

Low Ash Primary School

September 2018 Newsletter

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Welcome back to our returning children and parents/carers. Welcome also to our new children and parent/carers who have joined us this year.

Everyone has settled in to their new classes extremely well. In fact, the staff have already mentioned the excellent attitudes and efforts they have seen over the first couple of weeks of the new term. Looks like we are going to have **another fantastic year at Low Ash!**

Information about what's happening this half term is on noticeboards at each entrance. You should also have received this via your year group letter.



Should you need further information or have any worries or queries, staff will be on hand by each entry door to write down any messages and pass them on to teachers.

A reminder that 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 held over the last two weeks and were, again, a great success. Hopefully, having the opportunity



to meet your child's new class teacher and teaching assistant, finding out what your child will be learning about and receiving important information about how you can support at home will get the year off to a flying start.

Consultation Evening Dates

The chance to find out how the first half term has gone isn't too far away either!

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

This year's Parents' Evenings are on the following dates...

Wednesday 7th November 3.30 to 5.30

Thursday 8th November 3.30 to 7.00

Then, in the Spring Term...

Wednesday 13th March 3.30 to 5.30

Thursday 14th March 3.30 to 7.00

As last year, you will be able to use our online booking service to book your 10 minute discussion with your child's class teacher. **Please note that you will be able to book a time slot from October 11th onwards.**



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Cwiklinski, who got married in the summer! She is now known as MRS GÖKSU (pronounced G-ur-k-su) – slightly easier to say, perhaps?

Her class will now be known as 5G too.

Exciting Curriculum Development News!

A massive 'thank you' to all connected



with Low Ash Primary School who donated to and supported our **Low Ash Minibus Appeal**. In a very short space of time we managed to raise **£6,653**, which is unbelievable!

The original plan was to use the money raised from the appeal and add it to the money we had saved from the various non-uniform days, Christmas Fairs and Billy Bantam Penalty Shootouts that we have held over the last few years **to buy a minibus**. This would be used for transporting children to our various sports competitions as we were very reliant on parents and friends of Low Ash taking our children to the many events we were involved in.

However, we have also decided to **lease a minibus too**. Having **two minibuses** will mean that we will be able to take a full class of 30 children to various places connected to class topics. One minibus will still be used for sports competitions as many of them are after school. By having two minibuses we will be able replace the coaches we hire for many (but not all) of the educational visits we normally do, meaning there should be no additional costs to the school for the leased minibus. Obviously, there will be minibus running costs, insurance and fuel to pay for, but we hope to try to actually **reduce the contribution from parents** we currently ask for many visits.



We also want to take the children out to many more local places of interest, so that the children have first-hand, real-life experiences to support their learning rather than say use images on a computer. The pictures above are about a 10 minute drive away! Do you recognise any of them?

We believe teaching and learning in English (writing and reading), Geography, History, RE and our Creative Carousel of Arts will particularly benefit. The minibuses should be with us in around 4 weeks – exciting times!

Nursery Consultation

Please remember to ‘have your say’ on whether we should change our current nursery provision. You have until October 19th to respond to...

Nina.Mewse@bradford.gov.uk or at...
educationconsultation@bradford.gov.uk

Update on the expansion of Low Ash

The final draft plans have now been drawn up for the expansion of Low Ash. These are to be submitted to the Bradford Planning Department in the coming weeks.



There will be an opportunity for anyone in the community to come and look at the plans and intended phases, speak with Council officials and make suggestions. A **Public Drop-in Session** is to be held in school in October from 3pm to 7pm (date to be confirmed still by the Council).

Hopefully, you will see that the improved facilities and better opportunities for the children will make Low Ash an even better primary school.

Parking Issues



Residents on Wrose Grove asked me to remind parents to be more considerate when dropping off and picking up children. It is **residents only parking** on Wrose Grove.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Terry Woollin (Headteacher)

Important Dates Coming Up	
Tuesday 25 th September	School Council Member Polling Day (for children)
Wednesday 3 rd October	Individual School Photographs
Thursday 11 th October	Book Your Parents' Evening Time Slot From Today
Friday 19 th October	School Closes For Holidays