



Low Ash Primary School, Wrose Road, Shipley BD18 1AA  
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4th November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to so many of you for attending our Parent/ Carer Consultation Evenings this week. It has been lovely to have you all back in school, some for the first time but, for everyone, the first time since October 2019! We hope that it has been useful and informative to talk to your child's teacher face-to-face and thank you for making time to do this.

#### **School Councillors**

Congratulations to our new School Councillors, who have recently been appointed following a democratic voting system. The councillors are as follows:

**RH** (Violet from Y6 on your behalf)

**RW** (Lukasz from Y6 on your behalf)

**1G** James

**1P** Willow

**2B** Lily

**2BR** Violette

**3DB** Jack

**3SB** Layla

**3T** Leo

**4L** Mackayden

**4M** Niamh

**5E** Amelia

**5H** Jack

**6LH** George

**6TH** Sahib

#### **New House System**

Our new House system has been launched to the children this week, so hopefully your child will have come home talking about it! All pupils and all staff have been allocated into one of the four houses: Brönte (Red), Delius (Yellow), Rani (Blue) and Dynamo (Green) based on well-known local people. In the following weeks, staff will deliver assemblies providing more information on the various 'Bradfordians' who have had one of our houses named after them. The children are awarded tokens as rewards for excellent manners, positive behaviour, helpfulness etc. which will then be added to their main house token tally.

One of the main aims of our house system is to promote and reward positive behaviour around school. It is also hoped that we will establish a greater sense of togetherness and team-spirit as the system continues to develop and improve.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Handley for masterminding the whole development and delivery of the house system. We would also like to publicly thank Formation Plastics for building our own bespoke house token tubs and donating them to school - this also represents many hours of hard work and generosity and we think you will all agree that the tubs look fantastic if you have seen them in school over the past couple of days.

#### **Opal Update**

We are very excited to announce that our new 'construction' area in the playground is due to be launched on Monday. All the activities available at lunch and playtimes are extremely popular, so we are delighted with how the OPAL project is running. Hopefully your child will have mentioned something about what they can now do outside! Please do remember to send your child with a coat and wellies so that they can enjoy all the activities on offer, regardless of the weather.



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### Parent Questionnaire

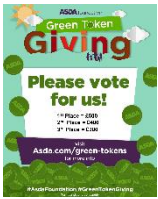
We will shortly be launching our 'new look' parent questionnaire, which we think will be more user-friendly and quicker to complete than the traditional questionnaire. You will be asked just 4 questions each half term about how you view your child's provision at Low Ash. Please look out for a Ping message in the near future and we hope that you will be able to support us with this, aiming to improve what we provide even further.

### Holidays 2023-2024

As mentioned before, the holiday dates for 2023-2024 are available on the school website on the following link. <https://lowash.bradford.sch.uk/parents/holiday-dates-and-school-day-timings>. Please do check carefully as, sometimes, even schools close to us have different holidays and remember that Bradford Council are definitely fining parents for taking holidays in term time in accordance with the new policy.

### Parking

We are disappointed to yet again have received complaints from residents about parents parking on Wrose Grove. On one day alone during this week, we had three different complaints about blocked driveways and residents unable to get in and out of the street, which clearly isn't right. Please remember that parking in Wrose Grove is not permitted and ensure that when you are picking up or dropping off your child, you park considerately and legally.



### Asda Green Tokens

Please do remember to vote again this week for Low Ash in the Asda Green Token initiative. Please vote **each week** for us by clicking on [www.asda.com/green-tokens](http://www.asda.com/green-tokens) and selecting Shipley from the drop-down menu. At the moment, we have 41% of the vote, but our nearest competitor has 39%, so we need to make sure we stay in the lead!

Please take note of the important dates section below to make sure that you are aware of everything that is happening in school over the coming weeks.

### Important dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 8th November** – School book fair (more details to follow)
- Tuesday 8th November 2.30-3.20** - Tour of school for prospective EYFS parents
- Wednesday 16th November 10.30-11.30** - Tour of school for prospective EYFS parents
- Friday 18th November** -Reception weighing and measuring day (school nursing term)
- Tuesday 22nd November** - Reception weighing and measuring day (school nursing term)
- Friday 25th November** – non-uniform day for those children bringing in donations for the Christmas Fair
- Friday 2nd December (3.45-5.45)** – Christmas Fair
- Monday 5th December 10.00-11.00** - Tour of school for prospective EYFS parents
- Tuesday 6th December (afternoon)** – Nursery and Reception Christmas show
- Wednesday 7th December (morning)** - Nursery and Reception Christmas show
- Wednesday 14th December (morning)**– Year 1 and 2 Nativity
- Thursday 15th December (afternoon)** – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
- Thursday 15th December (evening)** – Carols by Candlelight (Years 3 - 6)
- Friday 16th December** – School closes for the Christmas holidays

Once again, thank you for your continued support this week. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards,

Fiona Meer and Beth Medhurst (Co-Headteachers)



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