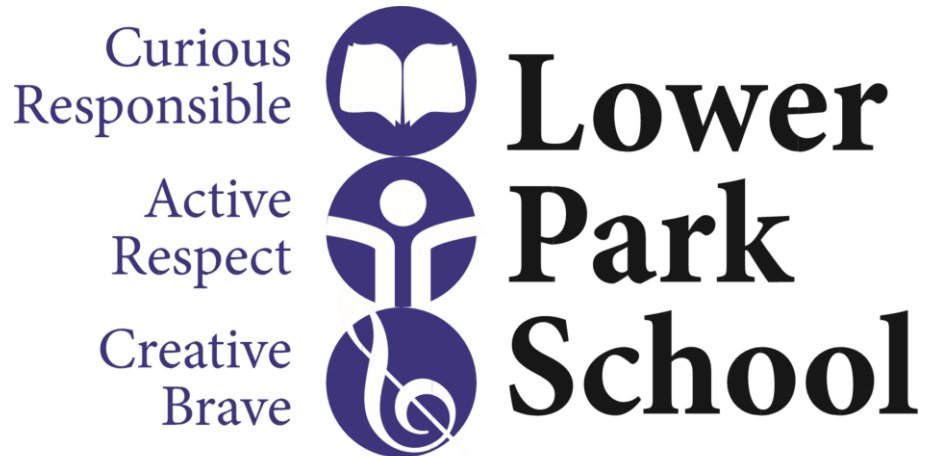


# Lower Park News September 2023

Headteacher welcome:



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*A warm welcome to the start of a new academic year. We hope that you enjoyed your holiday and we are looking forward to having the children back on Tuesday morning. It has been a busy ( if rainy ) summer at school. We are pleased to share that we have had our corridors and two classrooms painted so we look really smart, fresh and ready for a new term.*

*There is a lot of information to share with you, so we are sending this week's Lower Park News out today so you can access everything in one place. I apologise in advance for the quantity of things to read.*

*If you have any questions, please get in touch.*

*Best wishes to all for a happy new term!*

*Amelia Lomas*

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## Academisation update



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RE: Academisation Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you with the progress on the Academisation process.

Following the research and shortlisting from the Academisation working party, presentations were received from the two shortlisted academies, Aspire and Fallibroome, at the EFGB meeting held on the 19th of June.

Following this, at the Full Governing Body meeting in July, Governors approved seeking to join the Fallibroome MAT subject to due diligence.

The Fallibroome Trust board has since welcomed our application to join the Trust and has agreed to start the process of due diligence in the autumn.

We are awaiting more information on the next steps of the process including further consultation opportunities for staff and parents and will update you when we have that timeline and detail.

Yours sincerely

Clara Kenyon  
Chair of Governors  
Lower Park School

## Staffing

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*We did not appoint a new Deputy in the Summer Term and have readvertised the post. The shortlisting and interview process will take place over the next few weeks and we will update you with any progress. In the meantime, Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Day will continue in their senior leadership roles and we are pleased to share that their classes will be additionally supported by Abi Mellor on Fridays.*

*Other exciting news is that we have appointed Madame Munum, who will be teaching French in KS2 to all classes on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. She will also be offering a lunchtime and afterschool clubs starting after half term. Please see clubs for further information.*

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## Class Newsletters

Please look out for the newsletters for your child's class. These will be published on the school website class pages by Friday 8th September 2023.

<https://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>


## Clubs for Autumn 1

Please see the attached letter for details about how to sign up for clubs for Autumn 1.

They can also be seen on the school calendar.

New clubs will be added for Autumn 2 with this information to follow shortly.

## Homework



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Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Homework**

Following a review of the homework set within each department, we will be making some changes for the start of this new academic year.

We have taken into account the feedback received from parent surveys, and we hope you will find that these changes make the homework that your child receives more streamlined and consistent across each department.

An outline of the homework your child will receive is set out below.

	Reception	Key Stage one	Key stage two
Reading	The children in Reception will receive two books which are directly matched to their learning in phonics. One book will be brought home and the other will be an EBook. Log in details will be within your child's reading record. Children will also receive video links to support new sounds that are learnt in school. These will be sent via Class Dojo.	The children in Year One and Two will receive two books which are directly matched to their learning in phonics. One book will be brought home and the other will be an EBook. Log in details will be within your child's reading record.	The children in Key Stage Two will continue to use Accelerated Reader. Their reading will be monitored and children are expected to quiz regularly.
Spellings	Children will not receive spelling homework	Children from Year One to Year Six will be given weekly spellings to learn. The words that will be learnt and	

		tested will be sent home at the start of the half term. Please check your child's reading record for the word lists and the day that your child's class will be tested.	
Maths	The children in Reception will begin maths homework in the summer term.	The children in Key Stage One will receive maths homework via the app NumBots. A log in and more details will be within your child's reading record.	The children in Key Stage two will work on TTRS and a further digital resource to be confirmed.
Optional homework	The children will receive Busy Bee books just before October half-term to enhance our home-school link. This will be an opportunity for your child to share news with the rest of the class and discuss things that they have been doing at the weekend etc. We will focus on one of our values per half term and celebrate when this is seen.	Each department will send home ideas six different tasks at the start of each half term. These will directly link to our school values and will support your child's learning in different subjects within the curriculum. Tasks can be completed at any point in the half term and completed work will be celebrated in school. Please note these tasks are completely optional but have been planned to provide a broad range of activities that the children will enjoy.	

I hope this clearly explains the homework that your child we will receive.  
As always we thank you for your continued support.  
Kind regards,  
Amelia Lomas

## Elan Homes

Please see the attached letter from the Customer Service Team. Since then I have had the following communication which is going to impact on school over the next few weeks.

***The road widening for the car park spaces located along Hazelbadge Road, opposite the school, will be ongoing for another couple of weeks. This is due to Electricity North West failing to disconnect all cables prior to this work. As a result the footpath opposite the school will be fenced off for approximately 2 weeks into the school term.***

***For clarity, it will only be the footpath adjacent to the development that will be temporarily out of use and Hazelbadge Road can still be accessed as normal.***

This is obviously going to be a big challenge at drop off and pick up times. I have expressed my concerns about our children's safety and the inconvenience but please use the given channels with any worries.

**If you have any concerns please get in touch with the Elan Homes Customer Care team as follows:**

Telephone: 0345 481 8805

Email: [customercare@elan-homes.co.uk](mailto:customercare@elan-homes.co.uk)

1st August 2023



Dear Resident,

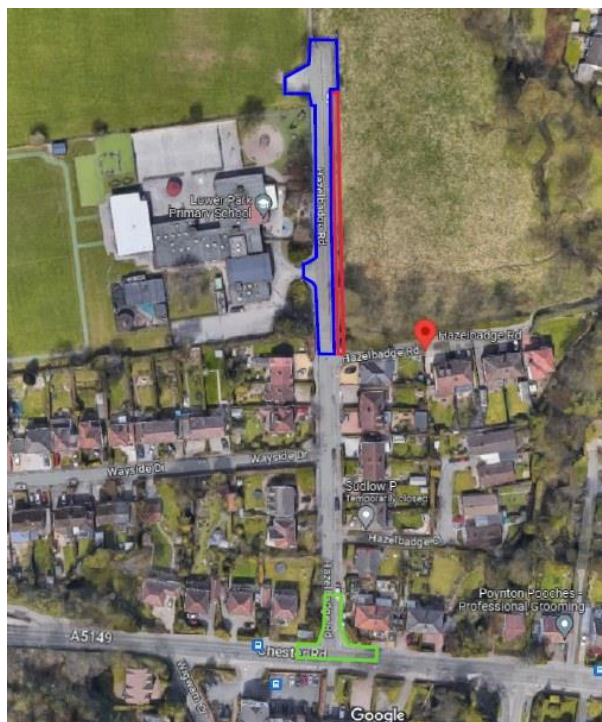
**Re:- Elan Homes, Hazelfields Development, Poynton**

### **Notification of Highway Improvement Works to Hazelbadge Road**

As part of the ongoing Hazelfields development Elan Homes appointed sub contractor, Cosgrove Groundworks North West Ltd, will be undertaking work involving the improvement of the carriageway to Hazelbadge Road.

Due to the nature of works which involve the full re-construction of the carriageway immediately outside of the Lower Park Primary School, works will be carried out over both this current school summer holiday period as well as the summer 2024 holiday period.

Starting w.c 7th August 2023 and referring to the below plan, the initial phase of works to be carried out over this summer will be for the widening and creation of new parking bays and pedestrian footpath to the area highlighted in **Red** opposite the Lower Park Primary School.



In addition to these works, from w.c 21st August 2023 works will also be undertaken to widen the Chester Road / Hazelbadge Road junction, shown in **Green** outline on the plan.

It is confirmed that works to both the **Red** and **Green** areas will be completed prior to the return of Lower Park Primary School for the new school year opening on 5th September 2023.

The final phase of works will be carried out during the Summer 2024 school holiday period. Starting w.c 29th July 2024 works to fully reconstruct the carriageway outside of the School shown highlighted in **Blue** will be undertaken and completed prior to the return of the School for the start of the new school term.

If you have any concerns please get in touch with the Elan Homes Customer Care team as follows:

Telephone: 0345 481 8805

Email: [customercare@elan-homes.co.uk](mailto:customercare@elan-homes.co.uk)

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience you may experience whilst the works associated with the development are being completed and your ongoing co-operation is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Foulkes

**Customer Care Advisor**

## Nut free school

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*Please could we remind our school community that we are a nut free school. We have a number of children with allergies, so please be extra vigilant when sending food into school. Thank you*

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## Mental Health

### **Mental Health First Aid for parents and carers**



**Mental Health First Aid**

For parents and carers  
of young people aged 11-18.

**Saturday 16th and 23rd September,  
9am - 5pm,  
at Poynton Civic Hall.**

For all enquiries or to book a place, email:  
[parenting@justdropin.co.uk](mailto:parenting@justdropin.co.uk)



- The course will give an understanding of the issues that relate to a young people's mental health and teach practical skills including being able to spot the signs and symptoms of mental health issues.
- The sessions are led by a qualified MHFA trainer from Just Drop-In, over two Saturday sessions on the 16th and 23rd September, 9am – 5pm at Poynton Civic Hall.
- Attendees will need to attend both sessions and will receive a copy of the MHFA manual which is a great source of information.

Cllr Hayley Whitaker Poynton Town Council's Deputy Mayor, as part of fund raising for her Poynton Youth Mental Health Fund during her term as Mayor, is pleased to have worked with Just Drop-In and Poynton Town Council to provide this course.



## Dates for the diary



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### *Diary dates for 2023/2024*

*Thursday 14th September - Musical Taster Evening KS2 in the hall 7:00pm*

*Thursday 21st September 6:30 PTA AGM*

*Thursday 28th September work for European Languages Day workshops*

*Tuesday 3rd October Wonderful world workshop for RE (y2)*

*Thursday 5th October - EYFS new intake parent meeting 7pm*

*Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October - Parents evening*

*Friday 21st October - School closes for Half Term*

*Monday 30th October – INSET*

*Tuesday 31st October – Swimming pool at school for two weeks*

*Wednesday 1st November Sibling and individual photos*

*Monday 6th November RE workshop for KS2*

*13th - 17th November      Anti-bullying Week*

*21st and 23rd November - Great fire workshop KS1*

*Monday 11th December KS1 dress rehearsal pm*

*Wednesday 13th December KS1 Nativity afternoon*

*Thursday 14th December KS1 Nativity evening*

*w/c 18th December – KS2 carol concert – tbc*

*Monday 18th December – KS2 panto at Buxton and KS1 travelling panto*

*Thursday 21st December XMAS Parties, XMAS Dinner & Talent Show*

*Friday 22nd December School closes at 3.20 for Xmas holiday*

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## Community noticeboard

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*Following the success of last year's event the love Music Trust are pleased to announce we will be running a second Orchestral weekend in conjunction with Congleton Youth Orchestra, across the evening of Friday 29th and daytime Saturday 30th September.*

*The weekend is open to all musicians playing an orchestral instrument and of a grade 4 standard and above, and will consist of full rehearsals, sections and group activities. As well as those who may already play in an Orchestra, the weekend is ideal for those who may currently play with a Brass Band, String Ensemble, Wind Orchestra, Big Band or Percussion Group but who may not have had the opportunity to see what playing in an orchestra is all about!*

*There are some excellent orchestral tutors booked onto the course and the Saturday will finish with a short concert from 6:30pm in the Trinity Church, Congleton.*

*Orchestral instruments include: Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass, Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, French Horn (or Tenor Horn), Tuba and Percussion. If you play an instrument not listed here but would like to attend the course, please contact us at [admin@lovemusictrust.com](mailto:admin@lovemusictrust.com).*

*The cost for the weekend is £65 weekend is open to all children in Cheshire East who are in full time education. For more information to sign up please follow the link: [www.lovemusictrust.com/orchestral-weekend-23](http://www.lovemusictrust.com/orchestral-weekend-23)*

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- Macclesfield Academy
- All abilities welcome



**REGISTER NOW!**

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