

Low Ash Primary School June 2015 Newsletter

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Exciting Changes to Our Curriculum

Following discussions with the children, we have decided to include more creative aspects to our curriculum next year – particularly in Key Stage 2.



From September, Years 5 and 6 will have a 'Creative Carousel' of activities throughout the year on Friday afternoons. Activities will include: cooking, music, art and design, sewing skills, design technology and creative computing. Groups of around 20 children will focus on one particular aspect for a half term then move to another the following half term, completing all 6 by the end of the year.

If all goes to plan we hope to introduce a similar 'Creative Carousel' to Years 3 and 4 in January.

Unfortunately, the knock on effect will be that the Key Stage 2 Achievement Assembly will have to revert back to Friday mornings at 9.00am. However, I think you will agree that having a more creative curriculum is important. Also, we want to respond to the children's ideas and needs and Friday afternoon is the perfect time to be more creative!

Staff Changes for September

Sadly, Mrs Cork will be leaving at the end of July. Mrs Cork has secured a similar position in another Bradford school which will enable her to experience teaching in a different setting. Mrs Cork will be sorely missed, as she has made such a difference to how we teach maths at Low Ash. Mrs Eden in Nursery will be leaving due to the return of Miss Haworth from maternity leave. Mrs Horn and Mrs Walls will also leave us, as we are employing a full time teacher to teach Year 3 next year. Our best wishes go with them all and I'm sure children and

parents will join me in saying 'thank you and good luck'.

New Staff from September

We have 3 new teachers joining us in September. Miss Brewster will teach in Year 2, Miss Hansen in Year 3 and Miss Robinson in Year 4. All 3 teachers are newly qualified and will be mentored/supported by members of our senior leadership team as part of their new roles - Mrs Robinson, Mrs Woollin and Mr Burnley. Please see the table below to see who will be your child's new class teacher next year. Children will spend this Wednesday morning (1st July) with their new teacher and teaching assistant in their new classroom.

Your child's new class teacher will be...

Current Class	Moving to...
RR	1B Miss Briggs
RD	1C Miss Cooper
1R	2B Miss Brewster (New)
1C	2R Mrs Robinson
2AB	3N Mrs Nellist
2JB	3H Miss Hansen (New)
3CW	4B Miss Broadbent
3N	4R Miss Robinson (New)
4A	5W Mrs Woollin
4C	5E Mr Ebbage
5E	6B Mr Burnley
5W	6H Mr Henry
Parents/carers of children moving from Nursery into Reception classes have been informed of their classes already	

Mrs Meer and **Mr Hurst** will continue as **Acting Deputy Headteachers** in Mrs Medhurst's absence on maternity leave. They will teach groups in Year 6 each morning. Mrs Hooton and Mrs Ord will also teach different groups across school, as well as cover

in classes when teachers have their planning and assessment time.

As mentioned earlier, we will have a new Leadership Team structure which is designed to improve procedures and help parents if they have any queries. From September **Mrs Robinson** will be **Key Stage 1 Leader** (Years 1 and 2) with **Mrs Woollin** becoming **Key Stage 2 Leader (Years 3, 4 and 5)**. **Mr Burnley** will lead **Year 6**. Please speak to these members of staff regarding any query or question if your child's class teacher is not able to help.

Sporting Successes - What a half term!

Our Tag Rugby Team are officially 'the best tag rugby team in Bradford' after winning the Bradford Finals a couple of weeks ago. They now go on to the Yorkshire Finals in Leeds next Tuesday, 7th July – we wish them well.



The U11s Cricket Team also won their Bradford finals and qualified for the West Yorkshire Finals which took place last Thursday. The children played really well and finished 4th overall –well done!

Well done also to the Under 9s cricket team who won the Bradford Final for their age group. Our tennis team has also qualified for the Bradford Finals... let's hope they do well too.

What great performances from all our teams. We now have such a reputation for sporting success that I'm sure other schools will want to avoid playing us!

CLASS - Community of Low Ash Supporting School (Formerly Friends of Low Ash) Events

End of year discos will be held on the following days:

Year 3, 4 and 5 Disco

Monday 6th July 6.00pm to 7.15pm (cost £2.50)

Year 6 Leavers' Prom

Monday 6th July 7.30pm to 9.00pm (cost £3)

Please note

Years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have an end of year disco/party during the day - letters to follow.

Wrose Carnival Café

On the afternoon of Saturday 4th July in the school grounds near the Year 1 and 2 entrance.

Health and Safety Reminders

We have had **complaints from local residents** who have asked me to remind parents to be more considerate when coming to/going from school. If you walk up Gaisby Lane can you ensure parked cars are not accidentally damaged by children carrying things or pushchairs – Thank you.



Also, a reminder that cars should **not park on Wrose Grove** - please be aware that several fines have been given out lately. Many children walk down this road to school, so if you are parking or manoeuvring in this small space, the risk of an accident happening is greatly increased. We have considered closing the gate from Wrose Rec. before and may be forced to do this if things do not improve. Please be considerate - Thank you.

Important Dates Coming Up

Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day - Year 6 to go to new secondary schools. Low Ash children move to their new class (morning only)
Thursday 2 nd July	Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
Monday 13 th July	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day
Monday 13 th July	Reports sent home
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 5/6 Performance of 'Bugsy Malone' to Parents 6.30pm
Thursday 16 th July	Nursery Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	School Closes for Summer Holidays

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr T Woollin (Headteacher)