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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! The children have settled well back into school and we are looking forward to the spring term ahead.

Staffing

Firstly, we want to wish a fond farewell to Mrs Helga Sutton who has retired from Low Ash this week after 23 years. We will really miss Mrs Sutton but are hoping to welcome her back as a volunteer from time to time! We want to thank Mrs Sutton for all she has done for the children over the years.

We also want to welcome Sue Maughan to our school office. Some of you will have met Sue already who is working at Low Ash whilst Maxine Muff is on sabbatical.

Attendance – ‘Moments Matter, Attendance Counts’



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Department for Education are running a national campaign to ensure that everyone knows ‘moments matter, attendance counts’. School attendance across the country - but also at Low Ash – has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. This, in turn, has an impact on pupils’ attainment but also on their mental health.

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent children (children with lower than 90% attendance) in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. However, attendance is important for more than just attainment: Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.



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Following the pandemic, it can be even more difficult to decide whether your child is well enough for school. We have been asked to signpost parents to the following resources.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
[Letter to school leaders on mild illness and school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance)

If you are requesting a leave of absence from school for you child, please ensure the correct form is completed (you can get this from the school office). This is a Bradford Council form so has to be used, but we appreciate this doesn't have much space on to explain the reasons for your request. Should there be exceptional circumstances, please document these either on the back of the form or a separate piece of paper. This will help the attendance team make an informed decision on the absence request. A reminder however that holidays in term time **cannot** be authorised.

A reminder also to try and arrange appointments for pupils outside of school time. Where this is not possible, please try to do it as late in the day as possible.

Share a lesson / stay and play sessions

Over the next few weeks you are invited to come into school to share a lesson with your child and then to go out to play with them. For the 'play session' please make sure you come dressed for the weather and with shoes on that you are happy to get muddy!

Useful dates for your diary

Tuesday 16th January – 9.00-10.30 – Year 5 stay (share a lesson) and play session
Wednesday 17th January – 9.00-10.30 – Year 6 stay (share a lesson) and play session
Thursday 18th January – 5S Space camp (overnight stay at school)
Tuesday 23rd January – 9.00-10.30 -Year 4 stay (share a lesson) and play session
Wednesday 24th January – 9.00-10.30 - Year 3 stay (share a lesson) and play session
Wednesday 24th January – William Petty to visit Year 2 (Great Fire of London visitor)
Thursday 25th January – 9.00-10.20 - Reception, Year 1 And Year 2 stay (share a lesson) and play session
Thursday 8th February – 9.00-10.30 / 12.30-2.00 -Nursery stay (share a lesson) and play session
Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 29th February – consultation evenings

Dates can be found on in the calendar section of our website

[Upcoming Events | Low Ash Primary School](#)

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

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