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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy and enjoyable week in school, with lots going on despite occasional staffing issues with illness and isolation. I think that you will agree that the staff do an admirable job in keeping everything running so smoothly and effectively.

Billy Bantam was unfortunately unable to join us to launch the Bradford City Community Fundraising Appeal as planned, but we have been assured that he will be here next Monday in all his glory. More information about this will follow in due course.

We are delighted that our parents'/ carers' association, the Friends of Low Ash, are planning for a series of Valentine's Discos in the last week of this half term. Each ticket bought via Parent Pay for £3.50 will also include a goodie bag. Please obtain your tickets as soon as possible so that the Friends know the numbers of children attending and can plan for the discos. The money raised will go towards funding a greenhouse for the children to use as well as a book vending machine for the library. There will only be one year group in a hall at any one time, and every adult coming into school to help will be asked to test first with a lateral flow test. It is obviously very exciting for all concerned as it will be more than two years since we were last able to hold any event like this. We would like to thank the Friends of Low Ash for all their work in this as well as Miss Briggs who is co-ordinating everything on the school side of things.

On a similarly exciting note, we are pleased to mention that the KS2 staff are planning Space Camps for the two Year 5 classes later this term. These have been provisionally booked for the nights of Tuesday 1st February and Tuesday 1st March. For those who have not heard of these before, the children will stay over in school in one of the halls and spend most of the evening outside looking at the stars and the planets, and taking part in various 'space' activities including astronaut training before going to sleep in special space pods. We managed a virtual version of this last year with the children at home, and only one of the two camps the year before, so it has again been a long time since we have managed to hold anything like this for the children in Year 5.

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place next half term on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March, so please save these dates to make sure that you have the chance to talk through your child's progress with their teacher. Watch this space for further information and booking details in due course.

The new 'Keep to the Left' 2-way system in the playground seems to be working well and has definitely relieved some of the congestion around the gate into Wrose Rec.

In school, our current Covid measures continue to be:

- improved hand hygiene practice across school
- enhanced cleaning schedules
- staff participating in 2x weekly testing
- increased ventilation in school (supported by the use of CO2 monitors)
- staff wearing face coverings in communal areas
- online assemblies
- use of both halls for school lunches to avoid congestion

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes

Fiona Meer and Beth Medhurst
Co-Headteachers

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