



Low Ash Primary School, Wrose Road, Wrose, Shipley BD18 1AA
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1st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's December already so now we are officially in Christmas mode. Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Christmas fair tonight. The fair is the biggest school fundraiser of the year so we really appreciate all of your kind donations. A huge thank you to FOLA who have spent a lot of their own time organising the event.

Although Santa wasn't at the fair this year, there is a surprise in store for all children before we break up. We are not going to share any further details of this as we want it to be a real surprise!

Roadworks

We have been notified by Yorkshire Water that there will be some roadworks on Wrose Road for approximately 3 weeks. These will begin on Monday 4th December and will be situated somewhere between the Bold Privateer and Preston's garage. Traffic management will be in place so please allow further time for travel or walk where possible.

Useful Resources /Apps

We appreciate that the Christmas season can be a hard time for some so wanted to signpost some services which may be of use.

- **'Shout'** is a free service which can be accessed by texting 85258 (free of charge, 24 hours per day).
This is the UK's first and only free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging service for anyone who is struggling to cope.
- **Kooth** is an 'online well-being community', which although only for 11-25 years olds, some of our older pupils or their older siblings may find useful. Here is the link should anyone want to explore this further. [Home - Kooth](#)
- Pupils may well be spending more time online over the festive period, so we highly recommend you download the **National Online Safety** app. This is free of charge and provides lots of useful information on how to keep safe online.

Attendance

Although a Ping was sent yesterday with this information, a further reminder about attendance.

As you will be aware, we follow Bradford Council procedures for attendance as we are obliged to do. At the end of the first 12 weeks of the school year, if a child's attendance is below 95%, you will receive a letter from us. We appreciate the letter reads quite formally (this is Bradford Council's wording) but the initial letter is nothing to panic about. We appreciate that, after only 12 weeks, one period of illness absence could result in attendance being below 95%. Furthermore, receiving a letter is not questioning the legitimacy of any absences.



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With regards to leave of absence requests, as outlined in our policy, we need 10 days to process these as they are discussed by an attendance team. We are currently receiving an increasing number of requests with only one or two days' notice.

Outdoor Play

We continue to appreciate donations of 'play' items which can be used outside. Dressing up clothes, pushchairs, 'spinnny' chairs and suitcases are all favourites of the children! Thank you also to those who donated baths to us. The children enjoy lying in them (no water of course!) at breaktimes. A further reminder to please ensure your child has wellies and a suitable, warm coat in school – the temperature has most definitely dropped. If possible, please could you also provide waterproof trousers for your child. Playtimes are exciting times at Low Ash but, without suitable clothing and footwear, the options open to your child when outside will be limited. We have a large supply of wellies in school which can be borrowed.

New Staff

An official welcome to Miss Assim who is working as a teaching assistant with Years 3 and 4 and Miss Mullaney (a teaching assistant - and ex pupil- who will be joining us from Monday).

Parking

Please could we remind parents and carers not to use the staff car park unless they have permission to do so. Thank you for your support in this.

Important Dates

Tuesday 5th December – Year 5 Victorian Christmas

Tuesday 5th December pm – EYFS Christmas Show

Wednesday 6th December am - EYFS Christmas Show

Friday 8th December – Christmas jumper day (Please note change of date after many requests!)

Saturday 9th December – School choir performance at Wrose Christmas market

Monday 11th December – Christmas Lights trip- Reception - Base 1 – 4.15-6.00

Monday 11th December - Nursery Christmas Story evening 4.15-5.15

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Lights trip- Reception - Base 2 – 4.15-6.00

Wednesday 13th December am - KS1 nativity

Thursday 14th December pm – KS1 nativity

Thursday 14th December - Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 19th December - Break up for Christmas (non-uniform day)

Thursday 4th January 2024 - Children return to school

As always, thank you for your continued support in all that we do. Have a lovely weekend – it's set to be a cold one - and we will see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer - Co-Headteachers



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