



Giggleswick 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 lovely school. We have had such a busy start to this new academic year. As the Autumn season approaches, please make sure that pupils come to school wearing a warm waterproof coat. Thank you to those who have returned individual Admin packs, if you haven't returned them,



Dates for Diaries 2023/24 *(Please note, diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)*

Wednesday 4th October	Settle College Open Evening 6.00—8.00pm Y5 & Y6 pupils. Y6 pupils invited Open Event 1.30—2.30pm.
Thursday 5th October	Accordian Assembly for all pupils
Thursday 12th October	Craven Cross Country Final GJS 1.00pm
Friday 13th October	NSPCC Assembly for Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 17th October	Flu Immunisation Sessions Rec—Y6. Y5 & Y6 Girls Football Settle College 10.00am.
Thursday 19th October	Phonics Information Meeting Rec/ Y1/Y2 4.30pm
Tuesday 24th October	Harvest Service in St Alkelda's Church 10.30am—all welcome
Wednesday 25th October	School Photos for individual pupils also with siblings in school AM
Friday 27th October	School closes 3.30pm for Half Term
Tuesday 31st October	Deadline to apply for a Y7 place at Secondary School
Monday 6th November	School re-opens to pupils 8.45am or 8.00am for B/Club
Tuesday 7th November	Stay & Play session for pre-school children 2.30pm
Friday 17th November	Children-in-Need
Wednesday 22nd November	Swimming Gala Settle Swimming Pool 9.30—11.30am
Saturday 25th November	Settle Christmas Lights Switch On
Friday 8th December	Whole School outing to Panto at Blackburn
Sunday 10th December	Community Carol Concert Settle Church 4.00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Nativity St Alkelda's Church 5.00pm all pupils
Wednesday 20th December	Pupils' Christmas lunch
Friday 22nd December	School closes 3.30pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Teacher INSET day
Tuesday 9th January	School re-opens to pupils 8.45am or 8.00am for B/Club

A walk on the wild side!

A big thank you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Mercer in collaboration with Wild Ingleborough for organising our recent Year 5 trip. The aim of this event was to promote healthy lifestyles and to learn more about our beautiful surroundings. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful part of Yorkshire with access to The Yorkshire Dales National Park. Despite the weather - and a slight change of route, it was nice to blow away the cobwebs and take in the ever changing landscape of Ingleborough. It really did feel like we experienced nearly all of the seasons in one day. Oliver Roberts led this trip as mountain leader and he was accompanied by a member of the Wild Ingleborough team. Well done to all of our wonderful Year 5 pupils who showed such determination to keep going.



Cross Country: Well done to those who took part in the Cross County event at Giggleswick Junior School and to those who made it to the finals. You did so well, we're proud of you all. A big thank you also to Laker & Lane for laundering the School PE kits!



September 2023

Whole School Attendance

Giggleswick Primary School 97.76%

Macmillan Coffee Morning: A big thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning' on 29th September. It was such a lovely event and we raised £183.54 for the charity.

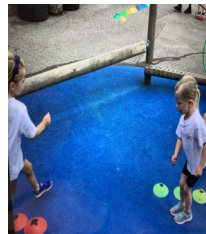


**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Girls Y5 & Y6 Football Team for the competition at Settle College. Well done girls!



Inter-house Competition—Donaldson were the winners. All pupils took part and everyone had lots of fun. Y5 & Y6 pupils ran the event and showed great Leadership. Thank you Mrs Mercer for organising this event.



School Money (we are a cashless school): Please can School Money accounts be paid weekly to avoid a build up of arrears. If we address this with you directly, our intention is to help. Guidance on School Money is also available via our website; you can also contact school if you need any further assistance. For our new families, please follow the link which you will have been sent via a text/email already.

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. We also have our school Facebook page and lots of information available visit our website: <https://ribblesdalefed.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

Please help our followers to grow! Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Giggleswick Primary School. Part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools) Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Attendance Policy 2023

Key Points

Our attendance target is 97%

School opens at 8.45 and children in class by 9.

Morning register is completed by 9.05am – Teachers to mark pupils as absent if not in attendance. Late arrivals register via the office who mark the child as late.

The register will officially close at 9.30 am and pupils arriving between 9.05 and 9.30 will be marked as late by admin staff. Those pupils not in school will be marked as absent.

The afternoon register is completed by 1.05pm – Teachers to mark pupils as absent if not in attendance.

If children are not in class, staff will follow the missing children guidance within the full attendance policy.

Where a pupil is absent, and their parent has not contacted the school by the close of the morning register to report the absence, administrative staff will contact the parent by telephone call before 9.45 am on the first day that they do not attend school.

If contact cannot be made, the attendance officer is contacted and arrangements for a home visit will be made as soon after 9.45 am.

The school will always follow up any absences in order to:

- Ascertain the reason for the absence.
- Ensure the proper safeguarding action is being taken.
- Identify whether the absence is authorised or not.
- Identify the correct code to use to enter the data onto the school census system.

Cases of persistent absence, the attendance officer will contact parents to discuss. The attendance officer will inform the LA, on a termly basis, of the details of pupils who fail to attend regularly, or who have missed 10 school days or more without authorisation.

If attendance drops below 90% the attendance officer will arrange a meeting with the pupil's parents.

Where a pupil has not returned to school for 10 days after an authorised absence, or is absent from school without authorisation for 20 consecutive school days, the school will remove the pupil from the admissions register if the school and the LA have failed to establish the whereabouts of the pupil after making reasonable enquiries

The attendance officer will monitor and analyse attendance data regularly to ensure that intervention is delivered quickly to address habitual absence at the first signs.

Home Lunch Provision

Those children eligible for free school dinners and/or are in key stage one who may not be attending school, are entitled to packed lunches to be provided. Admin staff will arrange this with catering providers.

Home Lunches

With the Headteacher's approval for a child to have home dinners, parents will be required to meet their child at the school office when taking them off the premises – the pupil will be signed out and back in using the lunch time register at the school office. A member of staff will be available at the school office before the pupil leaves the premises and upon their return to sign them back in. No pupil will leave the premises before the member of staff at the school office has given their permission.

Truancy

Immediate action will be taken when there are any concerns that a pupil might be truanting. If truancy is suspected, the headteacher is notified, and they will contact the parent in order to assess the reasons behind the pupil not attending school. Procedures outlined in the attendance policy be taken in the event of a truancy.

Missing in school children

Pupils will not be permitted to leave the school premises during the school day unless they have permission from the school. The procedures within the full attendance policy will be taken in the event of a pupil going missing whilst at school.

Medical Appointments

Children will be collected from the office. Parents will sign the child out and give a reason for the appointment on the relevant document. On return, children will be signed back into school by their parents.

Attendance Monitoring Procedures

We have adopted the attendance monitoring procedures set out in the full policy, including; contact details and monitoring procedures. To ensure that pupils' attendance meets the expected standard, and effective intervention is provided where pupils' attendance falls below the standard.

The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley

Vice Chair: Rev Sue McWhinney

Mr Andrew Bradley: Co-opted Governor

Mr James Atkinson: Co-opted Governor

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Safeguarding and Attendance Link Governor: Rev Sue McWhinney

SEND/Mental Health Link Governor: Rev James Rodley

Health and Safety Link Governor: Andrew Bradley

EYFS Link Governor: Barbara Stirton

LA Governor: Vacant Post

Safeguarding Information: Giggleswick Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: - Mrs Catherine Maddocks Executive Headteacher

Deputy DSL: Miss Rachel Mounsey & Mrs Helen Haynes

The Ribblesdale Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all the children who attend our three schools.

Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator: Mrs Nicola Devereux

If you have any worries or concerns regarding your child having SEN or mental health issues and well being problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Devereux, via the school office. All correspondence will be treated in the strictest confidence.

The following policies were adopted by the Full Governing Board on Monday 25th September 23, copies are available on the Federation website:

- ◆ Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- ◆ Attendance Policy
- ◆ Induction of Early Career Teachers (ECTs) Policy
- ◆ Child on Child Abuse Policy
- ◆ Mental Health Policy

Staffing 23/24 -The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools: Giggleswick

SLT

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head teachers: Miss Mounsey, Mr Wiseman and Miss Houghton (maternity leave)

School Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Harrison Class - Teacher: Mrs Haynes (Supported by Mrs Vickery)

Alkelda Class - Teacher: Mrs Leach (Supported by Mrs Clay)

Tems Class - Teachers: Miss Mounsey, Miss Richardson (Supported by Miss Bousfield)

P.E. - Teacher: Mrs Mercer

TA's—Mrs Clay, Miss Bousfield, Mrs vickery

Midday Supervisors: Mrs Whitehouse, Mrs Clay

School Cook: Miss Knowles

School Administrator: Mrs Jarrom

School's I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Caretaker & Cleaner: NYC Facilities