



Low Ash Primary School, Wrose Road, Wrose, Shipley BD18 1AA
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8th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now approaching the end of term and I know the children are starting to get tired! We have a fun and busy week and two days left which includes the KS1 nativity, KS2 Carols by Candlelight, the Reception Christmas lights trip, Nursery Christmas story evening and the last day of term 'surprise' for all children. This week we had a fantastic Early Years show and also the Year 5 Victorian Christmas which were both thoroughly enjoyed.

Staffing

Some sad news that both Lynsey Graves and Brian Padden will be leaving us at Christmas. Mrs Graves has been working at Low Ash for 12 years but has decided it is time to move onto pastures new. Miss Mullaney, who began working with us on Monday, will replace Mrs Graves. Mrs Graves will be sorely missed but we know she will be fabulous anywhere she goes.

Mr. Padden has been a valuable asset to our team since the start of this year but is leaving to follow his passion. Mr. Padden is a trained counsellor and has the opportunity to work as a counsellor with older children while expanding his own counselling business. We wish Mr. Padden the best of luck for the future.

Mrs Holdcroft will begin working at Low Ash on Monday. She will be based in the Rainbow centre in the mornings and Year 1 in the afternoon.

Attendance and Punctuality

Last week we mentioned that the attendance monitoring procedures formally begin after 12 weeks. This is why some of you may have received letters. As stated last week, we appreciate the letter reads quite formally (this is Bradford Council's wording) but the initial letter is nothing to panic about. After only 12 weeks of term, one period of illness absence could result in attendance being below 95%. Similarly, receiving a letter is not questioning the legitimacy of any absences.

A reminder that if you need to report your child's absence you can either leave a message on the school answerphone, email attendance@lowash.bradford.sch.uk or phone the office before 9am and speak to a member of the office team. If you have not notified us of your child's absence, please don't be offended if we call you. This is standard procedure to ensure all children are safe.

A further reminder about the importance of children being on time for school. We are aware there are roadworks on Wrose Road, but lateness for some has been an ongoing issue. **You might think being 10 minutes late does not matter but being 10 minutes late a day, equals 31.6 hours of learning missed a year – this is more than a week!**



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Christmas Jumper Day was enjoyed today by all. A thank you to Adam Morton for being our photographer for the day and taking Christmas jumper pictures for those of you who requested them. You will receive the picture before Christmas.

Important Dates

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

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas dinner

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 and we will see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer - Co-Headteachers



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