



Low Ash Primary School, Wrose Road, Wrose, Shipley BD18 1AA
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a busy but enjoyable week in school. Welcome to the new children in Nursery and Reception, many of who are joining us for the first time. We hope that they will be very happy at Low Ash.

Playtime

The large sandpit in the main playground opened this week, which caused great excitement. Thank you to Wickes, who donated the equipment to build the sandpit, and to Morrisons, who donated some of the items for the children to use to play in it.

Wellies and Coats

Please remember to send your child to school with a pair of named wellies (in a carrier bag) which they will keep on their peg. Only pupils with wellies will be allowed on the field when it is wet. Thank you to those who have already donated wellies for children who do not have their own. There will continue to be a box in the school playground at the start and end of the day for any further donations of unwanted wellies.

The weather has been kind this week, but we would like the children to be able to stay outside even if it is raining lightly, so they need to be prepared for wetter playtimes. Please therefore make sure going forward that your child comes to school with a coat.

Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to the parents who attended the Curriculum Evenings for Years 1-6 this week. At these meetings, the teachers went through the curriculum for the year ahead, the expectations for homework and the new behaviour systems. All the information will now be put on the website so that it is available for all. If you were unable to make it this week, we would welcome any feedback or suggestions on times or ideas to make these sessions more accessible to everyone, as the more parents can attend, clearly the more information you will have about life at Low Ash for your child.

Before School

At the end of last year, we started to leave the gates open from 8.00 -8.55 so that there was no queuing system at the start of the school day. However, we have started to have some issues before school caused by children playing in the playground which obviously doesn't start the day well. Please remember that, before school, children are not allowed on any of the playground equipment or to bring a ball, and should be waiting quietly with the parents for school to start.

If we continue to have issues in the playground before school, we will unfortunately have to return to the previous system of keeping the gate locked until 8.40, but hope this will not be necessary.

Parking

Please do try to be considerate when parking in the vicinity of school. The parking wardens have been out and about again this week and will be back regularly, so, if you have to drive to school, please do park considerately and safely. Our Walk to School initiative is back up and running and we need to make use of our smart bike/ scooter shelter, so please support us with this and allow your child to walk, cycle or scoot to school if you can.



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PE Days

Reception – RW - Wednesday RH - Friday

1G – Monday and Wednesday

1P – Monday and Thursday

Year 2 – Monday and Wednesday (both classes)

Year 3 – Monday and Thursday (all classes)

Year 4 - Tuesday and Wednesday (both classes)

Year 5 - Tuesday and Wednesday (both classes)

Year 6 – Tuesday and Thursday (both classes)

(Nursery do not have formal PE days.)

As stated last week, **we would like children to come to school in PE kit on their PE days**. We would, however, like to politely remind parents that the PE kit is as follows:

- Plain white T Shirt or with school logo
- Black or navy shorts
- Black, grey or navy long track suit bottoms for outdoor use only
- Trainers

All items should be plain and football kits etc. are not acceptable.

Enrichment afternoons – Fantastic Fridays!

Last Friday, we launched our 'Fantastic Friday' enrichment afternoons, which were a great success. Many children across school have been talking about it and comparing notes on the different activities, so that is a good sign. As we said last week, activities this half term include Forest Schools, scooters, team building, art, investigative science, walking (off school grounds) and orienteering. At the end of the half term, we will ask the children for some feedback and make any tweaks accordingly. The children are always honest with their comments!

On a more sombre note, please remember that Low Ash is closed on Monday as a mark of respect for the Queen, in line with the rest of the country.

We hope you have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday, 20th September.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Meer and Beth Medhurst
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