

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 Mrs Garratt - Ward, who will sadly be leaving us at the end of the term. We are so 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 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 when 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 really looking forward to this year's Christmas Dinner, 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/decorations for our theme **Rainbow Bright**; 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 and she is very much looking forward to meeting you all! A final thank you is to our school families and friends of Long Preston, your support throughout 2022 has been much appreciated.

Dates for Diaries 2022/2023 *(Please note, diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)*

Tuesday 13th December	Long Preston Christmas Lunch (Pupils only)
Thursday 15th December	Long Preston Nativity at St Mary's Church, Long Preston 10.30am .
Friday 16th December	Christmas Party Afternoon School closes at 3.30pm for the Christmas holidays
Tuesday 3rd January (2023)	Teacher INSET Day
Wednesday 4th January	Start of term for pupils
Tuesday 10th January	SDA Sports (After School Club) Spring 1 & 2 - Further details to follow.
Tuesday 10th January	Swimming Tuition starts at Settle Swimming Pool (AM) Years 4, 5 & 6 (Swimming kits needed)
Friday 10th February	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 20th February	Start of term for pupils
Friday 31st March	School closes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays
Monday 17th April	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 18th April	Start of term for pupils
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
Tuesday 2nd May	Pupils return to school
Friday 26th May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 5th June	Start of term for pupils
Friday 21st July	School closes at 3.30pm for the Summer holidays
Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July	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. 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! Updates will follow on what we have raised. 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!



FOLPS—Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the School Fair and to those who donated raffle prizes and baked cakes. It was a great success and we raised over £450!! The Fair was the first of several events that FOLPS are hoping to arrange for 2023. Any parents who would like to join the Friends of Long Preston School please contact the school office. Your help would be very much appreciated.

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



November 22

Whole School Attendance 94.6%

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 Long Preston EVA Primary School (Part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools)

Notice Board (Other Events)

Themed Lunch Days & Christmas Events

Tuesday 13th December 22 Christmas Dinner

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

If your child has packed lunches but would like to have Christmas and/or party lunch, please let the school office know.

...With a visit from Father Christmas!

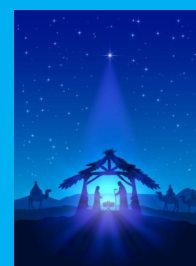


Long Preston School Nativity

Thursday 15th December at
10.30am

St Mary's Church

All welcome



Sports Clubs & Swimming (2023)

SDA Sports (Start date for Spring 1 & 2)

Tuesday 10th of January 2023

PE kits needed if your child is attending

Swimming Tuition for Years 4, 5 & 6

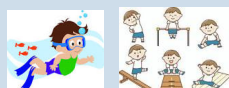
Tuesday 10th of January 2023

Swimming kits needed

Friday 13th of January 2023

PE Kit needed if your child is attending

Details of all ASC to follow.



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



Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School



We are really excited to let you know that you are now able to register your children and book places at Little Wrens Nursery which will open its doors on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Please follow the link below or go to Federation website and click on the Little Wrens link on our homepage where you will find all the relevant information relating to registering and booking places for your children.

<https://ribblesdalefed.n-yorks.sch.uk/little-wrens-nursery/>