

# Low Ash Primary School

## September 2020 Newsletter

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Welcome back to our returning children and parents/carers and a warm welcome also to our new children and parents/carers who have joined us this year.



Thank you as always for all your support in settling the children back into school life. I have been incredibly impressed with how well the children, parents/carers and staff have adapted to our new ways of working. We are also really pleased with the positive attitudes of all the children as they start the new academic year, particularly under such strange circumstances.

### New Staff

Welcome to the new staff joining the school. Mrs Ros Horne is our new Early Years Leader and Reception teacher, Miss Georgia Gray joins us as a Year 2 teacher and Miss Saskia Butterill as a class teacher in Year 4. They have all settled into their new roles very quickly and we hope they will be very happy at Low Ash.

### Curriculum Evenings

Years 1-6 held curriculum information evenings online during the first full week of term, which seemed to be well-received. If you have missed these, please have a look at your child's year group section on our website, where all the information that was presented is stored, along with the questions and answers from the sessions.

Hopefully, having had the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher online, finding out what your child will be learning about and receiving important information about how you can support at home will have got the year off to a flying start.

Should you need further information or have any worries or queries, please do contact the office to ask for your child's class teacher to give you a call when they are next available.



Please remember that if you need to speak to a School Leader for advice or information, then **Mrs Horne** (Early Years Leader) and **Mrs Robinson** (Key Stage 1 Leader) are the people to contact 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.

*Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!*

### Consultation Evening Dates

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

This year's Consultation Evenings will be held on the following dates...

#### **Year 6:**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3.30 to 5.30**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 to 7.00**

#### **All other year groups:**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 to 5.30**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 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, though this will happen via Zoom or phone call this year. **Please note that you will be able to book a time slot from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October onwards.**

### Reading Shed



The children in Year 2 have been enjoying stories in small groups in our new Reading Shed, which is in the Inner Garden. You may

remember that the 'Friends of Low Ash' gave us some money towards this after various fundraising activities and it is now up and running and proving very popular with both adults and children alike.

### Building Work

We are delighted with our new Nursery building which feels as if it has always been there. The new link room between the two Reception



classrooms was just completed earlier this week after a delay with the windows. I think you will agree that the space and provision we now have



available for the children in Early Years is really impressive. Our next project will be the outdoor area, which now has a lot to live up to!

### Clubs

Breakfast Club is running successfully with a new 'homework catch-up' option as well as the original areas for food and play. It is now totally full, but we are happy to take names for a waiting list if necessary.

We are lucky to have a number of new after-school clubs this half term. We have had a variety of clubs running each day, ranging from Football and Gymnastics to Gardening and Mind, Body & Spirit.

Nearly half of the children from Years 1 to 6 take part in a club each week and I think you will agree with us that this gives the pupils of Low Ash a wonderful wealth of extra experiences.

We will review the clubs at the end of this half term and offer a new range of clubs for the second half of the autumn term, with some the same and others different. You will be notified of this via School Ping as before.

### 'Swimming'

The children from one of the Y4 classes, who should have been going swimming, have instead started to go out walking. It has been great to see the children off and out in the minibuses enjoying the fresh air. We plan for 4BR to go out walking each week until half term and then 4BU will do the same during the second half of the autumn term. Hopefully by Christmas we may have more news about when we will be able to use the pool at Bradford Grammar School again.

### Guinea Pigs

You may have heard about our new arrivals, the two guinea pigs, who are being competently looked after by the pet prefects in Year 5. They are getting used to all the visitors who keep popping in 'just for a look'!

### 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.

### 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*.

<b>Important Dates Coming Up</b>	
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>School Council Member Polling Day (for children)</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm</b>	<b>Reception virtual Phonics Evening for parents</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 4.00pm</b>	<b>Nursery virtual Phonics Evening for parents</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Book your Parents' Evening time slot From today</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>School Closes For Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>School re-opens for children</b>

Thank you for your continued support in all that we do.

Mrs Fiona Meer  
(Co-Headteacher)