



# Giggleswick Primary School



# September

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

Welcome to our September Newsletter. We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and that everyone has had time to relax and recharge their batteries. We are very much looking forward to another super 'Academic Year' and have lots planned across our Federation. We would like to say a big warm welcome to our new pupils in Tems Class and Harrison Class, who are all looking very smart in their school uniform and are bursting with enthusiasm!

I am sure you will join us in giving all of our new staff, Miss Preston in Tems Class, Mrs Greaves in Alkelda Class and Mrs Chapman in Harrison Class, a very warm welcome to our school and the Federation.



## Dates for Diaries 2024

<b>Wednesday 4th September</b>	Start of term for pupils in Y1—Y6
<b>Thursday 5th September</b>	Start of term for Reception pupils Bikeability day 2 for Y6 pupils
<b>Thursday 12th September</b>	Swimming lessons start for Harrison Class
<b>Tuesday 17th September</b>	Meet the Teacher — 3.30—4.45pm
<b>Friday 27th September</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning
<b>Thursday 3rd October</b>	Ingleborough trip for Y5 pupils
<b>Wednesday 23rd October</b>	Harvest Festival in St Alkelda's 10.30am TBC
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
<b>Monday 4th November</b>	School re-opens for pupils
<b>Thursday 14th November</b>	Flu Immunisation Session for Rec—Y6
<b>Wednesday 4th December</b>	Advent Service in St Alkelda's 10.30am TBC
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	Whole school visit to a Panto
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas holidays
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	Teacher INSET day
<b>Tuesday 7th January 2025</b>	School re-opens to pupils

**Meet the Teacher :** On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, we have a "Meet the Teacher," event. This is an informal session for you to visit your child's classroom, meet the teacher and ask any questions. Please note this is not a formal parent meeting. We have scheduled two short sessions with the following start and finish times:

- Session 1 – Start time 3.30 pm – 4 pm
- Session 2 – Start time 4.15 – 4.45 pm

The teacher will remain available in the classroom until 5pm. We look forward to meeting you all and welcoming you into school.



### Staffing 24/25 The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools (Giggleswick Primary School)

**Executive Headteacher:** Mrs Maddocks

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

**SENDCo:** Mrs Jones

**Harrison Class -Teacher:** Mrs Haynes (Supported by Mrs Clay, Mrs Vickery & Mrs Chapman)

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

**Tems Class - Teacher:** Miss Mounsey & Miss Preston (Supported by Miss Bousfield)

**Midday Supervisors (MSA):** Mrs Clay & Mr Combes

**Federation Business Manager:** Mrs Middleton

**School Administrator:** Mrs Jarrom

**School Cook:** Miss Knowles

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

**School Cleaner:** Mr Tindale

### Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School

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

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Miss Rachel Mounsey, Mrs Haynes & Miss Rachel Houghton.

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

July 2024

Whole School Attendance

Giggleswick Primary School: 95.8%



## House Keeping and General Information

**The School Day:** Breakfast Club: 8am - 8.45am (Monday to Friday); Start of day: 8.45am; Lunch: 12pm - 1pm (Including play-time); Home-time: 3.30pm; After School Club: 3.30 - 5.00pm (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday). For booking please use School-Money. If parents are running late and we haven't heard from you, your child/ren will automatically be booked in with our After School Care provision until you can get here. Please remember to bring in PE kits on Mondays, to be collected on Fridays each week, or left in school for the half term.

**SchoolMoney (we are a cashless school):** For our current parents, we hope that any outstanding payments due were cleared during the summer holidays. If you have anything still outstanding, we kindly ask if this can be paid in full as soon as possible (as a matter of urgency, as all pupils should now have a £0 balance on their individual account). Thank you. Guidance on SchoolMoney is available on our website and you can also contact school if you need any assistance.



**Milk:** All pupils under the age of 5 are entitled to free school milk, once they become 5 there is a small charge. If you would like your Reception child to have milk please let the office know if you haven't already done so. We also offer milk to our Y1 pupils. The cost is 20p a day, to be paid half termly through School-Money.



**Annual Consents:** Instead of your being sent an Admin Pack to complete, this year you should have received a link to our new Annual Consent form. Please complete the form, one per child, as soon as possible, so we can update our records with any changes. This should be received in due course.



**Friends of Giggleswick Primary School:** For our new families who have recently become part of our school, we are very proud of our Friends of Giggleswick Primary School. They are very active in supporting the school both financially and socially, through fundraising and events through the year, enabling us to enhance the education of our pupils through visits, resources and treats that wouldn't otherwise be possible. If you are interested in becoming involved, please don't hesitate to let us know. A big thank you to all of our families who make these fundraising events so successful — we couldn't do this without you!



**School Dropping off & Picking up:** Please don't park directly outside school for dropping off and picking up your child/children. The Village is very busy with lots of cars parked and driving through at all times. Please keep to the 20mph through the Village at all times.

Our aim is to keep everyone as safe as possible — thank you.



**Clothing & Book Bags:** Please label clothing to avoid uniforms being mixed up. We recommend Velcro shoes for our little ones. Please do not let your child/ren bring toys or objects into school or in their book bags, especially in Tens Class, as their book bags need to fit into a slim tray. The only things the children need on a daily basis are: coat, water bottle with WATER (no juice please) and any extra clothing kits, eg PE/swimming. This also includes packed lunches if they do not wish to have lunches provided by school. Our school dinners are very popular and ingredients are locally sourced and all of the meals are cooked fresh on site each day.



**Swimming:** Swimming blocks per class, will start this week for Years 4, 5 & 6 and will gradually filter through to each class, down to our youngest pupils in the summer term. Pupils are to bring swimming kits with them each Thursday, including a towel (swimming goggles are optional and are the responsibility of the pupil). Please remove any earrings/watches/jewellery on swimming days. Swimming lessons are kindly paid for by The Brentwood Trust.



**Celebration Assemblies:** These will take place each Friday at **9am**. You are invited to join us to celebrate your children's achievements each week. Please arrive and leave by Reception and sign in and wear a visitor lanyard on arrival.



**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.

**The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board**

Mrs Catherine Maddocks: Executive Headteacher

Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley

Vice Chair: Rev Sue McWhinney

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**Leavers' Assembly 2024**





# Parent/Carer Support Group

## Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday  
17th September



10:30am or  
7:30pm



Held on Zoom

Please email the  
address below

### THIS MONTHS TOPIC: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: ANXIETY



In this months Parent Support Group, we will be covering anxiety, specifically understand 'worry' and strategies that can be used to support your child or young person if you have noticed how frequent worrying has impacted them.

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Acorn Dental Clinic

NHS & PRIVATE DENTISTRY

*Acorn Dental Clinic*

*Unit 4, Acorn Business Park, Skipton, BD23 2UE*

*Tel: 01756 709769*

Dear Parent/Carer,

Acorn Dental Clinic is a caring and popular dental Practice in Skipton, offering NHS and private general and cosmetic dentistry for all the family. Our experienced and dedicated dental team offers the highest treatment standards to help patients smile with confidence.

**Acorn Dental Clinic are pleased to announce that we are now accepting children aged 17 years and younger through the NHS. This is for a limited period only and there are also limited spaces available. We advise that parents/carers contact the Practice as soon as possible on 01756 709769.**

Alternatively, we encourage parents/carers to send a brief email to [reception@acordentalclinic.co.uk](mailto:reception@acordentalclinic.co.uk), including your name and the best contact number to call you back on. Our Reception Team will promptly give you a call back.

We have a friendly team of highly experienced dentists, hygienists and support staff who are passionate about our services, and who will aim to make children's visits as stress free as possible.

Our ethos at Acorn Dental Clinic is based on prevention. Therefore, we encourage all children to be registered at a dental Practice, and to attend for regular visits at least twice a year. This helps in identifying tooth decay, gum disease and early signs of oral cancer. We believe that early diagnosis is the key to the cure!

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to their first appointment with us.

Yours faithfully,

Amira Noor

Practice Manager

Acorn Dental Clinic





## 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



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