

# Low Ash Primary School

## October 2020 Newsletter

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### New School Council

All classes took part in our Polling Day event on Friday October 2nd to

decide who would represent each class in the School Council this year. Well done to the successful candidates and thank you to Mrs Horne, who organised the elections and has worked tirelessly to find options for the School Council to meet safely outside despite inclement weather conditions!

### Low Ash News

Thank you and congratulations to Mrs Nellist and her capable team of reporters on the first edition of Low Ash News this year. Due to COVID restrictions, it will not be coming home in paper form, but Mr Handley has made an excellent job of publishing it in a very professional manner on the home page of the school website; it has also been sent out via School Ping. Please do take a moment to have a look as it is really impressive. Well done to everyone concerned!

### Golden Learners and Values Awards

As we introduced last academic year, a Golden Learner will be chosen from every class each half term. This is a pupil who has exhibited excellent learning behaviours. The first Golden Learner awards of the year have been awarded to pupils during assembly today and will shortly be published on the school website.

Similarly, we want to recognise and reward values which we feel are important in life. For this reason, at the end of each half term, a pupil from every class will be chosen to receive the Assistant Headteacher's 'Values' postcard – if chosen, this postcard will land on your door mat during the half term holidays!

### Goodbye and Good Luck!

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr Robinson and Mrs Craythorne, both lunchtime supervisors. Mr Robinson has also worked for many years in Breakfast Club and in an assortment of after-school clubs – he deserves a very happy and leisurely retirement. We will miss them both and wish them well.

### Parking

The council have been to the Low Ash site to look at the issues being caused by parents parking near school. Please do not enter Wrose Grove or Wrose View in a car as it is becoming dangerous for both children and adults in these streets. It is also not permitted to enter the staff car park for any reason even if only turning round.

We have been asked by Bradford Council to convey the following message to parents:

'The use of Wrose Grove by parents in vehicles is totally unacceptable as it presents a significant risk to children and other parents now that this small road is the main exit from the school, following a one-way system in line with COVID regulations. Parents are asked to park elsewhere and walk into school.

Bradford Council's enforcement officers will be issuing **fixed penalty fines to parents using this road in contravention of the 'residents only' restriction** and West Yorkshire Police will also be in attendance **to take action regarding obstruction and other offences.**

Please either walk to school or find suitable parking away from the immediate vicinity of the school so that no children or adults are put in unnecessary danger.

### **Asda Donations**

Thank you to Asda Shipley and Mrs Godfrey, their Community Champion, for providing our school with some fabulous resources for the children at Low Ash to use. The children will have so much fun using these in the Creative Carousel sessions.

### **Donation from Shipley Rotary Club**

We would like to thank Shipley Rotary Club who have kindly agreed to give us a donation which will provide us with much needed equipment for the gardening groups that take place in school.

### **Rock Out 2020**

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and will run from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November and will be through the TT Rockstars Website ([play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com)).

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

We did really well in this at a similar time last year, so we are really looking forward to entering with our usual Low Ash enthusiastic and competitive energy!

### **Building Work**

As you will have noticed, this phase of the building work is now complete and we are very proud of our beautiful new Nursery and fantastic link room to the Reception classrooms. Thank you for bearing with us while this has taken place. I think that you will agree that the facilities for Early Years are now really impressive and that the exterior work on the ball court, adventure playground and small car park looks good, too.

The field had extra drainage put in as part of this work and we are hoping that this will mean that we are able to use the field much more during the winter months as the water seems to be draining away better, leaving the ground firmer.

### **Parent/ Carer Consultation Evenings**

A reminder that the first of these will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and will continue over a 4 week period, one year group at a time. As stated in the letter sent home, the online booking system to book a 10 minute consultation slot opened on 21<sup>st</sup> October. Please do book a slot with your child's teacher as it is important for both school and home to be in regular contact with each other.



### **Remote Learning**

As you will know, we have been preparing for the need to teach the children remotely should the need arise. Your child will bring a Home Learning exercise book home with them today which will have the necessary user names and passwords inside, but there is nothing that you need to do with it at the moment.

This is only for use in case of sudden closure of bubbles and we do not want to resort to this unless we absolutely have to. As we all agree, the children are better in school.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Teacher Training Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Return to school after half term	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November

### **Thank you**

We have had a lovely day today with children dressed in some wonderful costumes and it has been great to see them excited and having fun doing something different.

It has been a busy and challenging half term, but it has been fabulous to have the children all back in school and to see everyone settling back down to life at Low Ash.

Thank you for your continued support through these complicated and sometimes difficult times.

Have a great half term holiday.

**Fiona Meer**  
**(Co-Headteacher)**