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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at Low Ash. The children continue to work incredibly hard and all staff are similarly going 'the extra mile' despite the difficulties arising from staff illness and isolation to ensure that all children are getting the best experience possible. Thank you for your part in supporting us with all we do, and for keeping everything running efficiently in the playground by following the new systems and bringing/ picking up your children on time.

Some sad news to begin. Mrs Weston, better known to some of you as 'the lollipop lady', has made the decision that she will be retiring at February half term. Bradford Council, who employ Mrs Weston directly, have informed Low Ash that, due to her crossing patrol being situated on a pelican crossing, she will unfortunately not be replaced. After the half term break therefore, there will no longer be a lollipop person on the crossing outside school. We wish Mrs Weston all the best for her retirement. She has been a part of Low Ash for many years in various roles and will be very much missed.

A huge thank you to Nicola Colehan, the grandparent of one of our Reception pupils, who has kindly donated £100 to the school to put towards our greenhouse. We are often amazed by the generosity of our families and communities and this is no exception – thank you!

Billy Bantam was finally launched at our online assembly on Monday. You will now all have received details about the Bradford City Community Fundraising Appeal along with a sponsor form. A reminder that the penalty shoot-out will take place on Thursday 3rd February and it is important that pupils have their sponsor form with them on this day.

A reminder about the Valentine's Discos taking place during the final week of the half term. If you have not already, please buy your tickets, available through Parent Pay, as soon as possible. A big thank you to Friends of Low Ash and Miss Briggs for organising these events.

In light of recent government announcements around the easing of Covid restrictions, we wanted to make you aware that the advice from the Council for schools in Bradford is to continue with our current measures. Cases across the authority remain high (although are hopefully now in decline) so 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 will review these at the end of next week and keep you informed of any changes.

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

Best wishes

Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer
Co-Headteachers

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