



1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't quite believe it is October already and we are more than half way through the first half term of the year! As ever, thank you for your support this week, in what has been another busy few days at school.

### School Council

Our School Council election took place today so we will soon have a new Council. Hopefully, this year, they will be able to meet face to face and discuss actions they would like to take to improve the school and community. Once results have been finalised, we will announce the names of our new Councillors.

### Kindness Award

Thanks to the generosity of one of our parents - Mrs Anderson - we are soon going to be awarding half termly Kindness Awards to one pupil from each Key Stage. Winning pupils will receive a trophy which they can keep at home for a half term and they will also receive a medal which they can keep. We thought this was a wonderful idea, so want to thank Mrs Anderson for suggesting it and donating money for the awards.

### Walk to School

We are relaunching our Walk to School initiative next week in the hope that it might encourage more families to walk, bike or scoot to school at various points each week. Each class in school now has a Walk to School Monitor (In EYFS this is a member of staff!) who will record journeys to school each Thursday. Don't worry if you can't come by foot on a Thursday – children will be asked if they have walked / biked/ scooted to school at all that week. If children log one journey by foot/bike/scooter a week, then they will receive a badge at the end of October.

### Parking

Unfortunately, a small number of parents are continuing to park irresponsibly and causing issues for the local residents. Please remember that Highcroft is available and the Bold Privateer also said that Low Ash parents could use their car park. We have also had incidents caused by parents trying to use the staff car park without permission, which is at times making it dangerous for all concerned. As a consequence, we now plan to shut the gates once the staff have arrived to avoid further safety issues. The pedestrian gate at the side of the main gates will remain open so that parents can access the main entrance on foot if they need to do so.

### School photographs

You should already have received notification of this but a reminder that individual school photographs are taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### Black History Month

Today marks the start of Black History Month. In our school assemblies this month, we will be exploring the accomplishments of different figures throughout history. If you want to explore anything further with your children at home, below are some useful websites.

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/news/black-history-month-resource-pack-2021/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/black-history-month-primary-and-secondary-resources/zjwf8xs> - (refer to the Primary School section).

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/resources/black-history-month-2021-assemblies-schools>

### Careers Week 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Further to the information you have already received about Careers Week, if you feel you can help in any way then please contact school. We have held our Careers Week twice before and they are only made so successful due to the amazing volunteers who are willing to talk about their jobs with the pupils.

### Phonics evening – Reception Parents

Parents of Reception children are invited to a phonics evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 5.00-6.00pm where you can find out more about the teaching of phonics in school and how you can help your child. This will begin in the school hall and then you will have chance to visit the classrooms.

### Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent consultations will take place (online) on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Further information will be sent out very soon explaining how you can book your appointments.

### New parents for September 2022

We are holding an open evening for prospective parents on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Tours will take place in staggered time slots (every 15 minutes) from 4pm-5.30pm. If you know anyone who may want to send their child to Low Ash and would like to visit the school, please let them know. To book on a particular tour, people should phone the school office on 01274 582927.

Once again, thank you for your support this week. We hope you have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

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