



Hellifield Community Primary School



February

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Welcome From Miss Ward...

After a January filled with school updates linked to lockdown, it is good to write a general newsletter to keep you up to date with what is happening in school. We are pleased with the interaction with our remote learning and thank you for your feedback on what is working for you and the children. Please continue to use the class email addresses to update us on your child's learning and to ask any questions about this.

Keeping children safe online is a concern and responsibility we all share. Please follow this link for the latest guidance on staying safe online during lockdown and contact us if your child sees anything unsuitable online [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](https://www.nyscp.org.uk)

Our staff are now volunteering for regular Covid testing, which provides us with up to date information on potential exposure. We are hopeful that schools will reopen on 8th March and will be in touch to confirm this, once we know for certain. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back when it is safe to do so.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind" said the boy

Dates for Diaries 2021

(Please note diary dates may deferrer due to Covid-19)

Friday 12th February	School finishes for half term (3.30pm)
	Half term Holiday
Monday 22nd February	Start of half term
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Friday 26th March	School finishes for Easter at 3.30pm
	Easter Holiday
Monday 12th April	Staff Inset (School closed for pupils)
Tuesday 13th April	Start of term
Monday 3rd May	Bank holiday
Friday 28th May	School finishes for half term at 3.30pm
	Half term Holiday
Monday 7th June	Start of term
Friday 23rd July	School finishes for the Summer holiday at the end of the day

Housekeeping During Lockdown...

Could we remind everyone that the same procedures around start/finish of the school day still apply (At present - for Key Worker Pupils). If for any reason you are going to be late – due to an appointment etc. please let school know. If children are not collected at the allocated time at the end of the school day, then they will be placed in after school care/club and these costs will be passed onto you. We have to protect the systems in place in our schools and in so doing we protect everyone within each school. Could we please ask that you observe all guidelines around social distancing when dropping off your child/children, thank you.

We kindly ask if any outstanding payments from last half term are paid in full via School Money. If your child would like milk, please email the school office (hadmin@ribblesdalefed.n-yorks.sch.uk) and we will add this to your child's School Money account. Pupils under 5 and those who receive Free School Meals are funded, but we will still need to know if you would like milk at playtime. Milk is £1.00 per week.



From Tiny Acorns, Mighty Oaks Do Grow...

The school team have been considering new names for our classes to reflect a new beginning and, after much thought and debate, have chosen Acorn Class for Class 1 and Oak Class for Class 2. Mrs Jones will be in touch about plans for planting acorns and staff are considering a special display to welcome everyone back, hopefully in March. Watch this space for more news about our acorn challenge!



Free From Tech Friday!

We are delighted to introduce the idea of 'Free From Tech Friday' across the school, to recognise that we all need a break from online learning and taking time to read, relax, walk outside, play a board game or learn a new skill all matter for our emotional well-being and health! With this in mind we will not expect any online learning to take place on a Friday afternoon at home and teachers will focus on fun activities with the children in school. We do hope you join us!



Changing Weather & Seasons

Please make sure that pupils come to school with a waterproof coat and warm accessories/ layers. It is extremely rare for us to close because of the weather and this will be only be in the interests of health and safety for staff and pupils. If we need to do so, you will be informed via a text message and if possible, this will be announced on our school website. We aim to let parents and carers know as early as we can. If weather conditions deteriorate during the school day and there is a need for early closure, we will again send parents a text message and notification will be on the website if possible. Please can you ensure that we have up to date contact numbers for you.



School Absences

May we remind you that if your child is absent, please can you contact school as early as possible giving a reason why so that we can complete our daily attendance return as this is now a legal requirement that we send returns each day. If an absence is linked to a suspected Covid case, please follow the governments guidelines if you need to book a test or isolate and keep us updated (Thank you).

Wrap Around Care

Our wrap around care service is still running during lockdown for children who are attending school.

Thank you to parents who support this facility.

Breakfast Club: (Monday to Friday morning)

8.00am to 9.00 am (£3.00), 8.30am to 9.00am (£1.50)

After School Club (Monday to Thursday)

3.30pm to 4.30pm (£3.00), Second sibling £2.50

3.30pm to 5.30pm (£6.00), Second sibling £5.00

(3.30pm to 4.00pm £1.50), A light meal is included for those who stay for the full ASC session.



Settle Rotary Club

We would like to say a big thank you to Settle Rotary Club who have kindly donated funding to a number of local schools within our community, including The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools. This funding will go towards ICT resources for our pupils, which is wonderful.



Friends of Hellifield (News!)

A big thank you to Friends of Hellifield who organised the super Christmas raffle. With your support and help from our local community, £374.00 was raised for our school funds! Watch this space for future events throughout 2021! To contact Friends directly, please email: friendsofhellifield@hotmail.com (A PayPal account is now set up for future donations).



The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools now has a Twitter account '@FedRibblesdale' This is a protected account and only confirmed followers will have access to the Tweets and complete profile. **Please follow us on Twitter!**

Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Hellifield C.P. School

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