

Low Ash Primary School

November 2015 Newsletter

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Staff News



Mrs Douglas will be leaving at Christmas to take up a leadership post in Scotland. We wish her and her family well and would like to say 'thank you' for all her efforts over the past two years at Low Ash. We are in the process of recruiting a teacher to teach in Reception starting in January.

Mrs Douglas' Early Years Leader role is being taken on by Mrs Robinson, who will combine this role with her Key Stage 1 Leader role.

Sadly, **Mrs Clough**, from the Office, will be leaving next Friday (27th) as she has decided to retire. After working for almost 20 years at Low Ash, there is no doubt that she will be sorely missed. She has contributed to so many different aspects of school life with her skills, expertise and knowledge – much of which will be impossible to replace. We wish her well in her retirement and spending some quality time with her family.

Miss Haworth, one of our Nursery teachers, has now returned to Low Ash following her maternity leave.

After a successful trial, **Mr Byrne** will be continuing with this role of Lunchtime Behaviour Mentor for the rest of the year. Having someone who can speak to children who might be having difficulties at lunchtime

and resolve any issue has proved to be very successful. He is able to relay information and liaise with teachers more regularly than lunchtime supervisors as he is in school all day. This has enabled communication between staff to be much more efficient and effective.

Donations

School raised £381 for Children in Need and £273 through the Poppy Appeal - thank you!



We are still awaiting the amount in weight we donated to the Foodbank. Hopefully we can beat last year's 240kg!

We would like to also thank the '**DIY**' shop near the **Co-op** for their kindness in loaning us the 4 dustbins we used to collect the food in for each 'House' – they had to be emptied several times because of how full they were. Well done **Green House** for donating the most.

Governor Vacancy

You should have received information about our Governor vacancies coming up in January. If not, why not pop in to the Old Hall next Monday (23rd) for an informal chat about what it's like to be a Governor at Low Ash.

School Website



We hope you are really enjoying looking at the various things on our new look website. Please look out for the videos of our new Creative Carousel and various events in and out of school – they do give a real insight into what’s happening in your child’s education.

www.lowash.bradford.sch.uk

Consultation Evenings

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attending Consultation Evening. There were many positive comments made to both myself and Nick Briggs our Chair of Governors – thank you. We will be trying to improve upon the one or two areas parents felt needed addressing following the returns of the parent questionnaire.

A reminder that the Christmas Fair is next Friday (27th) at 3.30.



Please come along and support this very popular event.

Bad Weather

Some reminders should we get heavy snow this winter.

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 Council and let them know that the school will be closed. The Council 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 or by ‘Googling’ the ‘Bradford Schools Online’ website. Once on this site click on the ‘Closed Schools’ at the top of the page. All schools who have closed because of poor weather will be listed under ‘Emergency Closures’. The school will also use our texting service to inform you of a closure, or alternatively you can telephone school.

If the snow is not heavy, safety is not an issue and teachers can get in, we will stay open. Please keep to the designated paths cleared by the Site Team when this happens.

Parking (again!)

Please, please, please respect the parking signs and laws around school. The local Councillor and Authority have been alerted to the **real dangers our children are facing** as parents continue to park and manoeuvre on Wrose Grove.

Year 1 and 2 Nativity	Tuesday 8 th December in the Old Hall at 9.30am (babies/toddlers welcome)
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School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 16 th December
Carols by Candlelight	Thursday 17 th December at St Cuthbert’s Church at 6.30pm
School closes for Christmas holidays	Friday 18 th December
School re-opens after Christmas	Monday 4 th January

Events Coming Up

Note: Information about our recent Local Authority Review and the improvements we are making will be sent out soon.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Mr Terry Woollin (Headteacher)