

Low Ash Primary School

September 2019 Newsletter

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Welcome back to our returning children and parents/carers. A warm 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. We are really pleased with the high standards and positive attitudes of all the children as they start the new year.

A big thank you from both of us for the support you have shown us during our first two weeks of Headship. We feel privileged to be leading such a fantastic school.

New Staff

Welcome also to new staff joining the school. Mrs Giedrojt joins us as our new School Business Manager, Mr. Handley is one of the Year 5 class teachers, Mr. Hall is a class teacher in Year 3, Mrs Dowker is a teacher in Reception and Mrs Boocker and Mr. Ellison will be working closely with certain pupils in school. They have all settled into their new roles very quickly and we wish them all the best for their time at Low Ash.

Curriculum Evenings

Years 1-6 have held curriculum information evenings this week. If you have missed these, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher for any information given out.

Hopefully, having had the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, 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.

You should have already received your parent information newsletter for the half term, but

these can also be found in the notice boards outside each entrance.



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 Wright** (Early Years Leader) and **Mrs Robinson** (Key Stage 1 Leader) 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 **Mr Brook** (Lower Key Stage 2 Leader) or **Mrs Carr** (Upper Key Stage 2 Leader). **Mr Hurst** (Deputy Headteacher) is also available at any point if your child's key stage leader is not around.

Consultation Evening Dates

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

A yellow sticky note with the text 'Don't forget Parents' Evening!' written in a black, cursive font. The note is slightly tilted and has a shadow effect.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

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

Wednesday 13th November 3.30 to 5.30

Thursday 14th November 3.30 to 7.00

Then, in the Spring Term...

Wednesday 4th March 3.30 to 5.30

Thursday 5th 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 Monday 21st October onwards.

Reminder about holidays

As you are aware, school attendance is very important, so we ask that you please try to avoid taking holidays in term time. They can only be authorised under *exceptional circumstances*.

New clubs for this year

We are lucky to have a number of new extra-curricular clubs beginning this term. Mrs Sunderland will lead Gardening Club for Years 4 – 6 on a Monday after school, Girls' football for Key Stage 2 will run on Mondays led by Bradford City, Miss Broadbent will lead a Netball Club for Years 5 and 6 on a lunchtime and there will be Mindfulness sessions for Year 5 from Autumn 2 led by Miss Thompson. Places are obviously limited for all clubs, but due to the variety available, we hope that every child will have the opportunity to take part in a club at some point. For a full list of clubs we offer, please see the school website and indoor notice boards near your child's entrance.

Pupil Mental Health and Well Being

You may be aware that poor mental health and well-being is an ever increasing issue in our society. For this reason, the school has set up a pupil well-being group to discuss issues which may affect the pupils. We are also introducing Mindfulness sessions to pupils in Key Stage 2 as part of the PSHE curriculum. Miss Thompson completed her training last year and is now an accredited Mindfulness instructor for children.

Team Building Lunchtime sessions

School has purchased a range of exciting team building resources to help build, amongst other things, communication,



cooperation and resilience. The staff had fun trying them out during one of the INSET days in September! These resources will be used at lunchtimes in sessions led by Mrs Geraghty and Miss Taylor so all the children should benefit from them.

Lunchtime Supervisor Wanted

We are seeking to appoint another permanent lunchtime supervisor to join our Low Ash team. This will be advertised around school shortly. For any further information, please contact the school office.

'Friends of Low Ash' group

You should have received a letter via your child about our 'Friends of Low Ash' group. We are very keen to get as many parents as possible involved and Miss Briggs will run this at the most convenient time possible. Please, please try to find a little time to work with us to benefit your child.

Careers Week

Our next Careers Week is to be held from 21st-25th October. For those of you who took part in 2017, you will remember what a great success it was. If you are willing or available to come in to school at all this week to share information about your job (present or past) with pupils, then please complete the reply slip on the letter sent out earlier in the week and return it to school. This week is invaluable in opening up pupils' eyes to the 'world of work' and helping to raise aspirations.

Home-School contract

Please look out for the new home-school contract that will be arriving home shortly via your child. It is so important that we all work together to ensure the best for your child. Please have a good read, then let us have it back once you are happy with it. Please do not hesitate to ask us if there is anything that you would like clarifying.

Important Dates Coming Up	
Thursday 26th September	School Council Member Polling Day (for children)
Wednesday 2nd October	Individual School Photographs
Thursday 3rd October	Reception Phonics workshop for parents
Monday 21st October	Book Your Parents' Evening Time Slot From Today
Week commencing 21st October	Careers Week
Friday 25th October	School Closes For Holidays

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs B Medhurst and Mrs F Meer (Co-Headteachers)