

Low Ash Primary School

September 2017 Newsletter

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'Welcome back' to our returning children and parents/carers and also any new children and parent/carers who have joined us. Already I can congratulate the children for their excellent attitudes and efforts over the first few days of term – they are a real credit to you and themselves and we are looking forward to another fantastic year at Low Ash.

You should have been informed about what's happening this half term already. Also, keep an eye on the information boards outside your child's entrance door for more details 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.



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 or 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

Curriculum Open Evenings were/are to be held this week, with an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and teaching assistant. You will find out what your child will be learning about and information about how to help your child at home.

Consultation Evenings

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

Wednesday 1st November 3.30 to 5.30

Thursday 2nd November 3.30 to 7.00

Then, in the Spring Term...

Wednesday 28th February 3.30 to 5.30

Thursday 1st March 3.30 to 7.00

Curriculum Development

The enjoyment the children get from the more creative aspects of our curriculum was a pleasure to see last year. Activities this year will again link to topics covered by each year group, although the activities will be different and new skills will be learnt.

We are also introducing more on finance, enterprise and career pathways as we try and prepare our children for life after Low Ash. A 'Careers Week' will take place from 16th October.



On a disappointing note, it was very sad to see that some people living in the community do not share in our vision that children’s learning should be exciting and fun. Our outside learning area, which we have been developing for about a year now, was ruthlessly vandalised over the holidays. The newly purchased and erected shed was damaged so much that it had to be dismantled and ‘skipped’.



Very frustrating and such a waste of time, effort and money. However, we will not be deterred and we will continue to develop the area in other ways.

On a more positive note, our **new sports kit** (including tracksuit tops) has arrived. It looks great and our thanks go to the sponsors - **Selco Builders Warehouse**.



Possible Expansion of Low Ash

You should now have received the documentation from Bradford Council regarding possible expansion of Low Ash. We were approached over a year ago by the Council as they were concerned about the lack of school spaces in this area, particularly so with the planned housing development of around 700 homes close by in the Bolton Woods area. The initial response from Governors was open minded, but whether it happened or not was dependent on planning permission being granted for the development. Then near the end of July the Council said that they were going to consult with people in the community, as the decision on the development was imminent. In all conversations so far, including those with local Councillors, I have shared my concerns regarding additional traffic, parking and access (as many of you have already) if we expanded. My view is that we could only expand if something major is done regarding what has been a long standing issue regarding traffic around school.

I do feel that with expansion would come improved facilities and better opportunities for the children and, indeed, perhaps other members of the community too. There could be a real chance to make Low Ash even better, but we will see if it gets to go ahead. As I have mentioned, school Governors will not agree to something that we feel is not right for the school and the community. Needless to say, there would be no building costs incurred by the school.

Please see the school website or office for the information if you haven’t seen it yet. Please note: your response should be **sent to the Local Authority using the addresses on their sheet** and not school.

Thank you.

Mr T Woollin (Headteacher)

Important Dates Coming Up	
Monday 25 th September	School Council Member Polling Day (for children)
W/C 16th October	Enterprise and Careers Week
Friday 20 th October	School closes for holidays
Wednesday 1 st Nov. 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Consultation Evening 1
Thursday 2nd Nov. 3.30pm to 7.00pm	Consultation Evening 2