

Low Ash Primary School July 2018 Newsletter

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We have some great news!

As we end the academic year, we do so on a real high.

Sporting Successes

Cricket – Our Under 11 girls achieved 3rd place overall in the Yorkshire Finals, with Gracie Thompson being voted the competition’s best player. An exceptional result - well done to the team and Gracie in particular.

A fantastic performance too by the **Under 11 Tag Rugby** Team who reached the last 8 in the Yorkshire Finals – well done everyone!

Well done to all those who have competed so brilliantly for us this year. You represented the school so well and we are especially proud of you.



Minibus Appeal – The ‘Sponsored Mile’ event **raised an incredible £3,247** and we are now over our intended target of £6,000. Hopefully, our new minibus will be with us by the end of September!

Academic Success

Our end of year results right across school were fantastic. From Reception, through Key Stage 1 and particularly so in Key Stage 2, Low Ash has had some of the best results ever! You may not recall, but five years ago Low Ash was approximately 100th out of the 160 or so primary schools in the Bradford Primary School League tables. Over the last 4 or 5 years we have moved up quickly to 75th, then 51st, and to 26th last year following a brilliant set of results for the school. As you can see below, our results for 2018 are, once again, really strong: particularly when you compare them with the national averages for 2018.

The results should keep us in the top 30 primary schools in Bradford. The table below shows the percentage of children reaching the ‘Expected Standard’ by the end of Key Stage 2 for each subject.

Year 6 Subject - Meeting Expected Standard	School Results 2016	School Results 2017	School Results 2018	National Results 2018
Combined Reading, Writing, Maths	51%	73%	74%	64%
Reading	61%	86%	76%	75%
Writing	85%	79%	86%	78%
Maths	66%	86%	93%	76%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	63%	86%	88%	78%

Our results at the ‘Higher Standard’ (Greater Depth) were equally as impressive in both Year 2 and Year 6. All the results can be viewed on our website shortly. Thank you for your support in helping us achieve these amazing results once again.

Successes Recognised – Parliamentary Review 2018

Due to the success we have had in raising the standard of education at Low Ash over the last few years, Low Ash has been selected to appear in the prestigious **2018 Parliamentary Review for Yorkshire and the North East**. This is a very exciting time for everyone connected to the school. The Parliamentary Review is a guide to showcase best practice in education and industry, including how schools and businesses have responded to overcome challenges and ‘turn things around’ in their particular sector.



Pictures from last year's Parliamentary Review

Only around **12 schools throughout Yorkshire and the North East are selected** to represent the Primary Education Sector in the Review. Over 500,000 copies of the Review will be sent to the following: all schools in Yorkshire and the North East, Senior Politicians and MPs, Peers at the House of Lords, Government Agencies (including Ofsted) and the Department for Education (DfE). Again, being asked to be part of the Review is down to the hard work and dedication of Governors, staff and children and your support. Look out for details of when the review will be available, probably at the end of September.

Goodbye to Year 6

We say ‘goodbye’ to a very talented set of individuals who have contributed so much to the success of Low Ash, not only this year but in previous years too. Well done to the whole of Year 6 who have been excellent. We wish them all the very best as they move on to their various secondary schools.

Important dates coming up

Wednesday 5th September	School re-opens for new academic year - Teacher training days on Monday 3 rd ^h and Tuesday 4 th September
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Happy Holidays

Wherever you are over the summer, have a great holiday!

Thank you for all your support throughout the year; it is really appreciated.

Mr T Woollin (Headteacher)