

Low Ash Primary School

October 2016 Newsletter

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Staff News

Mrs Todd (Nursery Nurse) will be going on maternity leave in November. We wish her well and look forward to her visiting with her new baby in the coming months.



Talking of 'new arrivals', Miss Fatiha Salam will be working in Reception and Nursery as part of the Government's Apprentice Scheme. Mrs Maninder Kaur has also joined the Low Ash Early Years Team as a Special Needs Support Assistant – a warm welcome to them both.

Sports News

It's only a few weeks in to the new school year, but we have already had a first successes on the sports front. Our Under 9s football team finished **2nd** in our area league and have qualified for the Bradford Finals.



A special '**well done**' to **Alice, Jess, Alicia, Mia and Olivia in Year 4**, who were part of the Low Ash Under 9s Girls Cross Country Team who came **1st** in the area event and have qualified for the

West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals! What an excellent effort girls.

Let's hope the Under 11 Girls football team do well in their finals this week too!

New School Council

All classes took part in our Polling Day event to decide who would represent each class on the School Council this year.



Well done to the successful candidates...

Year 1 - Thomas B, Harry W

Year 2 - Jakub K, Brooke J

Year 3 - Francesca J, Amy J

Year 4 - Gallagher W, Lewis T-C

Year 5 - Chelsey D and Gracie T

Year 6 - Daisy B, Poppy S, Dominic B and Lauren S (two will represent Reception)

The new School Council have wasted no time in getting organised. They met with three local representatives from different charities and listened to what each had to say about their charity. They then decided which charity Low Ash should support this year. The chosen charity was **Yorkshire Cancer Research**.

Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop

This new venture is proving very popular; particularly the water and toast – a great idea by last year's School Council!



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

To try to increase pupils' financial understanding and responsibility, we have given each class a budget of £38 (£1 for every week for the school year.) Lost or damaged items (for example pencils, rulers) will be deducted from this amount. Any remaining money at the end of the year can be spent by the class as they choose. Any class in deficit will need to work out how to raise funds to pay school back! We hope that this will encourage pupils to be more responsible for their belongings, as well as have more understanding of school funding.

Financial understanding is part of Investors in Pupils, an award for which we will soon be undergoing re-assessment. Look out for an information booklet to be sent home shortly after half term.

Encouraging Positive Behaviour

We are trying to further promote the fantastic behaviour we have in school. Each half term, 1 pupil from each class will be chosen by their teacher as an excellent role model. Over the holidays, you will receive a congratulatory postcard in the post if your child has been chosen.



Consultation/Parents' Evenings

A reminder that these take place on Tuesday 1st November and Thursday 3rd November. If you haven't done so already, please call in at the office to book an appointment. Nursery and Reception parents/carers have a separate arrangement to visit classes during that week.

The online appointment booking system has gone really smoothly this year. Thank you to the many parents who commented on how easy and efficient the new system is.

New Learning Garden Update



A new fence and path has been installed, and school staff helped clear turf and soil in preparation for logs and bark chippings which will form a reading and seating area. **Special thanks must go to Peter and his Bradford Parks and Landscape Service Team at Peel Park** for their time and support supplying and delivering the materials needed at a very reasonable price.

Parking (yet again!)

Please, please, please respect the parking signs and laws around school, particularly on Wrose Grove. The local Councillor and Authority have been alerted to the **real dangers our children are facing** as parents continue to park and manoeuvre in dangerous places despite our pleas.

Events Coming Up

Monday 31 st October	Return to school from holidays
Thursday 3 rd November	Rachel Hardcastle – Author (ex-pupil) visiting Year 6
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Fund Raising Event
Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair

Many thanks for your continued support. Have a great half term holiday!

Mr Terry Woollin (Headteacher)