

# Low Ash Primary School

## December 2018 Newsletter

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### Christmas Fair

Yet again, the Christmas Fair was a great success. It was really good to see so many people enjoying the stalls and games. In total, **£1304** was raised for school funds, which is brilliant! Thank you.

The money raised from the Fair will go towards improving resources in school for the children, including helping with the running costs of the new minibuses.

### Carols by Candlelight (Years 3 to 6)

Thank you for your support in attending Monday night's 'Carols by Candlelight Concert' at St Cuthbert's Church. The children performed really well and were a credit to themselves and the school. Well done to Miss Hanson, who did another amazing job producing and directing the concert; particularly as Mr Ebbage has been off school ill this week. Thank you also to St Cuthbert's Church for letting us use their facility – it does make it that little bit extra special.

### School Dinners Increase

From 1<sup>st</sup> January, the cost of a school meal has been increased by Bradford Council (Facilities Management Catering) to £1.80. Nursery children who attend Low Ash all day will pay £1.60.



### School Uniform

In cold and damp weather it is understandable that children might wear warm winter boots for their journey to and from school and for playtimes and lunchtimes. However, please ensure your child has school shoes to change into for when they are inside school.

### New Parent Governors

Congratulations to April Serrant and Laura Boocker who are our new Parent Governors! Both April and Laura met with myself and the Chair of Governors this week and will begin their important roles in January.



## Staff News

In January we welcome Mrs Carr (formerly Miss Lickley) to Low Ash Primary. Mrs Carr will be teaching 5G for the rest of the school year while Mrs Göksu is on maternity leave.

Also, congratulations to Mr Renardson on the recent birth of his baby daughter!



## What a Result!

It's really great to end 2018 on a high with some exciting news regarding the school's performance.

Following the release of the National School Performance Tables by the Department for Education last week, I can now confirm the following **excellent results** for Low Ash Primary...

- ❖ Low Ash is the **26th best performing school out of the 165 primary schools in Bradford**. The ranking is based on the percentage of children achieving the expected national standard in reading, writing and maths. This is equivalent to the top 16% of schools in Bradford and is the second year we have achieved such a high position!
- ❖ 76% of our children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared with the national average figure of 64%. This is also the second year we have been 12% higher than the national average.
- ❖ Also confirmed was that Low Ash is in the **top 20% of schools in England** for the amount of progress children make in writing and maths during their time at Low Ash Primary.



I'm sure you will agree that these are fantastic results. Your part in achieving these results has been vitally important. Thank you.



Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'.

Have a wonderful holiday, whatever you are doing. We will see you all on **Thursday 3rd January** 2019 when we return.

Many thanks for your continued support, as we aim to ensure our children excel and enjoy their time at Low Ash.

Mr Terry Woollin (Headteacher)