

# Low Ash weekly update

April 12th, 2024

## Welcome to the summer term!

We hope you all had a restful Easter break and are looking forward to the weeks ahead. We also want to wish Eid Mubarak to all of our families who were celebrating this week.

### Governor of the year

Last night Helen Derham, one of our governors and chair of FOLA, attended the T&A education awards ceremony as she had been shortlisted for governor of the year. We are delighted to announce that Helen won! This accolade is truly well-deserved - well done and thank you to Helen.



### Goodbyes and welcomes

First of all this week, we want to say thank you to Gill Todd and wish her good luck in her new venture. Gill is leaving us after over 20 years to go and work for the hospital education service where I am sure she will be fantastic! We are currently in the process of recruiting an Early Years Practitioner to replace Gill.

This week we have also welcomed three new members of staff - Carmel Spedding (Assistant Headteacher), Amy Ramsden (teaching assistant) and Sabbah Iqbal (teaching assistant) have all joined the Low Ash team. Rebecca Hempsey (teaching assistant) will be joining us from Monday.

### Absences & appointments

Please can we remind parents/carers that, where possible, appointments for your child are made for times outside of the school day. Also, if your child is absent, please can you give your child's name, class and reason for their absence. The following options are available to pass on this information:

- Phone school and speak to a member of the office staff
- Phone school and leave a message on the answerphone
- Email - [attendance@lowash.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@lowash.bradford.sch.uk)

## **Uniform**

We are still having issues with some pupils coming to school in the incorrect uniform - generally on PE days. Can we remind you to send children in plain t-shirts and jogging bottoms/shorts. No football shirts or items with logos should be worn. On non-PE days, pupils should not be coming to school wearing trainers but should be wearing black school shoes. Thank you for your support in this.

## **Funding bids**

We are pleased to share with you that Low Ash has been successful in two funding bids. We will be receiving £10,000 from the Clean Air Schools Programme which we will be using to purchase bikes and scooters and also to pay for some cycling and scooting training. The aim is to set up a loan system for bikes so more pupils can travel to and from school using them.

We have been successful in a funding bid from the Wrose Community Association. The money received will be put towards an outdoor classroom (in the form of a yurt!) so that pupils can learn outside in all weather.

## **Half marathon fundraising**

Thank you to all of those who have donated to the Low Ash half marathon team. Currently, including pledged cash donations as well as those on Just Giving, we have raised over £1500. Our fundraising target is £2000 so if anyone would like to donate, it would be much appreciated. Please click on the link if you would like to donate.

[Crowdfunding to offer the pupils at Low Ash a wealth of enrichment opportunities so that they can be the 'best that they can be'. on JustGiving](#)

## **Dates for the diary**

**Monday 22nd-Wednesday 24th April** - Year 5 residential to Nell Bank

**Tuesday 7th May** - Class photographs

**Week commencing 13th May** - Year 6 SATs week

**Thursday 13th June** - 2M trip to Filey - letter to follow

**Friday 14th June** - FOLA Father's Day Secret Room

**Thursday 20th June** - 2B trip to Filey - letter to follow

**Monday 24th June** - 3T trip to Fountains Abbey - letter to follow

**Thursday 27th June** - 3B trip to Fountains Abbey - letter to follow

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## **New additions to the school**



One of our lovely new story chairs created by the very talented Miss Coope.

We have had two canoes donated to use in the playground to further enhance our playground provision.

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## Online Safety

If you had not yet had chance to read this month's online safety update, you can find it by clicking on the title above.



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