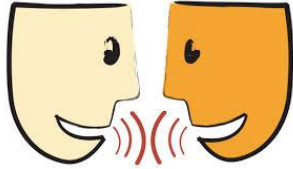


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**Consultation Evening**

Many thanks for your attendance and support at the recent Consultation Evenings. Over 91% of parents attended and many positive comments were passed on to both myself and the teachers – thank you.



**Important Staffing News**

Mrs Medhurst (Deputy Head) goes on maternity leave just after the Easter holidays. When she leaves our current Assistant Heads, Mrs Meer and Mr Hurst, will share her duties and take up the positions of 'Acting Deputy Heads' until Mrs Medhurst returns in 2016.

Some of Mrs Meer's and Mr Hurst's teaching commitments will be taken up by Mr Elliot Burnley, who will be joining Low Ash from another Bradford school after Easter.

Mr Anderson has decided to leave Low Ash, as he wants to take on new challenges in his teaching career. Miss Crossley has also taken the decision to leave Low Ash. Both Mr Anderson and Miss Crossley are very popular, well respected members of staff and will be sorely missed by children, parents and staff alike – we wish them both well in the future.

Mrs Horn, who has been covering Miss Crossley's class in her absence, will continue teaching in Class 3CW until the end of the July.

Following a phase of recruitment to replace staff leaving or staff going on maternity leave, the following people will be joining us.

Mrs Preskey – new Nursery Nurse (maternity cover for Mrs Todd from Easter).

Mrs Spencer – new Reception Teacher (maternity cover for Mrs Rendell from Easter).

Miss Broadbent – new Year 4 teacher (replacing Mr Anderson).

When Mrs Douglas, our Early Years Leader, goes on maternity leave, her class will be taught by Miss Daley, who will join us in May. Mrs Robinson (current Year 1 teacher) will become Early Years Leader until Mrs Douglas returns in September.

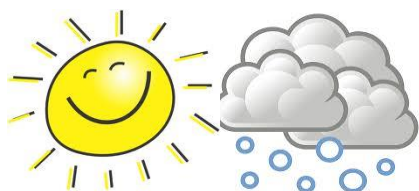
**Sports News**

Our Under 11 Athletics Team competed really well at the Bradford Indoor Athletics Finals. They finish 3<sup>rd</sup> out of approximately 150 primary schools in Bradford, so this is an excellent achievement. Unfortunately, only the top two teams go through to the Yorkshire Finals – better luck next year!



### **Bad Weather?**

We seem to have had every kind of weather possible this week! However, although warmer weather is forecast for the weekend (at last!), a reminder just in case...



School will only close if there are serious worries about the safety of children, parents/carers or staff, or if several teachers are unable to get to school.

If this is the case, I will contact Bradford Local Authority and let them know that the school will be closed. The Authority will then inform local radio stations of the closure. You will also be able to find out if the school is closed by accessing the School website - [www.lowash.bradford.sch.uk](http://www.lowash.bradford.sch.uk) or by 'Googling' the 'Bradford Schools Online' website. Once on this site click on the 'Emergency Closures' tab at the top of the page where a list of closed schools can be found.

### **Update on Friends of Low Ash (FOLA)**

Thank you to all who have been involved in FOLA over the years. It is sad that we have struggled over the past couple of years to keep this important group running. However, with changing lifestyles, I understand how difficult it can be for people to commit their time on a regular basis to organising and running a number of events throughout the year.

However, we are determined that the children should not miss out. Therefore, we have decided to re-launch this important group under the name of CLASS - **C**ommunity of **L**ow **A**sh **S**upporting **S**chool. The new community group will be led by Miss Cooper and Mrs Sunderland, supported by staff volunteers and community members associated with the school - as many as possible! Any time you can give to help out at events, no matter how short, will be appreciated. The running and organisation of CLASS will be taken on by Miss Cooper and Mrs Sunderland, so you don't need to 'join' as such, just help. If you are willing to do this you can fill in a reply slip which should be sent home this week in a letter explaining things in more detail.

From the fundraising by FOLA last year, the School Council decided to spend some of the money raised (approximately £500) on upgrading the wet playtime resources for each class throughout school – thank you.

### **Wrose Carnival Donations**



Thank you also for supporting the re-launch of the Wrose Carnival. Following the non-uniform day last half term, a cheque for £386 was passed to the organisers last week. Although plans still need to be finalised, let us hope that the Carnival is a huge success this year, as it has been for many years previously.

### **Easter Club**

Please note there will be **no Easter Holiday Club** during the Easter Holidays as important work is to be carried out in six Key Stage 2 classrooms at this time. This will mean that no heating and only a limited water supply will be available.

Hopefully, we will be able to have a Holiday Club during Spring Bank instead.

### **Important Dates for your diary**

<b>School Closes for Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> march</b>
<b>School Re-opens after Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>