

Low Ash Primary School
November/December 2019 Newsletter

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Ofsted

As you will be aware, Low Ash was recently visited by Ofsted. Although we are not able to share the outcome of the inspection with you before the official report is published (hopefully prior to the Christmas break) we would like to thank parents and carers for their overwhelming support throughout the inspection. Whether that be through the positive comments left on Parent View or through cards and chocolates sent in to 'keep staff going' through the inspection, it is really appreciated. Low Ash would not be the school it is today without your support.

Parent Reps

Thank you to those parents/carers who have put their names forward to be Low Ash parent reps. We are hoping the role of parent rep will improve communication further between school and home. With the role being a new one, all parent reps will have the chance to help 'shape' the role and offer their thoughts on the best ways to communicate with home.

Current volunteers are as follows:

Nursery - Rachel Travers

Reception - Jade Stowell

Year 1 - Louise Hudson

Year 2 - Jill Earnshaw

Year 3 - Bernadette Bazely and Jessica Page

Year 4 - Saima Shah

Year 5 – No volunteers as of yet

Year 6 - Jenny Feltwell

Ideally we would like 2 parents/carers per year group, so if you are interested in becoming a parent rep, please contact the school office with your details.

An initial meeting is being held with Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer (Co-Headteachers) on Tuesday 10th December at 1.50pm.

Sporting Success

As ever, we have had another successful few weeks on the sports field and are the North Bradford Area winners in Athletics and Hockey.

Other achievements to note are the Girls' Football Team who finished 4th in the North Bradford Area, a 2nd place finish for the Cross Country Team (with Finlay and Kara from Year 4 being the fastest U9 boy and girl) and a 4th place finish for the Panathlon Team.

We have also competed in further football and hockey competitions – well done to all of those taking part.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was held on Friday 29th November and once again was a great success.

Thank you to everyone who helped the school prepare by wrapping presents for the Secret Room, donating items to be sold/raffled or by supporting the school at the event itself. Our newly re-formed Friends of Low Ash (FOLA) were invaluable in helping with the preparations and support on the night. We raised approximately £1000 for the school which is fantastic.



Golden Learners and Kindness Awards

Low Ash's first 'Golden Learners' were awarded this half term for pupils showing excellent learning behaviours, for example skills in collaboration, communication, and perseverance.

The successful pupils were:

Nursery – George Baxter
 Reception – Anthony Quillan, Blake Norfolk and Ethan Burton
 Year 1 – Ibrahim Hussain and Shaelan Cunningham
 Year 2 – Layla Clapham and Oliver Bobak
 Year 3 – Eva Hine and Daniel Agbodo
 Year 4 –Kaviraj Sohal and Jake Hogan
 Year 5 – Ellie Pattison and Ashley McNicholas
 Year 6 – Sam Wanless and Francesca Jackson

Last half term we also recognised pupils who had been particularly kind. The Headteacher awards were given to the following pupils:

Nursery – Dakota Holland
 Reception – Alex Holmes, Anthony Quillan and Mila Worsley
 Year 1 – Maisie Maddison and Freya Acton
 Year 2 – Kianna Poole and Mikey Derham
 Year 3 – Ruby Connolley and Sophie Pyle
 Year 4 – Olivia Denby and Jake Hogan
 Year 5 – Connor Anderson-Causier and Isaac Mathers
 Year 6 – Lydia Stubbs and Pippa Thompson

A Polite Reminder

As the weather becomes increasingly cold and wet, it is understandable that pupils will come to school wearing boots. Please could we remind you however that, as stated on the uniform policy, we ask that, inside school, pupils wear sensible black school shoes (not boots) or, in their absence, black pumps. The school has purchased a number of spare pairs of pumps which can be borrowed by pupils to aid with this.



Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who supported the school's Children in Need events at school. The bun sale and non-uniform day raised a huge £759 for the charity. Fantastic!

Careers Week

Low Ash's second 'Careers week' was held in the week before half term and was once again a great success. Pupils loved learning about a range of different jobs: some of which they had never heard of before! Thank you to parents/carers and an array of ex pupils who gave up their time to come into school to talk about their jobs.

Aldi Stickers

Thank you to everyone who has brought in the stickers from Aldi. The 4 completed posters have been sent off, which gives us 24 free sport kits and 4 chances to enter the draw for £20,000. We are hoping to win and to spend the money on an outdoor multi-gym and fitness centre!

Staffing

Mrs Helena Göksu will soon be returning from maternity leave. Following the Christmas break, she will be based in RSR on a Friday and we will say farewell and thank you to Mrs Katie Dowker.

Mrs Medhurst will be going on maternity leave at the end of February 2020. In her absence, Mrs Meer will become the sole Headteacher and will work 5 days a week until Mrs Medhurst's return.

Dates for the Diary	
Key Stage 1 Nativity in the School Hall	Tues 10th December - Dress rehearsal and parents with babies – 9.30 am Wednesday 11th December- 1.45pm Thurs 12th December- 9.30am
School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 18 th December
Key Stage 2 'Carols by Candlelight' event at St Cuthbert Church	Thursday 19 th December @ 6.30pm
Christmas jumper day and non-uniform day	Friday 20 th December
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 th December

Thank you for your continued support.

**Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer
 (Co-Headteachers)**