



# Hellifield Community Primary School Newsletter



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

Welcome to our **October** Newsletter. It is lovely to see our new pupils settling in and making lots of new friends within their classes and across our school. They have all been very busy! As the weather is gradually moving towards Autumn, please make sure that pupils come to school wearing a warm waterproof coat. Thank you to those who have donated wellington boots, this is very much appreciated. We would like to introduce our new School Council Members: Evelyn, Isla, Thea, Arthur, Cerys and Emily, following a recent whole school vote. Well done to everyone involved, we are very proud of you all!



## Dates for Diaries 2022/23

*(Please note diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)*

<b>W/C 3rd October</b>	Parental Telephone Consultation week - see email/letter 28/09/22 for details
<b>Friday 14th October</b>	Rescheduled Tag Rugby Event
<b>Friday 21st October</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
<b>Monday 31st October</b>	Start of term for pupils <b>Deadline to apply for a Secondary School Place for Year 7</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th November</b>	<b>Hellifield C.P. School only</b> Childhood NHS Team in to deliver the Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine
<b>Friday 16th December</b>	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>Friday 10th February</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
<b>Wednesday 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>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

## Federation Events

### Cross Country

Well done to all of the pupils across our Federation who took part in the Cross County event on Thursday the 15th of September held at Giggleswick School. We are so proud of you all. A big congratulations to those who made it to the finals recently, you are all superstars!



### Animation Day (27/09/22)

A big thank you to the team at The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and our Federation Team for making our Animation Day so much fun. It was lovely to do something a little bit different and to learn lots on new skills along the way!



## Applying For A Secondary School Place

This is a gentle reminder that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is the end of this month (31/10/22). Please follow this link to start your child's application for a Year 7 place - Thank you <https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/how-to-apply>



## Admin Packs

Thank you to those who have already completed and returned their child's admin pack. This is very much appreciated!



## NHS Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination

We have the NHS vaccination team coming in on the **8th of November (1pm)** to distribute the Flu Nasal Spray. You will need to complete a consent form online to access this important vaccine. Please ensure your consent form has been submitted (as soon as possible). Please refer to the email sent on the 16/09/22 for details. Thank you to those who have already completed and returned their child's admin pack. This is very much appreciated!



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

**September 22 - Whole School Attendance: 95.85%**



## House Keeping:

**Parking:** Please can we remind our parents of being considerate to our neighbours on Park Avenue. Please park at the end of the road and walk down (Please do not park across residents driveways or near the school gates, as this space is needed for cars to turn around to avoid congestion), please also be aware of your speed when driving. This is to keep all children safe when entering and leaving school.

**Celebration Assemblies:** Thank you to those who have attended our weekly assemblies during this new academic year. It has been lovely to have you with us! (**Hellifield's whole school assembly is every Friday starting at 3.10pm**). Please access the school building via the main entrance if you are attending. **All welcome!**

**School Money:** If you are having any issues with School Money, please let us know as we are always happy to assist in any way we can.

**Milk:** Thank you to those who have been in touch to request milk for individuals. Please refer to our September Newsletter for information in relation to this.

**Appointments:** If your child has a medical appointment, please can you update us directly via the school office / admin, rather than passing information on via your child / children or a staff member on the playground. This avoids things being lost in translation. We do have a duty of care to check that the information we receive is correct (if we receive a message from a pupil). Please also provide letters / medicals cards for appointments when possible.

**School Attendance:** Excellent attendance at school is essential to ensure that your child has the best chance of success. The Government expectation for attendance is a minimum of **97%** and parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends regularly and on time. Anything less than 97% gives cause for concern. I am sure you will appreciate that school attendance is always a priority for us as a Federation and with the added challenges of time missed in school due to the past global pandemic, this is something we closely monitor. Under the Provisions of Section 7 of the Education Act 1996, it is the duty of all parents to ensure their children receive an efficient, full time education following the terms of North Yorkshire Local Authority's Code of Conduct. If this does not happen they have the authority to issue a Penalty Notice. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60, if paid within the first 21 days of issue, which rises to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. The Local Authority will consider taking legal action if the Penalty Notice is not paid after 28 days of the date of issue. Legal action may result in a fine of up to £1,000 and a criminal record for each parent/ carer. This is why it is extremely important that all pupils attend school if they are fit and well. We appreciate Covid-19 has not gone away and if your child is too poorly to attend we expect that they rest and get themselves better at home. We ask that **all family holidays are planned during the scheduled holiday period**, as these absences have to be recorded as an unauthorised holiday/holiday not agreed (following the DFE code of conduct). Ten unauthorised absences can trigger a fine of £60 (per child). Please note that absences are recorded as AM and PM sessions (Two sessions per day), a full week away from school is ten valuable educational sessions missed. As a school we have a legal obligation to inform the LEA if your child has missed ten unauthorised sessions. If you do not give us a valid reason why your child is absent from school and we have tried to make contact with you to ask, this will be recorded as unauthorised. The odd day here and there without a valid reason can build up - with the possibility of triggering a fine, it is very important to contact school if your child is absent so we can record their absence correctly on our school register/database. **Please note, if fines are issued they come from the LEA (not school)**. Please work with us weekly to help us to gain 100% attendance across The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools.

## PE Kits:

Please bring in PE kits on a Monday and leave them in school to be taken home as the end of the week (or half term to be washed).

## School Uniform:

Please can school uniform be labelled, this includes **PE kits, coats and water bottles**. If your child can **not** tie their own laces, we recommend Velcro shoes and trainers.

## Outdoor Learning:

All pupils need a pair of wellies to be left in school to access Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning.

## Swimming:

Provisional dates to follow as soon as we are updated by Settle Swimming Pool.



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**

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## Notice Board (Other Events)

October - Black History Month



### Church Services

Hellifield Harvest September 2022

Thank you to those who attended our Harvest Service at St Aiden's Church on Thursday the 29th of September. We would also like to show our appreciation to those who donated tinned and dried foods. This is very much appreciated



### Themed Lunch Days

Friday 21st October (Diwali)

Monday 31st October 22  
(Halloween)

Friday 4th November 22  
(Bonfire Night)



**A big thank you to the pupils who have contributed towards the planning of our school menus!**

### Autumn Disco

Friday 21st October

Hellifield C.P. School

(4.00 - 5.00pm - Reception,  
Year 1 & Year 2)

(5.15 - 6.15pm - Years 3 to 6)

**Seasonal Fancy Dress or favourite outfit (option)  
£2.00 admission (Includes a drink & snack)**



### Hellifield Community Primary School

#### Open Afternoon

Please come along and visit your child's class and teacher!

Monday 10th October 2022

From 2.00pm onwards

All welcome



### 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!

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



### Children in Need

Friday 18th November

(Wear Spots - More information to follow)



# Coach Gunn Autumn Half Term 2022 Multi Sports & Activity Days

Organised and led by Coach Gunn Limited providing **ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> & Tues  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Open to Boys &  
Girls aged 4-12

**9am-4pm each  
day with FREE  
8am-5pm  
extended hours**

£24 Full Day  
£12 Half Day  
(9am-12:30pm)  
(12:30pm-4pm)

**Lunesdale Sports  
Centre (LA6 2HJ)  
@ QES Kirkby  
Lonsdale**



**Sports & activities  
include...**

NERF  
Zorbs  
Archery  
Dodgeball  
Multi Sports  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
Lego & Let's Craft  
...plus lots more!!!

**JOIN THE TEAM...**

Junior (ages 13-17)  
& Lead (ages 18+)  
coaching  
opportunities

Each day will feature the children's favourite activities delivered in a safe & secure environment making the most of the fantastic indoor & outdoor spaces at Lunesdale Sports Centre encouraging ALL attending children to have **#FUNwithFriends**

For further information or to make a booking please contact Coach Gunn at [coachmarkgunn@gmail.com](mailto:coachmarkgunn@gmail.com)

'Coach Gunn Basketball'



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