



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy and happy, if warm, week in school.

Phonics Screening Check

As you know, we have launched a new Phonics scheme in school this year, and both children and adults have worked extremely hard to develop their reading skills. This week has been the official National Phonics Screening Check and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have approached this, as well as their attitude and positivity throughout. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 4 Times Tables Check

On a similar note, the Year 4 times tables check began today after an intense week practising times tables skills. Again, the children have approached this with maturity - and even enthusiasm- and we're very proud of them too.

Holidays in term-time

Please remember that leave of absences taken during term-time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances. We have been disappointed by the number of requests made during the last few weeks of term when we have had two weeks for half-term instead of the normal one week, and we are due to break up for the summer in six more weeks. Unauthorised absences are referred to Bradford Council who then may well issue a fine for taking your child out of school.

Sun cream

Hopefully, the sunshine will continue into next week. Please do remember to send your child to school with a sun hat and wearing sun cream if it is going to be a sunny day. We also ask that you send a bottle of still water into school with your child.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) 'Stay and Play' – Tuesday 27th June

A further reminder about the 'Stay and Play' session on the morning of 27th June. The plan for parents/ carers is as follows:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:

9.00-9.30 Time in the classroom with your child to see what they have been working on

9.30-10.00 Talk in the hall about OPAL

10.00-10.30 Play outside with your child

Years 3-6:

9.00-9.30 Talk in the hall about OPAL

9.30-10.00 Play outside with your child

We are very proud of our playtime provision and would love you to see it. Please note that we are aware that Year 4 are out of school on that day (School Ping message will be sent out shortly), so we will make sure that we offer an alternative day for the parents of children in Year 4 to stay and play. Equally, we will arrange an opportunity for parents/ carers of children in Key Stage 2 to have time in the classrooms with their child.



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Library Tokens

We have been made aware of a national initiative to upgrade libraries. Though our school library is fabulous, and we're very lucky to have been able to refurbish it, we are still always in need of new books both to keep the library up-to-date (non-fiction books in particular go out of date, and new authors are constantly appearing) as well as to keep the vending machine full with prizes and to restock the class Reading Corners.

Please nominate Low Ash via the following link:

[WIN £1,000/€1,000 for your school's library! \(nationalbooktokens.com\)](http://nationalbooktokens.com)

The five winning school will receive £1,000 in National Book Tokens and a year's free membership to the School Library Association – PLUS one overall winner will also get £500 to help them create a fun and welcoming library space for all.

Energy Heroes

Energy Heroes came in to school this week to talk to all of Key Stage 2 and then worked with the children in Year 5 looking at how best to save energy, both from a cost and from an environmental point of view. We were delighted to receive the following feedback and thought you'd like to hear it too:

'Thank you so much for having us in to Low Ash Primary yesterday. We thoroughly enjoyed the visit; the pupils were a pleasure to meet and work with. The Year 5 students I took for the audit were enthusiastic. I'm sure the whole school are going to become fantastic Energy Heroes! Meeting young people like them gives us hope for the future and you should be proud as they were a credit to your school and community.'

Next week is an incredibly busy one so we look forward to sharing all that is planned, from football and Panathlon finals to Shakespeare days!

Important Dates for your diary:

Monday 19th June – RW trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday 22nd June – Year 6 Shakespeare Day – St George's Hall – School Ping to follow shortly
Thursday 22nd June – West Yorkshire Panathlon Finals
Thursday 22nd June – U11 Bradford Schools Football League Boys' Final
Tuesday 27th June (am) – 'Stay and Play' OPAL session
Wednesday 5th July – Transition day in school

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

Kind regards,

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