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Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term continues to be busy and is flying by. We can't quite believe we only have 7 days of school left before the holidays.

To start this week, we want to say a big well done to Year 6. Many of the Year 6s have had a fantastic week away at Peat Rigg taking part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. We spent the day with them on Wednesday and they were a credit to the school. We have a feeling there will be some very tired pupils (and staff) this weekend. Thanks to all of those involved.

### **KS2 SATS**

A further well done to Year 6 for their fantastic SATs results. Despite having a disrupted Key Stage 2 due to the COVID pandemic, the current Year 6 have achieved the best SATs results that Low Ash has ever had. 79% of our pupils achieved the expected standard in all 3 areas of reading, writing and maths. This puts us 20% above the national average figure of 59%. This is testament to the pupils' hard work and dedication through a difficult few years. Well done!

### **Healthy Schools Week**

Next week is our Healthy Schools week where all children will be taking part in a range of activities linked to keeping physically or mentally healthy. Due to the extreme temperatures forecast for the start of next week, some activities have been moved indoors and, unfortunately, where this has not been possible, some have had to be postponed. Wednesday to Friday's activities should be able to go ahead as planned.

As pupils will be taking part in a range of activities next week, they can come to school each day dressed in their PE kit.

### **Sports Days**

You should all have received a sports day update via Ping yesterday, but, in case you missed it, the information is repeated below.

*Due to extreme temperatures forecast for Monday and Tuesday of next week (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>), we have made the decision to postpone the sports days which were planned for these days.*

*New dates are listed below.*

*Nursery - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July (separate Ping has already been sent)*

*Reception - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - 9.15- 10.45 (parents can remain on site after drop off. Gates will remain open until 9.30 for anyone arriving later)*

*Year 1 / 2 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 1.20-2.50 (Gates will open at 1.10 for parents and carers and will close at 1.30)*

*Year 3 / 4 - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - 1.20-2.50 (Gates open at 1.10 for parents and carers and will close at 1.30)*

*Year 5 / 6 - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 1.20-2.50 (Gates open at 1.10 for parents and carers and will close at 1.30)*



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*We appreciate some of you may have booked time off work to attend the sports days and are very sorry for any inconvenience caused by the change of dates for the Years 1/2 and Nursery events. However, the health and safety of pupils is our priority and we do not think it is safe to continue when temperatures are forecast to be as high as 37 degrees.'*

With regards to the high temperatures on Monday and Tuesday, **please can you make sure that pupils come to school wearing a sun hat and sun cream and with a water bottle.** Pupils can also bring sun cream with them to reapply throughout the day. We will however be minimising the time pupils spend outdoors.

The DfE guidance we received yesterday on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> explicitly states 'We are not advising schools to close.' Further information can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Looking after children and those in early years settings during heatwaves: for teachers and professionals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

### **Homework update**

Due to the longer school days which will begin in September and suggestions we have received linked to this, we have made the decision to reduce the amount of homework that is sent home. From September, we be asking pupils to focus on reading, spellings, timestables and My Maths (there will no longer be Homework Challenges for Key Stage 2). More specific details will follow in September.

### **Transition morning**

On the morning of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July ,all pupils will 'move up' to their new classroom in school and spend time with their new class teacher. Hopefully this will alleviate any nerves which any pupils may have. The teachers are very much looking forward to spending time with their new classes and meeting all of their new pupils.

Finally, a reminder that school closes on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July for the summer holidays and reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. From Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, the school day will be from 8.45am – 3.25pm.

As always, thank you for all your help and support with everything this week. We hope that you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Yours sincerely,  
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