



# Hellifield Community Primary School Newsletter



# December

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

Welcome to our **December Newsletter**. As another year comes to a close, we have lots of things to be thankful for, our Lovely reception pupils have almost made it through their first term which has been a wonderful journey so far. Thank you to The Federation Team and to our Governors for everything that they have done for us throughout 2022.



**Thank you most of all to Miss Ward, who will sadly be leaving us at the end of the term. We are truly grateful for all that you have done for our Federation over the past two amazing years. Your leadership, dedication and kindness has shone throughout your time with us, your focus always being the pupils with 'Love and kindness' at the forefront of everything which you have done. We have been very lucky to have you as our Headteacher and wish you all the very best in your next chapter in which you will continue to help other schools, please come back and see us whenever you can!** We still have lots to look forward to leading up to Christmas, including our Nativity, which we hope you can all attend as this is an event not to be missed. We are very much looking forward to Christmas Dinner this year, our schools cooks always put on an amazing spread across our Federation. Our Christmas Tree is looking beautiful, thank you to those who have brought beautiful baubles for our theme **Stars**; the spirit of Christmas is now all around us! We finish on Friday the 16th of December and look forward to the new year with our pupils starting on Wednesday the 4th of January 2023. From all the Federation Team, we wish you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** From January 2023 we will welcome Mrs Maddocks as our interim Executive Headteacher. I am sure you will welcome Mrs Maddocks to our Federation family in January 2023, she is very much looking forward to meeting you all! A final thank you is to our school families and Friends of Hellifield, your support throughout 2022 has been very much appreciated.

**Dates for Diaries 2023** (Please note, diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)

<b>Friday 2nd December</b>	Hellifield School Advent Service: St Aidan's Church, Hellifield 10.30am (School Asseby part of Advent Service) All welcome
<b>Monday 12th December</b>	Hellifield School Nativity St Aidan's Church, Hellifield 10.30am - All welcome
<b>Wednesday 14th December</b>	Hellifield Christmas Lunch (Pupils only) Christmas Jumper Day & Jingle Jar Event (starting at 3.00pm - All welcome (see letter for details)
<b>Friday 16th December</b>	Christmas Party Afternoon School closes at 3.30pm for the Christmas holidays
<b>Tuesday 3rd January (2023)</b>	Teacher INSET Day
<b>Wednesday 4th January</b>	Start of term for pupils
<b>Monday 9th January</b>	SDA Sports (After School Club) Spring 1 & 2 - See letter / booking slip for details
<b>Tuesday 10th January</b>	Swimming Tuition starts at Settle Swimming Pool (AM) Years 4, 5 & 6 (Swimming kits needed)
<b>Friday 10th February</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
<b>Monday 20th February</b>	Start of term for pupils
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays
<b>Monday 17th April</b>	Teacher INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 18th April</b>	Start of term for pupils
<b>Monday 1st May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 2nd May</b>	Pupils return to school
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
<b>Monday 5th June</b>	Start of term for pupils
<b>Friday 21st July</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for the Summer holidays
<b>Monday 24th July &amp; Tuesday 25th July</b>	Teacher INSET Days

## Weather

Please make sure that pupils come to school with a waterproof coat and warm accessories. 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. 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 notification. Please can you ensure that we have up to date contact numbers for you - Thank you.



## Children in Need

Thank you to all the pupils who supported Children in Need this year! Our theme was to wear spots! We have raised the grand total of **£65.25** for this fantastic charity! It was lovely to see staff and pupils supporting our **Odd Socks Day** last month to start our anti-bullying week across our Federation. This showed how we are all different and unique!



## Sapling Class - Time Travel

On Friday the 4th of November, Saplings travelled all the way back to the 1970's with Mrs Cawood, we most certainly had some cool pupils attending our school, some we didn't recognise! It really did feel like we had a time traveling machine! Well done to everyone for the efforts and a fun day was had by all in Sapling Class.



Please see Notice Board section for additional events for your diary!



**November 22**

**Whole School Attendance 96.54%**

To follow 'The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools' via Twitter - please go to '@FedRibblesdale'

This is a protected account and only confirmed followers will have access to the Tweets and our complete profile.

**Please help our followers to grow! Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Hellifield C.P. School (Part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools)**



## Notice Board (Other Events)

### Pre-School Stay & Play Session

Tuesday 6th December

Pre-School Aged Children (September 2023 intake)

Hellifield C.P. School

(Acorn Class)

10.00 to 11.00am

All welcome!



### Settle Rotary Club

(Santa's Sleigh Visits to Hellifield Village)

Monday 5th December 5 to 7pm (North of the railway bridge)

Tuesday 6th December 5 to 7pm (South of the railway bridge)

Please see local press for other locations!



### Themed Lunch Days & Christmas Events

#### Wednesday 14th December 22

Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day

Jingle Jar Event (Starting at 3.00pm - All welcome!)

**Friday 16th December - Christmas Party Afternoon**  
(To arrive wearing appropriate party wear please!)

...With a visit from Santa!



### Hellifield School Advent Service &

#### School Nativity

Advent Service: Friday 2nd December at 10.30am

**School Assembly (02/12/22) will take place during our Advent Service at St Aiden's Church**

**School Nativity: Monday 12th December at 10.30am**

St Aidan's Church (Hellifield) All welcome



### Friends of Hellifield



Friday 2nd of December (by 9.00am) - Bag 2 School collection. Please bring donations on the morning of the collection before 9.00am (as we have limited space to store items—Thank you)

Friends of Hellifield

### Hellifield Community Pantry

Please spread the word, if you know of anyone who may be interested, please let them know!

Location - Wesley Centre (Haw Grove, Hellifield)

When - Every Friday: 2 to 3pm

Donations are greatly received and our school is a collection point.

Everyone welcome, bring what you can and take what you need



### Sports Club & Swimming (2023)

SDA Sports (Start date for Spring 1 & 2)



#### Monday 9th of January 2023

- PE kits needed if your child is attending

#### Swimming Tuition for Years 4, 5 & 6



#### Tuesday 10th of January 2023

- Swimming kits needed if your child is attending

### New Year Blessings

Here comes a brand new year,  
Lots of new things to explore,  
A clean, blank slate to write on,  
Fun happenings galore.

To you we wish the best of things,  
All the blessings a new year brings.

By Joanna Fuchs

Happy New Year  
2023