



# Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



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

Welcome to our January **Newsletter**. We hope that you have had a restful Christmas and that the children have had the opportunity to relax and to get ready to start another exciting year of learning. In the blink of an eye, we have come to the end of the first few weeks of the new term. Yet again we have had a very positive start, the children and staff have been enthusiastic about so much already which is amazing! We are fortunate to have such a talented and hardworking team across The Ribblesdale Federation of schools. From myself Mrs Maddocks and all the Federation team, we wish you all a Happy New Year for 2024!



**Dates for Diaries 2024** (Please note, diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)

Monday 8th January	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 9th January	Start of term for pupils
Thursday 11th January	1st swimming session for Alkelda Class
Thursday 25th January	Catteral Shield Cross Country
Friday 9th February	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 19th February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 15th March	Y6 Crucial Crew Event
Friday 22nd March	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays
Monday 8th April	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 9th April	Start of term for pupils
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday
Week Commencing Monday 13th May	Date from Gov.uk SATs Week
Friday 24th May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July	Bikeability for Y5 & Y6

Thank you to everyone who attended the School Nativity, I'm sure you will agree it was absolutely amazing and we really do have some stars in the making.

Congratulations to Annabelle Taylor Y4, who is one of the overall winners in the 2023 Mini Me Christmas art competition. This year Mini Me is supporting The Hedgehogery, a Yorkshire based, hedgehog rescue centre. The prize is 12 months sponsorship of one of the centres 'hedgehog boxes,' where the rescue centre houses poorly hedgehogs until they can be released back into the wild. Well done Annabelle!


### School Money:

As we start the new year, please can we ask that you check your child's School Money account regularly. It was noted that at the end of last year there were a number of payments which were still outstanding on individual accounts. Please can account be at £0 if possible for the start of each new half term. As you can appreciate, we aim to stay within our school budget and outstanding arrears can put a strain on our finances. By now, everyone should be booking Wrap-Around-Care places in advance via your child's individual School Money account.



**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 and to return this year's admin pack (if you haven't already done so) - Thank you.



 **December 2023**  
**Whole School Attendance**  
**Giggleswick Primary School: 97.32%**

### Absences:

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us by email or by telephoning school (you can also leave a message on our answer machine). We wish to remind our families that we do need to state why a child is absent on our daily electronic register system. If no reason is given, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. We will be doing home visits if we do not know why your child is absent and we can not get hold of a parent. This is why it is very important for you to let us know why your child can not attend school. We also wish to clarify that any holidays in term time will be recorded as an unauthorised holiday/holiday not agreed. If your child has a week off school for a holiday, this is classed as 10 sessions missed (which may trigger a fine). For a child to fall below the 96% target they would have missed 5 full days of lessons. We also encourage making medical appointments out of school time (wherever possible). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in working with us to keep our school's attendance rating as high as we possibly can. We always have your best interest at heart when monitoring individual attendance.

### Attendance Ladder

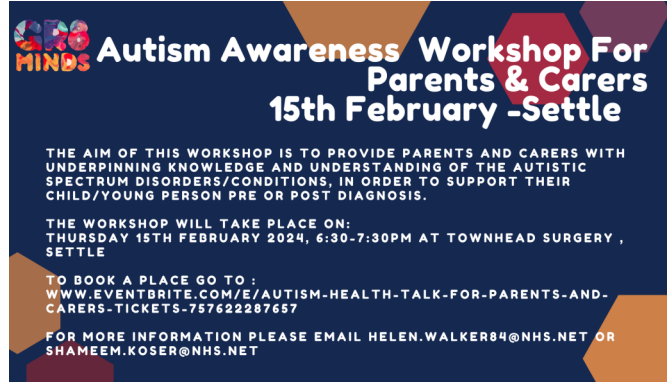


### The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley  
Vice Chair: Rev Sue McWhinney  
Mr Andrew Bradley: Co-opted Governor  
Rev James Rodley: Co-opted Governor  
Mrs Emmy Hodgson: Co-opted Governor  
Mr Carl Shuttleworth: Parent Governor  
Ms Anna Lawrence: Parent Governor  
Mrs Barbara Stirton: Staff Governor  
Safeguarding and Attendance Link Governor: Rev Sue McWhinney  
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 Mounsey, Mrs Haynes  
The Ribblesdale Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all the children who attend our three schools.



**MINDS Autism Awareness Workshop For Parents & Carers 15th February - Settle**

THE AIM OF THIS WORKSHOP IS TO PROVIDE PARENTS AND CARERS WITH UNDERPINNING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS/CONDITIONS, IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON PRE OR POST DIAGNOSIS.

THE WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE ON:  
THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024, 6:30-7:30PM AT TOWNHEAD SURGERY, SETTLE

TO BOOK A PLACE GO TO:  
[WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/AUTISM-HEALTH-TALK-FOR-PARENTS-AND-CARERS-TICKETS-757622287657](http://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/AUTISM-HEALTH-TALK-FOR-PARENTS-AND-CARERS-TICKETS-757622287657)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL [HELEN.WALKER84@NHS.NET](mailto:HELEN.WALKER84@NHS.NET) OR [SHAMEEM.KOSER@NHS.NET](mailto:SHAMEEM.KOSER@NHS.NET)

### 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.



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

#### SLT

**Executive Headteacher:** Mrs Maddocks  
**Assistant Head teachers:** Miss Mounsey, Mr Wiseman and Miss Houghton (maternity leave)  
**School Business Manager:** Mrs Middleton  
**Harrison Class - Teachers:** Mrs Haynes (Supported by Mrs Vickery)  
**Alkelda Class - Teacher:** Mrs Leach (Supported by Mrs Clay)  
**Tems Class - Teacher:** Miss Mounsey & Miss Richardson (Supported by Miss Bousefield)  
**Midday Supervisor:** Mrs Whitehouse, Mrs Clay  
**School Cook:** Miss Knowles  
**School Administrator:** Mrs Jarrom  
**School's I.C.T Technician:** Mr Freytag - **School Cleaner:** Building Cleaning Services



### North Craven Swimming Gala November 2023

Nineteen of our KS2 pupils took part in the Swimming Gala at Settle Pool last half term. They won 6 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze in individual events and 1 Silver and 2 Bronze in the relays. This was a fantastic achievement, as many have never taken part in a gala before. Congratulations to all and especially for their team spirit with each other and the other schools. Seven schools took part with individual races in back stroke, breast stroke and freestyle and 4 relay races which were very exciting to watch.

Well done!



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