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*A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools – Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after what I am sure has been a busy, and hopefully relaxing, summer break.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back today and are particularly looking forward to helping our new starters – in Reception and in other year groups – find their feet and make new memories. We also have some positive news to share impacting our schools across the federation.

### **Staffing updates**

Our federation leadership team is now in place, with Miss Rachel Mounsey and Miss Rachel Houghton as our new Assistant Headteachers. Miss Mounsey will continue to be based at Giggleswick, with Miss Houghton based at Long Preston. Both Assistant Heads will support me with the daily leadership of our schools and can be contacted via the admin teams at their respective bases.

Mrs Helen Haynes will teach Harrison Class at Giggleswick for the duration of Mrs Rebecca Shaw's maternity leave. Mrs Shaw is currently in school at Giggleswick supporting learning and developing curriculum planning for the federation until her leave begins. We will let you know when we have some happy news to share!

Mrs Emma Thompson is back and teaching Alkelda Class at Giggleswick, supported by Mrs Sally BB over the next few weeks.

Miss Jenny Bousfield begins her role as Teaching Assistant working across all three of our federation schools. Miss Bousfield will support learning in Robins, Saplings and Harrison Classes each week.

Our new school cook at Long Preston is Mrs Alison Taylor. Mrs Taylor has experience of cooking delicious, home-made lunches for a nursery and is looking forward to creating mealtime magic for our Long Preston children!

### **Friday assemblies**

We will now hold Friday celebration assemblies face-to-face in our school halls. It will be lovely to have parents and carers in school each week as the children receive recognition for their hard work and progress. *Giggleswick and Long Preston assemblies will start at 9.05am, to give staff time to welcome and register the children. Hellifield assemblies will start at*

3.10pm, so children can go straight home with you at the end. We will no longer link up with Zoom. Please remind your children that certificates, medals, trophies and competition prizes are welcome to be shared each Friday. Please ensure all belongings are named!

### **Uniform swap and share**

We are hoping to hold regular uniform swap and share opportunities where good quality, clean, used uniform and winter coats can be brought to school and new-to-you items picked up and taken home. We are conscious of the rising cost of living and want to promote freecycling where possible. More details per school to follow. Thank you to Mrs BB for this suggestion!

### **Support with School Meals**

We are conscious of maintaining the cost of our school meals for as long as possible, despite price increases and crippling energy bills within our schools. If your financial circumstances have changed and you want your child to continue with a healthy, hot school meal, please check the following site for guidance on how to apply for free school meals:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Successful applications not only cover the cost of meals but additional funding is available to pay for music lessons, after school clubs, some items of uniform and educational visits (including residential). Please ask our admin team if you need support in accessing this; we are more than happy to help in confidence.

### **London 2023**

We are planning ahead and have booked a residential visit for our Year 5 and 6 pupils from across the federation to visit London next July. More details to follow soon but rest assured, we will do this as cost effectively as possible, as this will be an amazing opportunity for our older children to experience the cultural highlights of our capital city.

I have included my whereabouts for the coming half term alongside this letter and dates to add to your diary will be shared on our newsletters shortly. I look forward to seeing you very soon as another busy term commences.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trudi Ward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'W'.

Miss Trudi Ward