



# Hellifield Community Primary School



A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools – fostering a love of learning through collaboration and fun

Welcome to our **October Newsletter**. It is wonderful to see our new pupils settling into our school routines and making new friends within their classes and across the school. We have had a busy start to this new academic year.



Oak Class now have a few weeks swimming under their belts and are impressing us with their enthusiasm and confidence in the water on Wednesday afternoons. All are making good progress.

Thank you to those parents who have completed the parental Annual Consent Form. If you haven't completed it yet, please use this link to do so as soon as you can: [Parental Consent 2024-25](#)

As we're now into Autumn, please make sure that pupils come to school wearing a warm waterproof coat.

## Dates for Diaries 2024/25

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

<b>Monday 21st October</b>	Harvest Festival - St Aidan's Church. All welcome
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half-term
<b>Thursday, 31st October</b>	Deadline to apply for a Yr 7 place at a chosen secondary school
<b>Monday 4th November</b>	Start of term for pupils
<b>Wednesday 6th November</b>	Swimming at Settle Swimming Pool - Oak Class
<b>Monday 11th November</b>	Armistice Service
<b>W/c 11th November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Saturday 16th November</b>	Friends of Hellifield coffee morning: 10-11.30am at the Hellifield Institute
<b>Wednesday 20th November</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>TBC December</b>	Blackburn Panto Visit
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	Nativity - 2pm
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	School Party School closes at 3.30pm for the Christmas holiday
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	Teacher INSET day
<b>Tuesday 7th January</b>	Start of term for pupils
<b>W/c Monday 3rd February</b>	Mental Health Week
<b>Friday 14th February</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half-term
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	Start of term for pupils



**Ofsted Inspection:** As you will be aware, the school was inspected by Ofsted on 24th and 25th September. We will be one of the first schools in the country to have an inspection following changes made by the Government over the summer. Thank you to all of the children and teachers for dealing with the inspection so well, and also thank you to those parents and children who completed the Ofsted surveys. These are important in providing the inspectors form a rounded picture of our school community. We will be touch once we know the outcome of the inspection.

## Ingleborough Walk

Thank you to Mrs Mercer and Mrs T. Jones for organising the Year 5 trip, in collaboration with Wild Ingleborough, on Thursday 3rd October. Thank you also to Mrs Clay, from Giggleswick School, for accompanying the children, along with Mrs Mercer and Mrs Jones.



Thankfully the weather was kind to our group of enthusiastic walkers! The aim of the trip was to promote healthy lifestyles and to learn more about our beautiful surroundings. We are so lucky to live in such a fantastic area of the country, with easy access to the Yorkshire Dales National Park. While blowing away the cobwebs, the children were able to take in the ever changing landscape of Ingleborough. Oliver Roberts led the trip as mountain leader and he was accompanied by a member of the Wild Ingleborough team, to ensure our group got the very best out of the day.

There were probably some tired legs by the end of the day, as our Year 5s put in a great effort to complete the walk and they showed real determination to make it to the end. Thanks also go to our wonderful staff, who encouraged the children to keep walking and appreciate the marvellous landscape.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** A big thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September, by sending in tasty treats or attending and making a donation. We raised an amazing **£204.35** for this very worthy cause. We would also particularly like to thank the Friends of Hellifield, without whose help and support both in the morning and at the cake sale after school this event wouldn't have been possible.



schoolmoney

**SchoolMoney:** Please can SchoolMoney accounts be paid weekly to avoid the build up of arrears. If we address this with you directly, our intention is to help. Guidance on SchoolMoney is also available on our website, and you can always contact school if you need any further assistance. For our new families, please follow the link which you will have been sent by text/email already. If you haven't received a link, please contact the office.



**September 24  
Whole School  
Attendance**

**96.62%**

## The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Maddocks:  
Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley  
Vice Chair: Rev Sue McWhinney  
Co-opted Governor: Rev James Rodley  
Foundation Governors: Mrs Emmy Hodgson and Mrs Christine Padley  
Parent Governors: Mr Carl Shuttleworth and Mrs Laura Boyd  
Staff Governor: Mrs Paula Clay  
Safeguarding and Attendance Link Governor: Rev Sue McWhinney  
Health and Safety Link Governor: Mr Andrew Bradley



The following policies were agreed at the Federation Governing Board meeting on 23rd September 2024:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Governor Visits Policy.

The next meeting of the Federation Governing Board will take place on Monday 14th October 2024.

## Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: Mrs Erin Jones

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 Jones, via the school office. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.

## Safeguarding information: Hellifield C.P. School

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Mrs Rebecca Shaw, Miss Laura Sargison, Miss Rachel Mounsey and Miss Rachel Houghton.

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

## Staffing 24/25 The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools : Hellifield

### SLT

**Executive Headteacher:** Mrs Maddocks

**Assistant Head Teachers:** Miss Mounsey & Miss Houghton

**Federation Business Manager:** Mrs Sarah Middleton

**Acorn Class Teachers:** Mrs Williams & Mrs T. Jones (Thurs pm) (Supported by Mrs Fortune)

**Sapling Class Teachers:** Mrs Ward & Mrs Shaw (Supported by Mrs Rawsthorne & Mrs Dugdale)

**Oak Class Teachers:** Miss Sargison & Mrs T. Jones (Wed pm) (Supported by Mrs Dawson)

**Wrap-Around-Care & Midday Supervisors (MSA):** Mrs Dawson & Mrs Dugdale

**School Administrator (temporary):** Mrs Wearden

**School I.C.T Technician:** Mr Freytag

**School Cook:** Mrs. Eggleston

**School Caretaker/s:** Mrs. Foxcroft & Mr. Jackson

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*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)*



Bradford District Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Learning Disability Team – Craven

# Sleep workshop

for parents and carers of children with additional needs living in Craven.

Evidence based advice and strategies on how to improve your child's sleep routine and environment.



**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
**1000-1200**



@ Skipton Children and Families Hub,  
Brougham Street, Skipton, BD23 2ES

 or via Microsoft Teams

**Book your place today!** call: **01274 221 203** or  
email: **[ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk](mailto:ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk)**



# HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the rest.

**£52.50, or £97.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)**

**Ilkley Cow & Calf:** 28th, 29th & 1st November, 10:00am-4.00pm

**Brimham Rocks:** 30th & 31st October, 10:00am-4.00pm

**Childcare Vouchers accepted for Ilkley, Brimham coming soon!**



**Book online or contact us via email**

 [WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](http://WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM)  [INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](mailto:INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM)







## Wild Explorers

**Where nature, fun and adventure collide!**

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

**We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!**



### Price

£35 per child per day  
Childcare vouchers accepted

### Age

Reception - Age 13

## October Half Term Holiday Club

23rd - 25th October &  
28th October - 1st November

*Birthday parties also available year round  
email us for more info*



### Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

### Location

Broughton Hall Estate



[hello@wildexplorers.org.uk](mailto:hello@wildexplorers.org.uk)



[www.wildexplorers.org.uk](http://www.wildexplorers.org.uk)





# AUTUMN HALF TERM

# 2024

# HOLIDAY CAMPS

## Skipton, Sandylands

- ▶ **Holiday Camp**  
Monday 28th October -  
Wednesday 30th October
- ▶ **Goal Keeper Camp**  
Wednesday 30th October
- ▶ **Super Striker Session**  
Wednesday 30th October AM
- ▶ **Midfielder Maestros  
Session**  
Wednesday 30th October PM

## Keighley, Marley

- ▶ **HALLOWEEN  
SPECIAL OFFER CAMP**  
Thursday 31st October  
Friday 1st November
- ▶ **Elite Mindset  
Session**  
Friday 1st November AM
- ▶ **Dynamite Defenders  
Session**  
Friday 1st November PM



Individual Days Available  
Early drop off /  
late pick up etc



For bookings visit

[www.soccerhub.org.uk/camps/](http://www.soccerhub.org.uk/camps/)



# AUTUMN

## AT THE BOWES MUSEUM

  
THE BOWES  
MUSEUM

### CREATE SPACE

Daily, 10.00 – 5.00

Create your own artworks and treasures inspired by the Museum's collection using a variety of materials.

Suitable for all ages.

### EXPLORER BAGS

Daily, 10.00 – 4.30

Pick up a guide and Explorer Bag from reception to identify wildlife in the parkland up close with magnifying glasses and binoculars.

Suitable for all ages.

### ARTIST MAKERS:

**CERAMICS FROM THE PAST**  
Saturday 26 October,  
1.00 – 3.00

Join artist Charlie Brookes to explore the Museum's ceramic collection and experiment with different techniques and materials.

Recommended for ages 5+.

### WE'RE GOING

**ON A PLANT HUNT**  
Monday 28 October,  
1.00 – 2.00

This Autumn we're hunting high and low to find plants, flowers and animals around the Museum. Listen to stories, sing songs and explore the galleries.

Recommended for under 5s.

**HEDGEHOG HOUSES**  
Tuesday 29 October and  
Thursday 31 October,  
1.00 – 3.00

Help build habitats for hibernating hedgehogs in the parkland. On days when it's too rainy to be outside, we'll get arty and make in the Create Space.

Suitable for all ages.

**ARTIST MAKERS:  
AUTOMATA OF THE  
NATURAL WORLD**

Wednesday 30 October,  
1.00 – 3.00

Dive into the natural world with artist Betty Brown and learn how to make automata plants and animals inspired by amazing artwork around the Museum.

Recommended for ages 5+.

### FAMILY STORY TOUR

Friday 1 November,  
11.00 – 12.00 and 1.00 – 2.00

Come along for a journey through the galleries, as we explore the interesting stories and fascinating facts behind the art and objects of the Museum.

Suitable for families.

**ARTIST MAKERS:  
FIREWORK FIESTA**

Saturday 2 November,  
1.00 – 3.00

Spark your curiosity and light up the Museum with artist Zoe Allen as you transform 2D materials into 3D firework sculptures.

Recommended for ages 5+.

All activities are **FREE** to Members and included in normal admission charges.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

