

Low Ash Primary School

September 2016 Newsletter

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Welcome Back!



What a brilliant start to the year! The sun is still shining and the children have come back to school with real enthusiasm and a fantastic attitude towards their learning.

Keep an eye on the information boards outside your child's entrance door for details about what your child is learning about or important information about any visits etc. Should you need further information, have any worries, queries or indeed positive comments about the school, staff will be on hand by each entry door to write down any messages for teachers. The Low Ash website is also another good source of information – address above.



If you need to speak to a school leader for advice or information, then **Mrs Robinson** (Key Stage 1 and Early Years Leader) or **Mrs Meer** (Deputy Head) are the people to speak to if your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child is in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 it will be **Mrs Woollin** (Key Stage 2 Leader) or **Mrs Medhurst** (Senior Deputy Head).

Curriculum Open Evenings

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended their child's **Curriculum Open Evening** this week and met their class teacher and teaching assistants. These evenings were started last year (in response to the questionnaire we asked you to complete) as you said you would like more information about how to help your child at home and information about what was happening in school. Hopefully, for those who attended, the evenings helped to do this.

Consultation Evenings

This year's Parents' Evenings will be on the following dates...



Tuesday 1st November 3.30 to 5.30

Thursday 3rd November 3.30 to 7.00

Then, in the **Spring Term...**

Wednesday 8th March 3.30 to 5.30

Thursday 9th March 3.30 to 7.00

We will be continuing with the **online booking system** we introduced last year. Hopefully, all the teething problems we had last year have been addressed. More details of how to book your 10 minute consultation will follow in the next week or two. If you are unable to book online, you will be able to book via the office instead nearer the time.

School Improvement

Following our 'Good' rating from Ofsted, School Leaders have been working on the **School Development Plan for 2016-17** over the summer.



Our intention is to make Low Ash an even better school, and the focus (or theme) for us this year will be to ensure children **'Excel and Enjoy'**. We feel it is really important that your child **excels** academically, no matter what their ability level. We also think we should build on the successes of our 'Creative Carousel', which was so successfully introduced to years 3, 4, 5 and 6 last year, and is a real 'hit' with the children.



The **enjoyment** the children get from the more creative aspects of our curriculum was a pleasure to see last year. Therefore from January, following staff training, Years 1 and 2 will also enjoy a full afternoon of various creative activities. The content of sessions for Years 3 to 6 will also change, as the Creative Carousel is on a 2 year cycle. Activities will still link to the topics covered by each year group, the same as last year.

Exciting Developments Outside too!

On Friday 9th September, several employees from Santander Bank visited Low Ash, as part of the bank's Community Support Programme, and spent the day helping to create a new outdoor learning area at the bottom of the school field.



The bank also donated £250 to the project! When completed, it is hoped that the outdoor learning area will help further improve standards in reading, writing, maths, science and art & design. Also, other important aspects of learning such as: working as a team, problem solving, building resilience and being responsible will be enhanced by the new space. Incorporated into different parts of the project will be: den building, bug 'hotels', vegetable plots, a bog garden, a story circle and various themed areas throughout the year, which the children will help create.

Community Involvement

Mrs Sunderland (School Learning Mentor) will be coordinating community events in school this year. If you would like to support or help out at any of the various events throughout the year, then please contact Mrs Sunderland by telephoning the school or by email using the following email address...

karen.sunderland@lowash.bradford.sch.uk

She is hoping to get a long list of people to support Friends of Low Ash (FOLA) events. You might also want to volunteer for the Creative Carousel sessions or be a volunteer reader too, if you have the time.

Healthy break time
KS2 'Tuck Shop'
Coming Soon!



Important Dates Coming Up	
21st or 22nd September	Year 6 visit Murton Park (World War 2 theme)
Monday 26th September	School Council Member Polling Day (for children)
Friday 21st October	School closes for holidays
Monday 31st October	School re-opens after holidays
Tuesday 1st November 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Consultation Evening 1 in classes
Thursday 3rd November 3.30pm to 7.00pm	Consultation Evening 2 in classes

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Terry Woollin (Headteacher)