



Hellifield Community 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 starters (Reception Pupils) in Acorn Class, who are all looking very smart in their school uniform and are bursting with enthusiasm!

As you know, Mrs Williams has joined us as our new Acorn class teacher, and she is being supported by Mrs Fortune, who has moved to the school from Long Preston. Also joining the school is Susan Ward, who is sharing teaching duties with Mrs Shaw, in Saplings Class. I am sure you will join us in giving all of our new staff a very warm welcome to our school and the Federation when you see them on the school playground at the end of the day.



Dates for Diaries 2024

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

Wednesday 4th September	Start of term for pupils (except Reception children)
Thursday 5th September	Start of term for Reception children
Tuesday 11th September	Swimming at Settle Swimming Pool Years 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday, 17th September	Meet the Teacher — 3.35-4.15pm
Friday 27th September	Flu Nasal Vaccination NHS Team attending school. Consent to be given online.
Friday 27th September	McMillan Coffee event — more details to follow
TBC	Harvest Festival
Friday 25th October	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 4th November	Start of term for pupils
Wednesday 6th November	Swimming at Settle Swimming Pool Years 4, 5 & 6
Friday 20th December	School closes at 3.30pm for the Christmas holidays
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Start of term for pupils

Meet the Teacher : On Tuesday, 17th 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 3.30pm – 4pm
- Session 2 – Start time 4.15pm – 4.45pm

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 (Team Hellifield)

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Mounsey & Miss Houghton

SENDCo: Mrs Jones

Acorn Class -Teacher: Mrs Williams & Mrs Jones (Thurs pm) (Supported by Mrs Fortune)

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

Oak Class - Teacher: Miss Sargison & Mrs Jones (Wed pm) (Supported by Mrs Dawson)

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

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

School Administrator (temporary): Mrs Wearden

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Mrs. Eggleston

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.



July Whole School

Attendance

96.25%

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 Care: Runs from the end of the school day to 5.30pm (Monday to Thursday). For booking, either to the Breakfast Club or After School Care, please use SchoolMoney. 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 Monday, 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, however we also offer milk to all pupils throughout the school at a cost of 20p a day, to be paid half termly through SchoolMoney. Please email the school office at office@hellifield.n-yorks.sch.uk to let us know if you want your child to have milk at playtime, even if your child/ren has been provided with milk previously. If your child is funded for Free School Meals (NOT Universal Free School Meals), we can provide this, but please still contact us to let us know if you haven't already.



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.



Friends of Hellifield: For our new families who have recently become part of our school, we are very proud of our Friends of Hellifield Team (PTA). 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 and we can pass on your details and the Friends team can let you know when the next AGM is. **A big thank you to all of our families who make these fundraising events so successful — we could not do this without you!**



School Parking: We do have parking at the front of the school with limited spaces available, as this is used for staff and Chipmonks Day Nursery. Please continue to be considerate to our neighbours at the back of the school during drop off and pick up times. If you are driving, could you please park at the end of the road and try to avoid turning round by the gate to avoid congestion. Please do not let your child/ren scoot or cycle on the car park at the front of the school, as cars are coming in and going out throughout the day. Please only use the disabled parking space if you have a permit. 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 Acorn 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 in (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 Wednesday, including a towel (swimming goggles are optional and are the responsibility of the pupil). Please remove any earrings/watches/jewellery on swimming days. Transport will be provided by Bibbys of Ingleton and we will be leaving school after lunch on Wednesdays. Swimming tuition and transportation is provided by Sports Premium Funding.



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.



Class Assembly

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

Co-opted Governor: Rev James Rodley

Foundation Governor: Mrs Emmy Hodgson

Foundation Governor Mrs Christine Padley

Parent Governor: Mr Carl Shuttleworth

Parent Governor Mrs Laura Boyd

Staff Governor Mrs Paula Clay

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Mr Andrew Bradley: Health and Safety Link Governor



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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)



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, 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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