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## Lower Park Beacon

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Dear Parents,

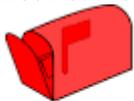
## – WELCOME – BACK TO SCHOOL

Once again, it is a big welcome back to everyone from Lower Park. We hope you have had a very good summer break and you are looking forward to an exciting new school year.

It certainly has something new for everyone this term and we are looking forward to your valued support.

There are lots of new initiatives, school visits and changes in store this term and diary dates up to Christmas can be found at the end of this Beacon.

New this term will be a different way of booking your parent evening appointments that take place next month. This will all be done through our website. Look out for detail soon.



**PLEASE NOTE THE  
NEW ADDRESS &  
PHONE NUMBER**

However, **MOST IMPORTANT** is the need for you to ensure that the contact details, mobile phone numbers, email addresses, your postal address and your alternative emergency contact numbers that we have for you on our records school are up to date. **If you have changed any of these, please inform us immediately.**

### New Staff

Miss Booth has now begun teaching in the Year R/1 class and has made a flying start.

Mrs Marshall has moved into the Year 2 class and although some of the children were in her class two years ago, she is also enjoying her change of year group.

We are joined this term by Mrs Day, who will be teaching alongside Upper Key Stage 2 this term.

Of course, we have another new name to get used to too; Mrs Potts (formerly Miss King), enjoyed a fantastic wedding last month.

We also have a new midday assistant, Mrs Adley who will be working on Monday & Tuesday each week.

### New After School Clubs for this September



Unfortunately, Chris is no longer able to run our girls' football practices on Tuesday evenings, but we have some new before and after school clubs for the children. The first is a completely new sports club - **Dodgeball** will take place on Friday mornings from 8.00am to 8.40 in the school hall for children in Years Reception to Year 2. A flyer is attached to this Beacon and details about how you can enrol your child is in it. The club will begin on 28th September.

Members of staff are also introducing a couple of new clubs. Miss Cork will be running a digital art club, so watch this space for more news.

### Did You Spot Our New PE Store? Roof? Boost Room? IPADs?

*Hopefully not!* Over the summer holiday, we have had a new PE/Games store erected next to our mini tennis court and it has been painted green to blend in with the trees and bushes behind it. We are just waiting for shelving for the inside before moving our equipment into it from the old store at the back of the hall. It will mean that the equipment can be stored more tidily in the bigger

store and be more accessible and therefore, more useable.

Did you notice our new hall roof? Probably not, as it was never designed to be noticed. However, it was time to replace it before major problems developed.

Internally, we have now finished the refurbishment of the old staff room into a 'Boost Room' where our school SENDCO, Mrs Jones, will be based. It has been purposely designed so that individuals or groups of children can be taught in a better environment. It has new desks, chairs, carpets, display boards and an overhead projector and the room can also be used for larger group meetings.

Over the summer, together with the financial help of our wonderful

PTA, we acquired 60 additional, new IPADs and three new charging units. One unit with 20 IPADs has been made available for UKS2, one for LKS2 and one for KS1/FS.

Thank you PTA!



### A Fresh Start

We have begun this term by looking carefully at behaviour, sanctions, incentives and rewards. This week, the children have been refreshing their knowledge and understanding of our Positive school rule and most children can recite it:

*We should smile and be friendly; be well-mannered and polite; speak the truth; be fair and treat each other with respect.*

There are also 7 school rules that the children also know NOT to do:  
1. No hitting, 2. No kicking, 3. No bad words, 4. No rudeness to adults, 5. Not allowed to not work hard, 6. No

*damaging our building or what is in it, 7. No unacceptable behaviour*

We also feel it is time to look again at rewards and sanctions and these are currently being discussed but are sure to include rewards or consequences of good and unacceptable behaviour.

I am sure that parents will agree with our school rules written above and we will inform you more as we develop the theme. KS2 children's first homework this week is based on this theme and we are looking forward to their work.

We have also reminded the children about having pride in their school and to show it in their work, attitude and appearance (for example, tucking shirts in and looking after their school clothes and water bottles). We have reminded children about not playing in the school grounds at home time, to walk down corridors and how to line up properly after the three bell rings at playtime.



Whilst toys are most enjoyable to play with at home, we do not allow toys to be brought into school. Often, they have caused upset and fall outs when they are broken or lost and 'slime,' understandably, is also not to be brought into school. The children have responded magnificently this week and next week we will develop the theme of 'Pride' in all aspects of their school life.

### Music Taster Evening for all KS2 Children.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

Does your child want to learn how to play a musical instrument but is not sure which one to choose?



Come along with your child from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and try out a range of instruments that our six music teachers can teach your child to play. All our music teachers (peripatetic music teachers) will show you the instruments available for lessons in school, before encouraging your child to 'have a go' on as many as they like.

During the evening, you can sign your child up for lessons. Instrument tuition is offered for trumpet, cornet, trombone, drums, flute, clarinet, saxophone, keyboard, violin and guitar.

As it is with any musical instrument, children may struggle at first but will quickly master a basic technique and so we have a condition of one term's notice to cease lessons.

### Meeting for Parents of Children in Year 6.

On Thursday night at 6.30pm, there is a meeting for parents of children in Year 6 about their residential visit to Kingswood in November. The meeting will last about 45 minutes and it is important that parents attend and receive the documentation and details about the trip.

### Flu Vaccine Information

Please look out for a consent form coming home on Monday for all children in Years Reception to Year 5. Please return it by 21<sup>st</sup> September to ensure child receives the vaccine in school. Your child will not receive the vaccine if we do not receive your consent form by this date.



### Welcome Letters

At the beginning of each term, teachers send out welcome letters. They are intended to inform you specifically about the routines of your child's class (eg which days are PE days). There is also a great deal of information about what is being taught in the coming term and some important dates for the year group too. The welcome letters will be sent home on Monday.

### Games and PE

All games and PE lessons begin next week. Please ensure your child has the right clothing for their games / PE days. KS1 may leave their PE bags on their pegs during the week (and take them home to wash on Fridays).



## School Council Elections



Next week, each KS2 class will begin holding elections for their class representatives for the School Council. If children wish to put themselves forward for election, they will be asked to prepare something. It could be a poster, a simple speech or even a song to promote themselves and convince the other children in their class that they would be an ideal candidate to represent the class on the School Council.

Look out for a list of the School Council members in the Beacon once elections have been held.

### Car Parking



Already this week, I have received a complaint from one of our neighbours that parents have parked their car at the entrance to one of our neighbour's driveway.

I would ask you to take great care if you bring your child to school by car. Car parking is a concern and we ask parents to observe the following:

1. Do not obstruct our neighbours' driveways. Some of our neighbours are on 24 hour call-out and there could be dire consequences if they cannot exit their drive.
2. Do not reverse into the school entrance. This is extremely dangerous as it is a crossing point for children, many of whom are unaccompanied and you may well not see them behind you. Please use the turning circle at the end of the road to turn your vehicle.
3. It is illegal to park on yellow Zig-Zag lines.
4. Reversing onto the pavement to park with two wheels is exceptionally dangerous. Whilst it is preferable to find an alternative place to park, it is likely that some parents will reverse onto the pavement. Our children are most vulnerable from this manoeuvre and drivers must be sure that it is safe to do

so and, once parked, take care when opening the nearside door.

- Do not park within 15 metres of the junction with Chester Road. Doing so forces vehicles to be on the right-hand side of the road when turning onto Chester Road and consequently, vehicles cannot turn into Hazelbadge Road and then become stationary causing a danger from oncoming traffic and 'shunting from behind.'
- Thank you for the consideration you have always shown for children waiting to cross Hazelbadge Road by the playground entrance.

Our PCSOs have informed me that once again, they will be visiting Hazelbadge Road to police the parking.

#### Did You Also Know?

Did you also know.....



..... I am sure you do, that the school takes its safeguarding responsibilities seriously. At the heart of this is our policy for Child Protection and Safeguarding. This policy is on our website, together with other safeguarding policies and can be found at:

<http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk/page/policies/36877>

Each September we update the Child Protection and Safeguarding policy and the updated version will replace the current one after governors have approved it at their next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please take an opportunity to read it.

At our INSET Day on Monday, staff received an update briefing and associated tasks regarding recent new legislation and good practice about safeguarding our children.

#### Breakfast Club Update

Negotiations are still taking place and there is no starting date.

#### Housing Development Update

It is possible that Cheshire East Council will make their decision later this autumn, but this is not confirmed.

#### Library Helper Still Needed



We have had superb support from parents, five of whom administered our library on an afternoon each week last year. We now need another parent to fill the vacancy for one afternoon on Thursdays each week. If you are able to help for Thursday afternoon each week, please get in touch with the school office on [admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk) or ring 01625 872560 or speak with Mrs McLean.

#### Did You Know?

Did you know.....



.....your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following benefits. *Cheshire East Council also needs to know if you are eligible and have a child in KS1 or FS (even though your child will receive free school meals in September) The criteria are:*

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

The children will not know who is on free school meals as everything is kept discrete and confidential. For further information, to inform about your eligibility with a child in KS1 / FS or to make an application please contact Cheshire East Council.

The school will receive extra funding if your application is approved and we will use it to support your child. Visit [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm) or call 0300 123 5012



#### Letters this week

- To Years 1 -4 re Multisports club starting Friday 14<sup>th</sup>
- To Year 4 by email letter re swimming this term

#### Reminders

- None

#### Next Week at School

- On Monday, our new reception children will begin their first full day at school.
- On Thursday at 6.30pm in Mrs Gallagher's room, there is a meeting for Year 6 parents about the residential visit to Kingswood
- On Thursday at 7.30pm, there is a music taster meeting for any child in KS2 who wishes to have music lessons and wants to try out different instruments before choosing.

#### After School Activities taking place - week beginning Monday 10th September 2018

	Activity	Time	Yr Group	Venue	Organiser	On or Off?
Mon	Tennis	8.00 – 8.45	KS2	Outside or Hall	Mr Cunha / Mr Atherfold	OFF
	Drama club	3.30 - 4.30	KS2	Hall	Generate Theatre Arts Group	OFF
Tues	Swing Band	8.00 – 8.50	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	OFF
	Football Squad	3.15-4.15	Y5&6	Outside	Mr Cunha	OFF
	Netball	3.15 – 4.00	Y5 & 6	Outside	Mrs Chadwick	OFF
Weds	Choir	8.15 – 8.50	Y3 – Y6	Hall	Mrs Mellor	OFF
	KS1 Choir	8.15 – 8.50	F & KS1	Mrs Cunha's class	Mrs Cunha	OFF

	Computer Club	3.15 – 4.15	KS2	Miss Cork's class	Miss Cork	OFF
	Football	3.45 – 4.15	KS1 & 2	Hall / outside	Les Clitheroe	On
	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	OFF
	Swing Band	3.15 – 4.20	KS2	Hall	Mr Coulson	OFF
Fri	Brass Band	3.15-4.00	KS2	Former staffroom	Mr Longson	TBC
	Multi-Sports	3.15 – 4.15	Y1 - Y4	Hall or outside	Mr Coulson	On

*Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2018*

Date	Event
Mon 10 September	Welcome letter from each class/year to parents this week and on the website.
Mon 10	Ist full day for new reception intake children.
Weds 12	Karate Club begins at 4.45pm
Thurs 13	Kingswood meeting at 6.30 for Year 6 – Mrs Gallagher's room
Thurs 13	Music Taster evening 7.30pm in hall for KS2
Mon 17	KS2 tennis begins at 8.00am
Mon 17	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Weds 19	No Les Clitheroe football today.
Fri 21	1st School Council meeting at 10.00
Mon 24	World Languages Week (Thursday focus)
Thurs 27	Book Fair open for parents after school until Tuesday 2 Oct
Fri 28	Afternoon viewing of book fair for parents.
Mon 1 October	Full governors' meeting – 6.30pm Chairs & 7.00 FGB
Weds 3	Book fair collected today
Thurs 4	New intake meeting at 7.00pm
Fri 5	School discos 6.00 – 7.00 and 7.15 – 8.30pm
Tues 9	KS1 & FS to Quarry Bank
Thurs 18	Individual photos am
Fri 19	Harvest Festival (KS2)
Fri 19	PTA Film night from 3.00pm school hall. <b>TBC</b>
Mon 22	School Health admin Fluenz to children from Rec to Year 5
Mon 22	Pupil & Curric Govs' meeting 6.30pm
Mon 22	Environ & Comm gov's meeting at 7.45pm
Tues 23	Parents' evening until 7.30pm
Thurs 25	Parents' evening until 7.30pm
Fri 26	School closes for half term
Mon 5 November	INSET Day Review Day – School Closed
Tues 6 - 9	Anti-Bullying week
Tues 6	9.00am Anti-bullying performance – times TBC
Weds 7 - 9	Year 6 to Kingswood
Mon 12	Personnel gov's meeting at 6.00pm, Finance gov's meeting at 7.45
Thurs 15	PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Mon 26	Chairs of Govs at 6.30pm, FGB at 7.00pm
Saturday 1st December	Christmas fair – 11.00 – 2.00pm
Weds 12	Whole school to Pantomime – Dick Whittington
Fri 14	Freddy Fit
Mon 17	Christmas Shows - KS1 pm performance, KS2 eve performance
Tues 18	Christmas Shows - KS2 pm Performance, KS1 evening performance
Weds 19	Christmas Shows - KS1 pm performance, KS2 eve performance
Thurs 20	XMAS Party/entertainer KS1&FS, XMAS Dinner & Talent Show KS2
Fri 21	School closes at 3.15 for Xmas holiday
Mon 7 Jan 2019	School opens for spring term at 8.50am

*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 2018 – 2019**

**SCHOOL CLOSES**  
Autumn Half Term  
Christmas 2018/19  
Spring Half Term 2019  
Easter 2019  
May Day 2019  
Summer Half Term 2019  
Summer 2019

**SCHOOL CLOSES**  
Friday 26th October  
Friday 21st December  
Friday 15th February  
Friday 5th April  
Monday 6th May  
Friday 24th May  
Friday 26th July

**SCHOOL OPENS**  
Tuesday 6th November  
Monday 7th January 2019  
Tuesday 26th February  
Tuesday 23rd April  
Monday 10th June

INSET DAYS: Monday 3rd September 2018, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## School Calendar Dates 2019 – 2020

### SCHOOL CLOSES

Autumn Half Term	Friday 25th October
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20th December
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February
Easter 2019	Friday 3rd April
May Day 2019	Monday 4th May
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22nd May
Summer 2020	Wednesday 22nd July

### SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 3rd September  
Tuesday 5th November  
Monday 6th January 2020  
Monday 24th February  
Monday 20th April  
  
Monday 8th June

INSET DAYS: Monday 2nd September 2019, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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 *Jan J Coulson and the Staff at Lower Park*

## My School Lunch Menu

Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September

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
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potatoes (v) Vegetarian Meatball Pasta Bake (v)  Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>  Peas, Green Beans, Salad Bar. Chocolate Crunch with Fruit Chunk Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	BBQ Pork with Cheesy Pasta Vegetarian Sausage Roll(v) with Saute Potatoes Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>  Carrots, Sweetcorn. Salad Bar Flapjack with Fruit Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Minced Beef Pie with Mashed Potatoes Tuna Pasta Salad Bowl  Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Wrap filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>  Broccoli, Carrots, Salad Bar Tropical Fruit Tray Bake Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Roast Chicken with Creamed Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy Quorn Fillet (v) with Creamed Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy Chicken Baguette Quorn Baguette Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed veg, Salad Bar Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream Seasonal Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Butcher's Sausage Hot Dog with Chips Quorn Sausage Hot Dog with Chips Fish & Chips Jacket Potato with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Beans <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich filled with Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> (v)Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>  Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Pancake, Ice Cream & Fruit Coulis 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.