

Low Ash Primary School

October 2017 Newsletter

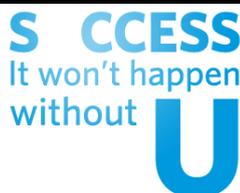
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Low Ash is Riding High!

You might remember that at the end of last year I mentioned that we had achieved our best results ever in the Year 6 national tests.



This has been confirmed, as we now have our official 'progress scores' which measure the amount of progress the children make during their time at Low Ash. Our scores puts **Low Ash in the top 20% of schools in England for progress in all 3 subjects – reading, writing and maths.** A fantastic achievement for the school and something that could not have happened without your excellent support.

We are still hopeful that we will be in the top 25 schools out of the 160 primaries in Bradford when the school league tables are published at the beginning of December.

Sporting Successes Too



Only a few weeks into the new school year, but we have already had our first successes

on the sports front. Our

Under 9s football team finished **2nd** in our area league and have qualified for the Bradford Finals.

'Well done' also to our cross country runners. Year 5 girls, Year 5 boys, Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys **all won their respective races** in the North Bradford Area Final.

New School Council

All classes took part in our Polling Day event on September 25th to decide who would represent each class on the School Council this year.



Well done to the successful candidates...

Year 1 - Travis W and Thomas C

Year 2 – Leila C and Kaitlan C

Year 3 – Sophie W and Hannah M

Year 4 – Oscar F and Lydia S

Year 5 – Mia N and Rhys F

Year 6 – Lilah M and Kaitlyn W

Gracie T and Chelsey D from Year 6 will also be the 'voice' for children in Nursery and Reception.

The new School Council are already discussing various suggestions from classes regarding improving the reward system for good behaviour.



The Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 1st December from 3.30pm.** Lots of stalls, refreshments and, of course, Santa Claus!

Holiday Dates for September 2018 to July 2019

The dates for 2018-19 have now been agreed by Governors and will be sent out in the next

day or two. The dates will also be made available on the school website.

Nursery Places

We still have a few unfilled places left in our Nursery



for this year. Some of the places are full-time (30 hours) if you meet the criteria for a place, and some are part time (15 hours) for either morning or afternoon. Please ring Mrs Brown or Mrs Gibson in the school office for more details.

Consultation/Parents' Evenings

A reminder that these take place on Wednesday 1st November (3.30 to 5.30) and Thursday 2nd November (3.30 to 7.00). If you haven't done so already, please call the office to book an appointment.



This year we are hoping to organise an online questionnaire to try and get more parents and carers to give their views

on the things we are doing well and also how we can improve further. The link to the online questionnaire will be sent to you in the week of the Parents' Evenings. Paper copies will be made available should you prefer this method instead.

Possible Expansion of Low Ash Primary

Please remember to put your views forward on the possible expansion of Low Ash as the consultation ends this Friday 20th October. After that date the Council will analyse all responses and put the details into a report for the Executive Board of the Council to consider at their meeting on December 5th.

Parking Request

I have had a complaint from a parent recently who was unable walk on the pavement with



their pushchair due to poor parking. Please be considerate to pedestrians when parking.

Careers Week (this week!)

Organised by Mrs Nellist, up to 30 different professions, including a prison officer, a physio, police and fire officers, a wedding dress designer, a midwife, a journalist, a magistrate and a vicar, have been visiting Low Ash this week to tell the children all about their work. Personal qualities, skills needed and careers advice has been shared so that the children have more understanding about the many different types of jobs they might

want to consider in the future.



Events Coming Up

Monday 30 th October	Return to school from holidays
Wednesday 1 st November	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 2 nd November	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Nursery and Reception Parents Workshop – Phonics and Handwriting Advice
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair

Have a great half term holiday and thank you for your continued support.

Mr Terry Woollin
(Headteacher)

