

Low Ash Primary School December 2019 Newsletter

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Hopefully you will all have had chance to read the Ofsted report which is now available on the school website. We are very pleased that it has been recognised that Low Ash remains a good school!

League Tables

Primary School league tables were published last week and we are pleased to announce that Low Ash is in the **top 15.1% of schools nationally** on the basis of the % of pupils who achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths at the end of KS2. Low Ash was in joint 30th position out of the 188 primary schools in Bradford with 78% of pupils achieving the expected standard (13% above the National Average figure of 65%).

Choir

The choir has been busy enjoying their, arguably, busiest season of the year. From the St. Cuthbert's Walking Nativity, to singing at the Methodist Church, Wrose Chapel and the St Cuthbert's Christmas Tree festival, their performances have not disappointed. The final show case of all of their hard work will be tonight at the annual Carols By Candlelight which will take place at St. Cuthbert's Church. Thank you to all of those who are planning on coming to support us. A special thank you must go to Miss Charlotte Hansen and Mr. Phil Ebbage (who despite retiring last year has been helping with the choir each week) who have worked so hard to put on the fantastic performances.

Key Stage 1 Nativity

The Key Stage 1 Nativity took place last week and was very well received. The children (and staff!) worked extremely hard in order to put on a fantastic show. Thank you to all parents / carers who helped children learn their lines and songs at home. We hope you enjoyed the performances.

Low Ash Community Links

The children have been working hard to build further links with the local community this half term. Year 6 have visited and sung for the Wrose Dementia Friendly Community Group, Year 4 have visited some local sheltered accommodation and Year 3 continue

to link with another contrasting school in Bradford – Feversham Primary. Further planned links with the local community include a link with the clothes bank and a local charity shop. If you have any ideas for community links which you feel would benefit the children of Low Ash, please contact the school office.

Times Table Rock Stars Competition

All children in Key Stage 2 recently had the chance to compete for the school in the National Times Table Rock Stars competition. Low Ash did fantastically well– the school as a whole finished 7th in the country and Lydia Stubbs (Year 6) finished 10th out of 150,000 pupils.

Thank you to Mr. Adam Morton who organised Low Ash's participation in this and worked tirelessly over the week of the competition to enthuse the pupils and keep the momentum going.

New Staff Appointments

Miss Amy Lee has been appointed as a permanent lunchtime cover supervisor.

Mrs Deborah Naylor has been appointed to work on a 1 to 1 basis with a child in school and will take up her role in early February.

Mrs Sheila Buchan and Mrs Karen Goy have both retired from school. We wish them all the best for their future.

Dates for the Diary	
Friday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday January 6 th	School re-opens after the Christmas break

All that remains for us to do is to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming all the children back in 2020.

Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer (Co-Headteachers)