



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

We can't believe it's the end of the first half term. It's flown by but I know the children are now ready for a break.

We want to welcome Mrs Göksu and Mrs Young back to school who have returned from their maternity leave. Mrs Göksu will be based in Year 6 and Mrs Young in Year 2. Mrs Livermore, who currently shares a class with Mrs Carr in Year 6, is due to go on maternity leave in early December. At this point, Mrs Carr and Mrs Göksu will lead 6LC.

We also want to wish a farewell to Mrs Dyson. She has worked on our pastoral team for a number of years and will be sadly missed by both pupils and adults alike. A big thank you to Mrs Dyson for all that she has done for the children.

Measles

A further reminder of the rising number of cases of measles (more than double from last year) in society. **We have now had cases in school.** Measles is highly infectious and, if left unvaccinated, nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

Measles is worrying as:

- One in five children will require a hospital visit if they become unwell with measles
- One in 15 children develop serious complications from a measles infection
- There is no medical treatment for measles; vaccination is the best protection
- The Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is safe and has been used since the early 1980s.
- Over 20 million cases of measles have been prevented since the start of measles vaccination in the UK and over 4,500 lives have been saved as a result (81 lives per year).
- MMR vaccination is free on the NHS with the first dose being offered when a child is one year and the second at 3 years and 4 months old. This provides long lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella which can cause long term health conditions such as blindness and asthma.

NHS advice

- If your child has missed their first or second dose of MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.
- If you are unsure if your child is due a vaccination or has missed a vaccination, check their red book or contact your GP practice.
- For adults, it is never too late to catch up on any missed MMR vaccinations - contact your GP practice to book an appointment.



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Outdoor play and wet weather

When we return to school, the weather will no doubt have deteriorated further. Please can you ensure your child has wellies and a suitable coat in school. If possible, please could you also provide waterproof trousers for your child. We do have a number of pairs in schools but, at this moment in time, we are unable to provide all pupils with a pair.

We are constantly replenishing our outdoor toys and really appreciate donations. Current favourites are

- pushchairs
- wheeled sit upon vehicles
- ‘spinning’ wheeled chairs
- small world toys and lego

If you have any of the above or anything else which you feel the children would enjoy, we always welcome your kind donations.

Important Dates for your diary

Monday 30th October – School reopens

Thursday 2nd November – 5S visit to Industrial Museum

Thursday 2nd November – Light discos

Wednesday 8th November – 5B visit to Industrial Museum

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November – Consultation evenings

Friday 1st December – School Christmas fair

Thursday 14th December – Carols by Candlelight

As always, thank you for your continued support in all that we do. Have a lovely, restful half term holiday and we will see you all on Monday 30th.

Yours sincerely,

Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer
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