

Low Ash Primary School

May 2015 Newsletter

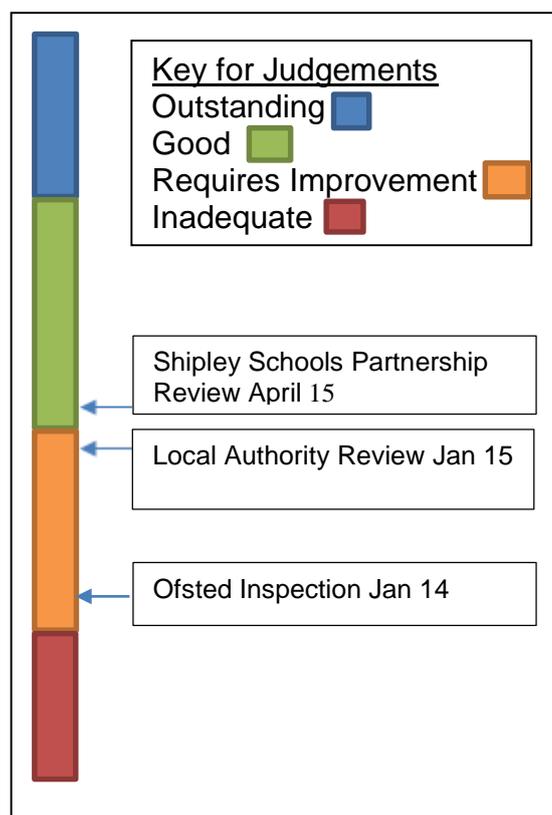
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Good News - Low Ash is an improving school!

Low Ash has undergone two developmental reviews over the past few months, the results of which can be seen in the table below. The improving trend is clear to see since our Ofsted Inspection at the end of January 2014.



The full report from the Local Authority Review in late January has now been received. Comments from the report include...

'This is an improving school and it is essential that the leadership team continue to maintain the rigorous review of achievement and teaching ...'

'Many of the judgements are "on the cusp" of good.'

'Senior Leaders have raised expectations of staff and the aspirations of pupils and if they continue at this pace, it is anticipated that the school will have sufficient evidence to support a good inspection outcome very soon.'

The Local Authority Review Team findings for each of the Ofsted categories of Leadership, Achievement, Teaching, Behaviour and Safety and Early Years put Low Ash very close to a 'Good' Judgement overall in January 2015.

Our second review by the Shipley Partnership of Schools (10 Primaries and Titus Salt Secondary) took place on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Headteachers from Shipley C of E Primary and Hoyle Court Primary were joined by a current Ofsted Lead Inspector who led the Low Ash Review. After observing 18 lessons, looking through English and Maths books and talking to different school leaders and governors, the Review Team graded the school as 'Good'. Although the result wasn't a strong 'Good', as a few inconsistencies were still evident, the Lead Inspector felt that the evidence was still good enough for Low Ash to receive a 'Good' grading. The review team felt that if predictions for the end of year results are realised the school should, as the previous review stated, be in a strong position to secure a 'Good' grade from Ofsted. Our next Ofsted Inspection could be any time between now and January.

All of the 5 Ofsted areas (mentioned above) were graded as 'good', with Behaviour and Safety classed as 'very good'. In particular, the childrens' attitudes to learning impressed the review team.

All the staff are working hard to get the school to where it should be, but we can only do that with the support of parents/carers. So, a big 'thank you' to all our school community members for helping us get our 'Good' grading!

Staff News

A reminder that 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 be Early Years Leader until Mrs Douglas returns in September.

Sports News

Both our Under 11 Tag Rugby teams have qualified for the Bradford Finals for the 2nd year running. The A Team came 1st in the North Bradford Area group of 12 primary schools, winning all their matches convincingly. Low Ash B Team finished 3rd overall following very consistent performances over three weeks of competition.

Tag Rugby Teams



The Finals will be held at Bradford Bulls Stadium, Odsal on June 10th – good luck to both teams as they try to reach the Yorkshire Finals.

Our Under 11 Netball Team has also won the North Bradford Area league.

Well done to all our teams!

Weather

Health and Safety Reminder



Please ensure your child is protected against the sun throughout the rest of the school year when the weather is hot. Sun cream can be administered before school or at school by your child. Various sun hats are available to buy from the School Office.

CLASS

Community of **Low Ash Supporting School** (CLASS), the new community group which replaced FOLA recently, had a very successful first event – Mother's Day Secret Room. The money raised will be put towards improving resources for the children. The Father's Day event will be coming soon.

The co-operative

Low Ash has made some good links with the new CO-OP and the manager has asked us if we want to be part of their community fundraising programme. Hopefully, with the CO-OP's support, we will be able to purchase some new benches and tables for our inner garden so that the children can use it as a teaching and learning space.

Wrose Carnival (Logo Designed by Brooke in Year 6)

Thank you if you have supported the re-launch of the Wrose Carnival. The Carnival is due to be held on Saturday July 4th. Let us hope the weather is kind and that it's a huge success. Low Ash will open a café on the day and the school playground will be made available for car parking.



Important Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd May	School closes for Spring Bank Holidays
Wednesday 3rd June	School re-opens
Monday 8th June to Wednesday 10th June	Year 4 Residential to Nell Bank
Tuesday 16th June	Class Photographs
Wednesday 17th June @ 6pm	New Reception Parents meeting
Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June	Year 6 Residential to Peat Rigg, Pickering
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day - Year 6 go to new Secondary School

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Terry Woollin (Headteacher)