

Low Ash Primary School June 2019 Newsletter

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Staffing Changes



It's been a really busy time for staff recruitment lately.

As you are already aware, Mrs Woollin and I will be leaving at the end of July. Some other members of staff have also decided to take

early retirement...

Mr Ebbage will be leaving after teaching at Low Ash for 20 years. **Mrs Brook**, our teaching assistant in Year 2 who has worked at Low Ash for 19 years, and **Mrs Gibson**, the School's Business Manager who has been in post at Low Ash for 21 years, will also leave in July.

Their dedication and commitment to Low Ash is quite remarkable, and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them a very well-deserved rest and happy retirement and thank them for all they have done for the children of Low Ash Primary School. Let's make sure we give them a really good send-off!

Two new teachers joining Low Ash for September are **Mr Matthew Hall** and **Mr Thomas Handley**. **Mrs Sharon Geidroj**t will be taking over from Mrs Gibson as School Business Manager in September too.

New Classes for September

Wednesday 3rd July, is our **Transition Morning**. On this day, most of Year 6 will visit their new Secondary Schools. Children currently in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will spend the morning with their new class teachers in their new classrooms. The transition morning is designed so that the children and their teacher can start get to know each other, find out what each child is good at, needs to improve upon and what they like and dislike etc.



Please see the table below to see who will be your child's new class teacher in September. As we have four year groups where both teachers had the same last initial, we have decided that all class names will have the teacher's first and surname initials.

Current Class	Moving to...
RW	1JB Miss Briggs
RWR	1PN Mrs Nellist
1N	2CR Miss Robinson
1B	2LR Mrs Robinson
2B	3CH Miss Hansen
2R	3MH Mr Hall
3E	4DB Mr Brook
3H	4SB Miss Broadbent
4R	5TH Mr Handley
4B	5DC Mrs Carr
5C	6LH Mrs Hooton
5W	6PH Mr Henry

Parents/carers of children moving from Nursery into Reception classes will be informed of their classes separately at their 'Welcome' meeting.

New Sponsored Sports Kit

Many thanks to Mark Saunders, the owner of local firm **Saunders Joinery and Facilities (SJ Facilities)**, for kindly sponsoring a brand new sports kit of 11 full kits and 11 training tops. They really do look great!



Wrose Carnival



This year's Wrose Carnival takes place on Saturday 6th July. Hopefully, the weather will be kind and lots of people will attend this excellent community and charity event.

Healthy Schools Week

Following on from the very successful Healthy Schools Week last year, this year's **Healthy**



Schools Week starts on **Monday 8th July**.

Throughout the week there will be opportunities for your child to learn more about healthy eating/nutrition and emergency first aid. New sports or skills to try this year include: **horse riding, sailing, street dance, cheerleading, table tennis and kick boxing.**

The week will 'kick off' with a whole school assembly led by a special visitor – Olympian Jenny Wallwork from the Great Britain Badminton Team. Jenny will spend the day in school and will work with all year groups. A sponsored event will also be taking place during the week.

Sports Days

These will take place during Healthy Schools Week too except for Reception and Nursery classes. The dates are as follows...

Years 1 and 2 Tuesday 9th July in the afternoon
Years 5 and 6 Wednesday 10th July in the afternoon
Years 3 and 4 Thursday 11th July in the afternoon
Nursery Wednesday 17th July both am and pm
Reception Tuesday 2nd July in the morning

Please be aware that we may have to cancel Sports Days at very short notice if the weather conditions mean it is not safe for them to go ahead.

Warm Weather Warning for Sunny Days (when they come!)

A reminder for parents and carers - please ensure your child is protected against the sun throughout the summer term.



Sun cream can be applied before school or at school by your child. Various sun hats are available to buy from the School Office too.

Update on School Expansion

Contractors are currently carrying out alterations to our library following a decision by Bradford Council regarding the planned Low Ash school expansion.

The Council now believe that there are sufficient places in schools in our area to cope with the future demand for school places and do not wish to expand Low Ash anymore. However, as the Council wanted to offer only 60 Reception aged places for this September, but had published that 90 places would be available, the Council had to apply to the Government's Schools Adjudicator's Office to change from 90 to 60 places. The Council's application was rejected by the Schools Adjudicator last week. Therefore, the library is being enlarged, but will need to be used as a temporary classroom for one year from September, so that there is enough space for the additional class we will have.

It is also the Council's intention to apply again to the Schools Adjudicator at the end of June to propose for a 2nd time that Low Ash school places for September 2020 are reduced from 90 to 60. The Council has to apply again because the admission numbers have already been agreed by the Council for September 2020. Additionally, in September or October this year, it is the Council's intention to have a Public Consultation on permanently reducing the number of Reception places at Low Ash from 90 to 60 from September 2021. The Council's Executive Committee will then decide if the number of Reception places at Low Ash should be 60 or 90. As this is a Council decision, the situation is very much out of our hands.

Important dates coming up

Thurs 20th June	Class Photographs
Mon 15th July	Year 4 Residential – Nell Bank (15th and 16th, returning on 17th)
Mon 15th July	Year 5/6 evening performance to parents (adults only)
Tues 16th July	Year 5/6 performance for parents and toddlers (morning)
Wed 17th July	Year 5/6 evening performance to parents (adults only)
Thurs 18th July	Year 6 Garden Party (pm)
Thurs 18th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco (evening)
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 2pm
Friday 19th July	School Closes for Summer Holidays

Many thanks Mr T Woollin (Headteacher)