

# Low Ash Primary School

## May 2017 Newsletter

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### Sports News

'Congratulations' to the **Low Ash Under 11 Netball Team**, who won the North Bradford area competition.

Our **Under 11 Tag Rugby Team** will be competing in the Bradford Finals in June – we wish them well.

Our first every Low Ash **Gym Competition** took place a few weeks ago and was a great success. Well done to the winners - Sapphire-Leigh Eversley, Hannah Ejaz, Emily Keenan and Green House children. Thank you to Miss Broadbent for organising the event.

### Local Community News

Low Ash will be supporting the **Wrose Carnival** again this year, which will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We will be offering some of the school's facilities on the day of the Carnival, so look out for further details coming up soon.



### **Parking Relief!**

Many thanks to Paul Loat, the landlord/manager of the **Bold Privateer**, who has said parents can use his car park in the morning and in the afternoon to park. A bit of a walk still but good for getting fitter!

Thanks too to Nigel Cawthorne (Windhill and Wrose Ward Officer) for the kind use of **Highcroft Youth Centre** car park every day.

### Staffing Update

Sadly, Miss Cooper, our Year 1 teacher, has decided to take early retirement and will be leaving us in July. What a servant to Low Ash Miss Cooper has been, with **over 25 years service** teaching at Low Ash – an incredible achievement!



Her contribution to the school, its successes and the education of so many children from the community is a real credit to her and will be sorely missed. We will need to give her a really good send off when the time comes.

I'm sure many children and parents will join me in saying 'Thank you Miss Cooper, enjoy your well-earned retirement!'

It will be hard to replace someone of Miss Cooper's calibre, but we are currently advertising for a new teacher to start in September – more details to follow in the next newsletter.

### Spelling Superstars

Congratulations to our Key Stage 1 Spelling Team, who won the 'Shipley Spelling Showdown' competition against several Shipley and Baildon Schools recently. Well done too to our Key Stage 2 spellers who didn't win but represented the school equally as well.



## Health and Safety

### **Sunny Days**

It's that time of year when we remind parents and carers about the dangers that come when the sun begins to shine for longer and the days are getting hotter.



**Please ensure your child is protected against the sun throughout the summer term, particularly when the weather is hot.**

Sun cream can be applied before school or at school by your child. Various sun hats are available to buy from the School Office too.

### **Food Allergies**

A polite reminder that products containing nuts or traces of nuts should not be included in lunch boxes due to the number of children who suffer from nut allergies and may be sitting in close proximity in the dining hall – thank you.

## Governors

Following the resignation of Nick Briggs our previous Chair of Governors, I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Emma Lister is now our new Chair of Governors. As Mrs Lister was our Vice Chair, Mr Kasim Mitchla will now take on that role.

Both Mrs Lister and Mr Mitchla, who have children in school, have been Governors for a while and know the school really well.

## Easter Basket Raffle

Thank you for contributing to the Easter Raffle. You raised an excellent £167 which will go towards school funds for the children.



## School Outdoor Learning Garden

With the completion of the story circle, raised beds and rustic outdoor cooking circle, this new area is really coming together. We have had some wonderful donations from parent/carers too – including bark chippings, used tyres, plants and even an unwanted sandpit, which we hope will form part of our archaeological dig area! Thank you.



Please let Mrs Woollin (Key Stage 2 Leader and 5W teacher) know if you have anything else that might be useful for the outdoor learning area.

## Important Dates Coming Up

<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May @ 1.45pm</b>	<b>Creative Carousel 'Open Afternoon' for KS1 Parents</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Evening performance of 'Joseph' by Choir</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closes for Spring Bank Holidays</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School Re-opens after Spring Bank Holidays</b>
<b>W/C 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screening Check</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 6pm</b>	<b>Parents' meeting for new Reception Children</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Class Photographs</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 21st June</b>	<b>Year 4 Residential at Nell Bank, Ilkley</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June @ 6pm</b>	<b>Parents' meeting for new Nursery Children</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential at Peat Rigg, Pickering</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 5 Residential at YHA, Whitby</b>

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

Terry Woollin (Headteacher)