



Low Ash Primary School, Wrose Road, Wrose, Shipley BD18 1AA
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your continued support this week, particularly the families of the children in Nursery and 3DB who have been at home. I do know that the home learning has gone well, with Mrs Spencer and Mrs Todd recording stories each day for the children in Nursery and daily live lessons in Maths, Reading and English for the children in 3DB. Thank you to all who have been involved in these as it is obviously new to us all.

Please remember the importance of keeping your child off if a member of your household is displaying symptoms or is going for a test. The whole household must self-isolate until you receive your test results. If you are at all unsure about your particular situation, then please ring school for clarification and we will be happy to help.

Over the weekend we received the results of the TT-Rockstars competition and are proud to have come 3rd in the whole of England which I'm sure you will agree is a huge achievement. Within the school, 6TH took first place after some fierce competition, with 6LH in second place and 4BU a very creditable 3rd. Thank you again to Mr Morton for his hard work with this and to you all at home for supporting this. It certainly brought out the competitive side in both the children and the adults across school!

As I said last week, we have reluctantly realised that some of our Christmas activities will not be able to take place this year, but are working through alternatives where possible. You may have seen the launch of our Virtual Christmas Fair on Facebook (search for Low Ash Primary Christmas Fair 2020, or click on the link from the school Facebook page) which is gathering momentum fast. More details about buying raffle prizes and how to buy tickets to see Virtual Santa will follow in due course via School Ping.

We have also regrettably come to the decision that cards and gifts for both children and staff should not be brought into school this year as our number one priority has to be to keep everybody safe and well. We will, of course, celebrate Christmas within school and the Christmas tree will go up as usual next week which will mark the beginning of our Christmas activities. We always celebrate in style at Low Ash and this year will be no different. The children will be given the opportunity to make cards for each other, amongst other things, so we will make sure that they have the chance to celebrate Christmas, but safely. If you feel that you would like to donate the money usually spent on buying Christmas cards (although there is no obligation to do so) to charity, then you might like to know that the School Council have asked for Candlelighters to be one of our nominated school charities.



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We have had several complaints this week about inconsiderate parking around school. We are very aware of the problems that this is causing in the area and have been working closely with Bradford Council and the Ward Officer to try to improve the situation. I have been assured that Bradford Council's enforcement officers will be issuing fixed penalty fines to parents parking in contravention of 'residents only' restrictions and West Yorkshire Police will also be in regular attendance to take action regarding obstruction and other offences. If you come across 'nuisance' car parking, then do please report it to Bradford Council or the police. The link below should help you with this.

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it/report-nuisance-obstructive-parking>

As part of this work with the Council to reduce the parking issues, I have agreed that Low Ash will take part in a 'Walk to School' incentive run by an organisation called 'Living Streets', which will start in January and run until July. I really hope that this will encourage parents to allow their children to walk, cycle or scoot to school and therefore reduce the number of cars that are being parked near school.

Thank you again for your support, help and positive messages this week. We really appreciate all you do to help us to make our school a safe, educational and happy place for your children.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Meer
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