



Lower Park School

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Dear Parents,



Welcome to the first Beacon of the final term of the school year. Traditionally, this is the busiest term of them all. Combine that with the summer weather and there is so much to look forward to.

The list of forthcoming events in the summer term is included at the end of this Beacon. As ever, there will be some changes and additions as we go through the term and they will be highlighted each week – keep a look out for those.

Welcome Letters

The welcome letters from the teachers are winging their way to you and the content reflects the activities of this busy and exciting term. Please keep a look out for them coming home. They have important dates and changes to routine in some of them.

Staff Changes

Mrs Shirt was given a very warm send off and there were tears amongst the abundance of flowers and gifts. She was really appreciative of all your very best wishes.

We have moved quickly to appoint a successor and, as many will have realised having visited the office, Mrs Allatt has been appointed as the new secretary to replace Mrs Shirt. Mrs Allatt has worked as a teaching assistant at Lower Park and a great number of parents will already know and appreciate that she is a very suitable appointment. Mrs Allatt will work in the school office on all five days of the week.

At the end of last term, Mrs Paddison made a decision to leave the school and head for pastures new. Mrs Ralph and Mrs Sherratt have both returned for a day each (Tuesday and Wednesday) and will cover teachers' non-contact time (PPA) in KS1 and LKS2.

Mrs Lees is to continue her teaching of the Year 2 class on Monday and Tuesday each week and this will provide continuity from last term and leading through the KS1 assessments. Miss Jenkins is now ready to return and will be teaching on Mondays in Mrs Cunha's class and Fridays in Mrs Marshall's class in the role that Mrs Paddison had last term.

Mrs Iandolo and Mrs Kay will both be with us most of each week this half term and a little beyond, supporting children in KS1. Some of our other teaching assistants have increased their hours too.

Phew!! I hope you followed all of that but I hope that it has been informative.

News on the Proposed Housing Development

The meeting of Cheshire East Council to consider approval of the housing scheme at the end of Hazelbadge Road will not take place this month.

Sun Cream -



It would be nice to think that we will have more sunny days this term - like we had yesterday. It is important for parents to know that children will need to have sun cream applied before they come into school when we have a potentially sunny day.

Teachers are not able to apply sun cream to your children.

It would be wise for your child to have a suitable hat to wear that would protect them from the heat of the midday sun. Hats can be purchased from our supplier Poynton School Uniform the website is www.lowerpark.uniform4you.co.uk the password is Hazelbadge1. It is essential that your child brings a water bottle to school each day. Please fill it with fresh water each morning. The children do have drinks provided at lunchtime if they have a school lunch and we do have water fountains. However, this can cause chaos if all the children needed to fill their bottles at the start of each day.

New water bottles can be purchased from the school office at £1.50. Please ensure your child's name is written on the bottle with permanent ink

Did You Know ...?



....The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has launched a new out-of-hours advice line for people living in the Cheshire and Wirral area. The advice line is open to everyone (children, young people, relatives, teachers, other professionals) and allows people to talk to a mental health professional if they are concerned or would like advice about a child or young people's mental health. The advice line runs from 5-10pm (Mon-Fri) and 12 – 8pm (Saturday and Sunday). Please see the flyer attached with this beacon for further detail.

Lost Property

The amount of lost property has increased this year and we do not have the facility to keep it in storage for long. It would help if the children's name could be written in the clothing and then we can attempt to reacquaint lost sweat shirts, shorts, socks, shoes, trousers, bags, gloves and hats (yes – all of these appear in our lost property box regularly) with the right children.

The lost property box is located in the centre of the main corridor and is usually full by the end of the week. We are going to introduce a policy of keeping unclaimed clothing for only two weeks before they will be discarded. Please check the box regularly if your child's clothing has gone missing.

Football Match Review



After school on Tuesday the 17th of April 2018, the weather was pretty poor but it didn't dampen the excitement from the two teams representing Lower Park. The Year 5 children performed in a nail-biting close match in tricky conditions in the long grass. There were lots of chances for the home team and some fantastic saves from Isaac R but somehow the game only finished 1-1, Joe H scoring for Lower Park. Unfortunately, the Year 6s were met by 'the strongest team Moorfield has had in years' according to their Deputy Headteacher Mr John Collinson and after a nervy first half, the game was already out of our reach. However, the player never gave up, or let their heads drop, and a much stronger performance in the second half led to many more chances in the Moorfield box with Sam D eventually sliding the ball past the Moorfield keeper to score Lower Park's only goal of the game.

Cross Country Meeting



It was a scorching afternoon when 23 pupils from years 3-6 represented the school for the annual cross country race at Moorfield Primary. There were approximately 250 children all competing in the tricky conditions but the children from Lower Park performed amazingly well. Special mentions must be made to Callum J and Sophie F who both finished 8th in their respective races and Emily W, Charlie K and Elliott R who all finished in the top 20 for their races. Ewan L and Holly J battled well to be the first finishers from Lower Park in the Year 5/6 races. Well done everyone!

Hollies Staff Vacancy

Hollies pre-school are looking to employ a bank member of staff to work 1 or 2 sessions a week, plus cover for staff sickness and holidays. Hours between 9am and 3pm. No qualification required. Please contact Debbie on 01625 850176 or by email manager@theholliespreschool.co.uk for an application form or if you require further details. Closing date for applications 11th May. We are committed to safer recruitment all appointments subject to an enhanced DBS check.



Plant Sale Saturday 12th May



All the leaflets have been distributed – thank you to everyone who became postmen and postwomen by delivering them throughout Poynton. The orders are coming in well and it should be a bumper year. We are now very keen to recruit as many parents as possible to come

along on the morning of Saturday 12th May to help deliver the plants. It would be a total disaster if not enough parents came along, so we really do need your help.

Just come along in your car / van and collect a set of plants to be delivered to a home in Poynton. You will be given a map if you need it and the addresses are clearly marked. Please put this in your diary and help us on 12th May.

A 'New' (or not so new) Danger!

This week, I need to ask parents to take care when opening car doors parked along the pavement on Hazelbadge Road. With cars parking with wheels on the pavement, a door opening can strike and injure people walking along the path to school. This happened this week when a car door by was opened by a child and it struck a pedestrian. The injury could have been worse had it been a child. Please take great care to avoid this happening.

The safety of our children coming and going from school is of paramount importance. Please remember that some older children also walk unaccompanied to school and may be unaware of cars parking with their wheels on the pavement, so please take great care. It is not ideal, but if you have to do this, do so very slowly and with great care.



With the same issue in mind, reversing into the school gate opening is just as dangerous, as this is a crossing point for the nearside path route to school for children. You may not see the child crossing as you reverse so please do not use the entrance to turn at this point, but use the turning circle at the end of Hazelbadge Road (it would also be very helpful to keep the turning circle free enough for cars to turn).

I am always impressed when I am at the school gate on a morning (like this morning), to see how parents in cars show great patience in waiting and allowing children to cross Hazelbadge at the crossing point by the playground entrance – thank you. Finding a place to park, without obstructing our neighbours' drives is sometimes an issue. Some neighbours do need 24-hour access for their jobs so please bear this in mind and select a slightly further distance from school to park if necessary, but please

do not park partially blocking someone's drive

Letters / Emails Sent Home This Week.

- Letter to parents in our Year 2 class (Mrs Ripper & Mrs Lees) today – please note – appointments next week can be made for next Thursday 26th (not Wednesday).
- To Year 5 & Year 6 – Summer term newsletters

Reminders

- None

This Week at School

- School opened on Monday 16th April after the Easter holiday.
- On Monday, the staff received training about Dyslexia.
- The football matches against Morrfield Primary School took place on Tuesday. See the report above.
- On Thursday, a road safety talk was delivered to Year 5 and 6 by our PCSOs.
- On Thursday, several children took part in a cross-country running competition at Moorfield Primary School.
- Today, the School Council met to discuss data protection (in readiness for the new GSPR legislation).

Next Week at School

- On Monday, there is a meeting of the PTA at 7.30pm – new members are welcome.
- On Tuesday, some children from Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in a gymnastics competition at The Macclesfield Academy.
- On Wednesday, some children from Years 3 & 4 will take part in a gymnastics competition at Wilmslow High School
- On Thursday afternoon and after school, appointments by parents from Mrs Ripper's / Mrs Lees' class will take place.

After School Activities taking place - week beginning Monday 23rd April 2018

	Activity	Time	Yr Group	Venue	Organiser	On or Off
Mon	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Cunha / Mr Atherfold	On
	Drama club	3.30 - 4.30	KS2	Hall	Generate Theatre Arts Group	On
Tues	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	On
	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha	On
	Girls Football	3.15- 4.15	KS2	Outside	Mr Cunha	On
Weds	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick	OFF
	Choir	8.15 – 8.50	Y3 – Y6	Hall	Mrs Mellor	On
	KS1 Choir	8.15 – 8.50	F & KS1	Mrs Cunha's class	Mrs Cunha	On
	Computer Club	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's class	Miss Cork	On
	Football	3.45 – 4.15	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Les Clitheroe	OFF
	Karate	4.45-5.45	KS2	KS2	Mr Cunha / Mr Ferris	On
Thurs	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	F&KS1	Outside or Hall	Mrs Cunha / Mr Atherfold	On
	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	On
Fri	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson	On
	Multi-Sports	3.13 – 4.15	Y1 & 2	Hall or outside	Mr Coulson	On

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2018

Date	Event
Mon 16 April	School Opens for Summer Term
Mon 23	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Thurs 26	Y2 parent appointments (Emerald Class)
Tues 1 May	KS1 SATs begin and through to end of May
Mon 7	School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Tues 8	Y2 parents' evening
Thurs 10	Y2 parents' evening
SAT 12	Plant Sale – Your help needed
Mon 14	KS2 SATs week
Thurs 17	Y3&4 tennis tournament 12.00 – 3.30pm
Fri 18	Y 5&6 tennis tournament 12.00 – 3.30pm
Tues 22	Mayor with School Council – learning walk 10.00 – 11.30am
Thurs 24	New Intake meeting 7.00pmTBC
Fri 25	School Closes for half term
Mon 11 June	School reopens at 8.50am
Mon 11 and week	Year 1 Phonics testing.
Mon 11	Pupil & Curriculum Committee at 6.30pm
Mon 11	Environment & Community Committee at 7.45pm
Mon 18 - 20	Y4 Tattenhall residential
Mon 18	PTA AGM at 7.30pm
Tues 19	Personnel Govs' meeting at 6.30pm
Tues 19	Finance meeting of Govs at 7.45pm
Weds 20 - 22	Y6 to Menai visit

SAT 23	Summer Fair / Circus 11.00 – 2.00
Mon 25 & week	DT week
Tues 26	Year group photos - am
Fri 29	Disco KS1 & KS2,
Tues 3	6.30pm Chairs of Govs & 7.00 Full Govs' meeting
Weds 11	Cabaret Evening at 7.15pm
Thurs 12	Sports Day
Fri 13	Reports to Parents
Weds 18	5.30 – 7.30 Open Evening
Weds 18	7.30pm Music Concert
Fri 20	Reserve Sports Day
Mon 23	9.00am Children to new classes
Tues 24 & 25	Bikeability (Year 6)
Weds 25	7.00 – 9.30pm Year 6 Prom
Fri 27	Leavers' Service at 10.00am
Fri 27	School closes for summer hols
Mon 30	INSET Day
Tues 31	INSET Day
Mon 4 September	INSET Day
Tues 5	School Opens for Autumn 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 with *
TBC means To be confirmed. TBF means To be Finalised.*

School Calendar Dates 2017 – 2018

SCHOOL CLOSES

SCHOOL OPENS

May Day 2018

Monday 7th May

Summer Half Term 2018 Friday 25th May

Monday 11th June

Summer 2018 Friday 27th July

INSET DAYS LEFT: Monday 30th July 2018, Tuesday 31st July 2018.

School Calendar Dates 2018 – 2019

SCHOOL CLOSES

SCHOOL OPENS

Autumn Half Term

Friday 26th October

Tuesday 4th September

Christmas 2018/19

Friday 21st December

Tuesday 6th November

Spring Half Term 2019

Friday 15th February

Monday 7th January 2019

Easter 2019

Friday 5th April

Tuesday 26th February

May Day 2019

Monday 6th May

Tuesday 23rd April

Summer Half Term 2019 Friday 24th May

Monday 10th June

Summer 2019

Friday 26th July

INSET DAYS: Monday 3rd September 2018, Monday 5th November 2018, Monday 25th February, Monday 29th January 2019, Tuesday 30th July 2019

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 *Jan J Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park*

My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 23rd April

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/potato

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Cheesy Pasta (v) Quorn and Veg Stir Fry with Noodles (v) Jacket Potato with Tuna (v)Beans (v)Cheese Wrap filled with Tuna Ham (v)Cheese	Chicken Korma with Rice & Cous Cous Vegetable Frittata (v) Jacket Potato with Tuna (v)Beans (v)Cheese Sandwich filled with Tuna Ham (v)Cheese	Butchers Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> in Or Quorn Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> Onion Gravy with Creamed Potatoes Organic Vegetable Bake (v) Jacket Potato with Tuna (v)Beans (v)Cheese Sandwich filled with Tuna Ham (v)Cheese	Beef Hot Pot Mexican Quorn Wrap with Rice (v) Jacket Potato with Tuna (v)Beans (v)Cheese Sandwich filled with Tuna Ham (v)Cheese	Chicken Slider Bubble Coated Fish with Chips Jacket Potato with Tuna (v)Beans (v)Cheese Sandwich filled with Tuna Ham (v)Cheese
Carrots, Green Beans, Salad Bar. Oaty Biscuit with Fruit Chunk Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Mixed Veg, Salad Bar Chocolate Brownie with Chocolocate Sauce Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Apple Crumble & Custard Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Carrots, Broccoli, Salad Bar Krachollette Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Banana Muffin Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt

Available daily - Milk, Fruit Juice, Bread Basket. Accompaniments will be available.

All fish products are sourced from sustainable fisheries. Fresh meat supplied by local butchers.

Potatoes, vegetables and milk are sourced locally when in season.