

Low Ash Primary School

November 2016 Newsletter

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Exciting times in School!

Author Visit

On Thursday, 3rd November Year 6 received a very special visitor - the author E. Rachael Hardcastle, who writes books such as the 'Finding Pandora' series. Miss Hardcastle (an ex-pupil) showed the children some of the 'tricks of the trade' and inspired them to write their own short stories which she hopes to put into a proper paperback of our very own!



National Science Quiz

We entered a team in the National Science Quiz for the very first time. The event was held in York and our team performed really well in what was a pretty tough quiz. The children thoroughly enjoyed their experience – well done to them all for giving it a real go!



Money Sense Workshops

This week, a number of volunteers from NatWest



Bank have been in school working with pupils from years 1-6 delivering their financial education programme. As part of these sessions, the younger pupils have been learning that there are choices about what to do with money, that money can be spent, saved or donated and thinking about the different ways a family might spend money. Key Stage 2 pupils have had the opportunity to plan and organise a party by making decisions about what to include within a set budget.

Low Ash riding high in writing!

I'm very proud to announce that, following the release of the final results from the Year 6 SATs tests last July, our school test results have put us in **the top 5% of schools nationally for writing** –

what an achievement! Well done to children, parents and staff for all your efforts.



Anti-Bullying Week

A big 'thank you' to Revd. Colin Blake, Zephaniah Trust and 'Fresh and Funky Print and Promotion' who have all helped the school to deliver anti-bullying messages this week.



Bad Weather

Some reminders should we get heavy snow again.

School will only close if there are serious concerns about the safety of children, parents/carers or staff, or if several teachers are unable to get to school.



If the decision to close is taken, I will contact Bradford Council and let them know. 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 where we will say if we are open or not on the Homepage.

Alternatively, if you 'Google' the 'Bradford Schools Online' website, click on the 'Closed Schools' at the top of the page. All schools who have closed 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.

Parents' Evenings Conversations

At Parents' Evening, many parents pointed out to me the problems they were having parking, now that The Wrose Bull has decided to chain off their car park each morning. In the past I have made Bradford Council aware of the many difficulties parents face in getting their children into school safely – we are a big school with around 475 children. Generally, previous problems have been because of inconsiderate motorists and not just a lack of space.

Now that space for parking is even worse, I have real concerns that the situation will lead to someone getting seriously injured.

Therefore, I have contacted Councillor Vanda Greenwood again. However, this time I asked if she could provide me the name of the person to contact at the Council. My idea is that you, as parents, should express your

concerns personally and then, if enough people do this, something might get done. My pleas in newsletters about inconsiderate parking over the last three years have fallen on deaf ears, I'm afraid. A new approach and a long term solution is needed in my view.

Here are the contact details I have been given by Councillor Greenwood:

Warden Manager: Richard Colman

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Warden Leader: John Williams

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Holiday Dates for next year

Holiday dates for 2017-18 are now available on our website in 'Parent Zone' then 'Holiday Dates' or at the School Office.

Events Coming Up

A reminder that the Christmas Fair is **Friday**



2nd December starting at 3.30. The entrance fee is £1 per adult, with children free.

Year 1 and 2 Nativity	Tuesday 6th December at 9.30am (babies/toddlers welcome)
Year 1 and 2 Nativity	Wednesday 7th December at 9.30am (parents only)
Year 1 and 2 Nativity	Thursday 8th December at 9.30am (parents only)
School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 14th December
Carols by Candlelight	Thursday 15th December at St Cuthbert's Church at 6.30pm
School closes for Christmas	Friday 16th December
School re-opens after Christmas	Tuesday 3rd January

Many thanks, Mr Terry Woollin (Headteacher)