17th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for all your help and support over the past week. I know many of you may have been concerned by the news that we have had a COVID outbreak in school and I wanted to reassure you that, with the affected year group, we reinstated all COVID procedures to help stop the spread. These will continue to be in place next week.

At this moment in time, the term 'outbreak' in schools is being used when there are 5 or more linked cases (e.g. children that have mixed closely together indoors). In Year 6, there were 5 cases which classed as the outbreak.

With regards to COVID measures, at the start and end of the school day, **please can we ask that you respect our request for the one-way system in the school playground.** Please enter the grounds via Wrose Road and exit through the park. We know this may be slightly inconvenient for some of you, however, at busy times we are trying to prevent parents and carers going against the flow of 'traffic'. Some parents / carers have outright refused to follow our requests to do this when approached by members of staff, however the measure is in place to try to avoid congestion where we can. Some families in school have been severely affected by the pandemic and are nervous about entering the school grounds. The one-way system provides some reassurance - but only if it is followed!

Morrisons' *It's Good to Grow* scheme
Last week, we told you that we were in the process of registering for the Morrisons' *It's Good to Grow* scheme where you can nominate a school to receive an online token for every £10 you spend. This is now up and running. To help us collect tokens for this scheme, you will need your Morrisons More Card and the My Morrisons App. When you swipe your More Card, for each £10 you spend, a token will be added within your My Morrisons App. Once you have selected Low Ash Primary as your school within the App, the tokens will be added to our online account. This may sound confusing, but is much clearer when you have the App in front of you!

Curriculum Evenings
Thank you to those parents and carers who attend our Curriculum Evenings this week. Although we could not show you to the classrooms, it was lovely to have you back – if only in the halls! Don't worry if you missed the evening, all information which was shared will be sent out electronically. As long as there are no further COVID cases in Year 6, we still plan to hold the Year 6 Curriculum Evening on Wednesday 22nd from 6pm-7pm. We will confirm this next week.

Walk to School Initiative
Although the weather is beautiful at the moment, we are conscious that colder days are just around the corner and walking or biking to school may not seem so appealing. For this reason, we are relaunching our Walk to School scheme at the start of October. In the meantime, please walk, cycle or scoot to school when you can, or consider parking further away. Parking around school continues to be an issue and the only real way to alleviate this is if a greater number of pupils come on foot!

Residentials
On Monday we wave the Year 4s off on their residential to Ingleborough. This is the first residential that has been able to run since the start of the pandemic and we are all very excited. A big thank you to Mr. Brook who has worked very hard to organise this. The Years 5 and 6 residentials are also planned for later in the year.

Extra-Curricular Clubs
Extra-Curricular Clubs began this week and we filled approximately 300 places in the 15 different clubs running. A huge thank you to Mr. Hurst and Mrs. Grogan for all of their hard work in organising the running of the clubs. Thank you also to all members of staff who are leading an extra-curricular club this half term.

Enjoy the warmer weather which we have been promised this weekend and see you next week.

Yours sincerely,
Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer

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