



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

Thank you for your support in what has been a very busy week. The first week of October is almost nearly over and, although this weekend might be an exception, it is definitely starting to feel more autumnal. This week in school we started to celebrate Black History Month, the theme being 'Saluting our Sisters', looking at the achievements of black women. We have challenged pupils to try to find out about a figure they may not have heard of before.

Waterproofs and wellies!

As autumn is upon us, please can we remind you that a **waterproof coat is essential for children** in school. We aim to go out in most weathers as it supports the afternoon's learning and is proven to be better for children's mental health, but there will come a point soon when children without coats won't be able to go outside on some days. We are hoping however to provide a bank of ponchos for pupils who forget their coats to prevent this. **Similarly, if any families have old coats which they are willing to donate to school these would be very useful to have as 'spares'.**

In muddy weather, only pupils wearing wellies will be allowed on the school field. We would really appreciate all pupils having a pair in school. Waterproof trousers are really useful too!

Although some pupils might complain about rainy weather, when they have the appropriate clothing, which many do in school, they really enjoy themselves on days like these!

School Nursing Team

If you have any concerns with regards to the wellbeing of your child or their general health then the following is provided by the School Nursing Team:

On the first Wednesday of every month between 9.30am and 11.30am in Shipley Library, you can chat to a member of the team.

Use these links to follow them on Social Media or scan the QR codes.

<https://www.facebook.com/BdcftSNs>

<https://www.instagram.com/bdcftschoolnursingteam/>

<https://www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/>



Measles

All education settings in England have been asked by the NHS to make parents/ carers aware of the rising number of cases of measles (more than double from last year). 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



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- 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.

Parking

We continue to receive complaints about irresponsible, sometimes dangerous parking near school and we often receive pictures of the cars parked illegally. From next week, we would appreciate your help in identifying these people. If we receive a picture of a car parked illegally or dangerously, we will publish it and would really appreciate it if anyone could help us to identify the owners. This is not an approach we want to take but are worried for the safety of our children.

Sadly, we have also heard worrying accounts from parents/ carers who have been verbally assaulted by other parents at drop off and collection (in front of the children). In this scenario, our advice would always be to report it to the police.

Important Dates for your diary

Monday 16th October – 6LC visit to Murton Park

Tuesday 17th October – 6LH visit to Murton Park

Thursday 19th October – Reception parents and carers phonics session

Friday 20th October - Break up for half term

Monday 30th October – School reopens

Thursday 2nd November – 5S visit to Industrial Museum

Wednesday 8th November – 5B visit to Industrial Museum

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November – Consultation evenings

Friday 1st December – School Christmas fair

As always, thank you for your continued support in all that we do. Have a lovely weekend- although I think the forecast for sunshine and blue skies is no more, it still looks set to be mild - and we look forward to seeing you again next week.

Yours sincerely,

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