

# Low Ash Primary School

## February/March 2016 Newsletter

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### Sports News



Our excellent year for sporting success continues. Following on from our many successes in the first half of the school year, we now say '**Congratulations**' to the **Low Ash Swimming Team** who managed a creditable 3rd place in the semi-final of the Primary Schools Gala run by Bingley Swimming Club last Saturday - this is our highest ever position and even more incredible when some of the team had already spent the afternoon running in the Cross-Country Competition! The team consisted of Emily, Kaitlyn, Clara, Sidney, Oscar, Callum, Jacob, Harvey and Melissa. Well done, and we look forward to the final next Saturday night at Shipley Swimming Pool.



A 'Well done' also goes to Jay, Sidney, Bradley, Tyler, Jayden and Oscar who competed in the **West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals**, which were also held last Saturday. Although none of them won, Tyler did manage to come 51<sup>st</sup> out of approximately 150 of the best runners in Yorkshire.

If you didn't manage to see the Telegraph and Argus on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had a visit from Bradford City player Lee Evans at the end of February. He came to present two signed footballs to the two children who had raised



the most sponsor money at the recent Billy Bantam Penalty shootout event. We also presented Lee with a cheque for over £3,100 for the Bradford City Community Foundation Charity, following the fantastic effort of raising £6,343. Low Ash will use the other half of the money raised to spend on additional resources for the children – thank you.

### Parent Consultation Evening

Thank you also for supporting the school so well at the recent consultation evenings with your fantastic attendance. A strong partnership between school and parents/carers is vital to every child's education.

Despite one or two 'teething problems' with our new on-line booking system, we received lots of complementary emails saying how good the new system was. If you had any problems with the system and haven't let us know yet, please contact Mrs Marsh in the office and she will make a note and try and resolve the issue. Hopefully, next time it will run perfectly.

### E-Safety Parental Workshop

The Cyber Coordinator for West Yorkshire Police, PCSO Atkinson, led the recent workshop for parents, which was well attended and well received. Information regarding different cybercrimes and staying cyber safe were covered. 'Top Tips' referring to cybercrime can be found on our website. The children at Low Ash will have a further visit from PCSO Atkinson next term too. Staying cyber safe is becoming increasingly important as information technology becomes more and more advanced and accessible.

## Local Community News

The recent non-uniform day raised £368 for the Wrose Carnival, which will be held again in the summer. Keep a look out for details of what will be happening and how you can help in the coming months. As a school, we want to support as many community events as we can. Thank you again for your support.



### Ofsted

As you are probably aware, we are still awaiting our Ofsted Inspection, which we were expecting to take place at the end of January. Schools only get

to know that they are to be inspected at lunchtime on the day before, so please be aware. Parents' views on the school do play an important part of the inspection outcome. Therefore, you will be sent information on how you can access Ofsted's 'Parent View' questionnaire on the afternoon when we are informed of the inspection.

### Returning Staff

Mrs Rendell will be returning this week from her maternity leave. She will be working mainly in Nursery and Reception Classes, but there will be **no change** to existing class teachers or classes.

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 9.30am to 10.45am	Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal (Going for Gold) to parents/ carers <u>and younger siblings</u>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 1.45pm to 3pm	Year 3 and 4 Performance (Going for Gold) to parents/ carers only
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1.45pm to 3pm	Year 3 and 4 Performance (Going for Gold) Parents/carers only
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 6.30pm to 7.45pm	Year 3 and 4 Performance (Going for Gold) Parents/carers only
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (Evening)	School Choir Performs at St Georges Hall
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes for Easter
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re-opens after Easter

Mrs Medhurst, the Deputy Headteacher, will also be returning next week following her maternity leave.

### Advice regarding Scarlet Fever

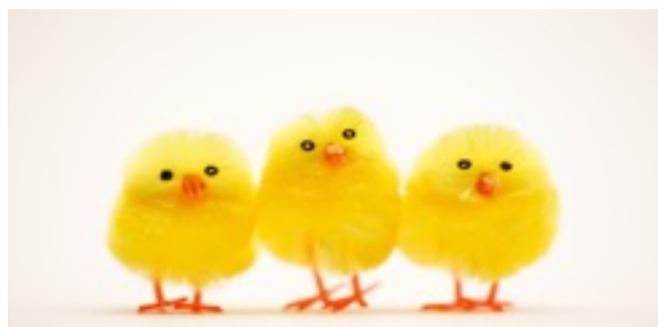
As you may have seen in the media, cases of Scarlet Fever have risen recently. If you think your child could have the symptoms of Scarlet Fever, it is important to make an appointment with your GP as soon as possible. Many of the symptoms are similar to other infections and may not be Scarlet Fever, but a typical rash could mean that it is. If it is confirmed by your GP please inform school so we can update our records. If schools have 5 confirmed cases they have been instructed to report it to the School Nursing Team. This has not been the case at Low Ash up to present.

### Achievement Assembly

Please note Achievement Assemblies will be on Thursday next week for one week only, as we are closed the day after because it is Good Friday.

### Easter Holidays

Finally, I would like to wish children, parents/carers, and the community a Happy Easter. Whether you are staying in England or holidaying abroad, I hope the sun shines and you all have a great holiday!



Thank you for your continued support - it is really appreciated.

Terry Woollin  
Headteacher

### Important Dates Coming Up