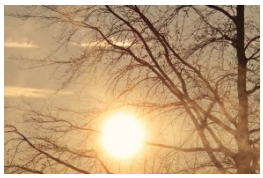
Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter

February

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

Welcome to our **February Newsletter.** We are hoping the weather will be kinder to us this month than last and we are very much looking forward to the lighter evenings which are on the horizon. It is great to be back at Settle Swimming Pool as our Year 2 and 3 pupils are enjoying their swimming tuition and are making steady progress.





Forensic Science Day: Last month we held a Science Day across our three schools with the children becoming amateur CSI investigators. They were each given the scenario of trying to find out who had committed the dastardly crime of breaking Mrs Maddock's favourite stapler! The children were split into their Houses so the year groups worked together, examining a footprint, fingerprints and other vital clues left by the culprit.

By the end of the session the junior sleuths had followed all of the clues and were able to reveal that the guilty staff member was … Mrs Jarrom!

It was great to see the children working together, using a variety of scientific techniques, and being so enthusiastic in solving the crime. Thank you to Miss Sargison, at Hellifield, for planning the day and to all of our staff for their support.

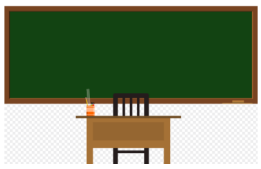
World Book Day: World Book Day is just a few weeks away (**Thursday, 6th March**) and as usual pupils are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book of their choice or in their pyjamas (additional layers may be needed if coming in pyjamas) and appropriate footwear please. Dressing up or coming in pyjamas is optional.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Please do not spend lots of money on costumes, the more creative, the better!

On the day, Reception and Year 1 children from across the Federation are going to meet at Giggleswick Primary School for a special visit to the local library (information to follow).

A World Book Day book token will be given to each child on World Book Day. We are very much looking forward to this event as we always have such a super day (staff are also welcome to dress up!).



Attendance: Law changes which came into effect from 19th August 2024 mean that the cost of Penalty Notices has increased. Penalty charges are now £160 if paid within 28 days, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days per parent/carer per child.

The **National Framework for Penalty Notices** introduces a **new national limit** of **two** penalty notices that can now be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period. If a second Fixed Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, within three years of the first Fixed Penalty Notice, the second Fixed Penalty Notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

Once two Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued, if a third unauthorised leave of absence occurs within a three-year period, the Local Authority is able to move to prosecution immediately.

More information about this can be found on the Federation's website: attendance-code-of-conduct.pdf



January 2024 - Whole School Attendance

Giggleswick Primary School: 96.04%

Dates for Diaries 2025 *(Please note diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)*

Wednesday 12th February	Swimming Gala Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
Thursday 13th February	Craven Cross Country Final at GJS
Friday 14th February	School closes at 3.30pm for half-term
Monday 24th February	School re-opens to pupils
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 18th March	TAG Rugby Festival Y3/Y4 & Y5/Y6
Wednesday 19th March (pm)	Crucial Crew Event Y6 (information to follow)
Thursday 20th March	Parent consultations
Friday 4th April	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	School re-opens to pupils
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday
W/c Monday 12th May	SATS Week Y6
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st May	East Barnby Residential Trip Y6
Wednesday 21st May	Kwik Cricket Festival Settle CC Y3/Y4 & Y5/Y6
Friday 23rd May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 2nd June	School re-opens to pupils
Monday 9th June	Sports Day
Thursday 19th June	Rounders Tournament Ingleton PC

This is what we've been getting up to:


















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)

Foundation Governors: Mrs Emmy Hodgson and Mrs Christine Padley

Parent Governors: Mrs Laura Boyd and Mrs Ruth Taylor

Staff Governor: Mrs Paula Clay

Co-opted Governor and SEND Link Governor: Mr Carl Shuttleworth

Safeguarding and Attendance Link Governor: Rev Sue McWhinney

EYFS Link Governor: Mrs Christine Padley

Health and Safety Link Governor: Mr Andrew Bradley

Pupil and Staff Wellbeing: Mrs Laura Boyd

The following policies and reports have been agreed by the Federation Governing Board:

- Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Policy
- SEND Information Report January 2025
- Separated Parents Policy
- School Uniform Policy
- Single Equality Scheme Policy

The next meeting of the Federation Governing Board will be held on 24th March 2025.

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: Giggleswick Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Miss Rachel Mounsey, Mrs Haynes 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 : Giggleswick Primary School

SLT

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Mounsey & Miss Houghton

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Tems Class Teacher: Miss Mounsey (Supported by Miss Bousfield)

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

Harrison Class Teacher: Mrs Haynes (Supported by Mrs Clay & Mrs Vickery)

PE Teacher: Mrs Mercer

Midday Supervisor (MSA): Mrs Clay & Mr Combes

School Administrator: Mrs Jarrom

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Miss Knowles **Dining Room Assistant:** Mr Combes

School Cleaner: Mr Tindale



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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.

Healthy Minds

Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership

ACTasONE

NHS Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust

Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health

Tuesday 25th February

10:30am or 7:30 pm

Held on MS Teams

Please email the address below

THIS MONTHS TOPIC:

LIVING A HEALTHIER LIFE WITH YOUR CHILD: WITH MY LIVING WELL SERVICE

Are the demands of modern life a barrier to you and your family living a healthier life? Do you want to know the connections between food, being active and our mental wellbeing? Do you want to discuss healthy living with your child and/or family but not sure where to start? Join this session for support around living healthy, the barriers, difficulties and challenges this may bring.

LIVING WELL

mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



FEBRUARY CAMPS 2025

Awarded LTA UK Club of the Year | Reception to Age 12

TENNIS | FOOTBALL | MULTISPORTS



Mon, 17 Feb - Fri, 21 Feb 2025

9:00am - 3:30pm

£25 per day / £125 per week

FREE Early drop-off | 8:30am - 9am

Late pick up | 3:30pm - 5pm | £5 per day

Ages 4 (reception) to 12 yrs

SCAN TO BOOK

UNRIVALLED FACILITIES:

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

Skipton, Sandylands

HOLIDAY CAMP
Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th February

GOAL KEEPER CAMP
Wednesday 19th February

Keighley, Marley

HOLIDAY CAMP
Friday 21st February



Individual Days Available
Early drop off / late pick up etc

For bookings visit
www.**soccerhub.org.uk/camps/**

Rock Climbing Clubs 2025

Since 2021, we've been teaching young people how to become independent climbers. From **knot tying** to **belaying**, **bouldering** to **lead climbing** we progress through the essential skills both Indoor and Out, developing self confidence to fitness in a long-term hobby.



Novices: Wednesday - 17:00-19:00, Silsden Primary
Friday - 17:00-19:00, Silsden Primary
Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Climbing Hub/Ilkley
Saturday - 11:30-13:30 or 13:45-15:45, Ermysted's
Sunday - 9:30-11:30 or 11:45-13:45, Ermysted's

Advanced: Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Ilkley/Climbing

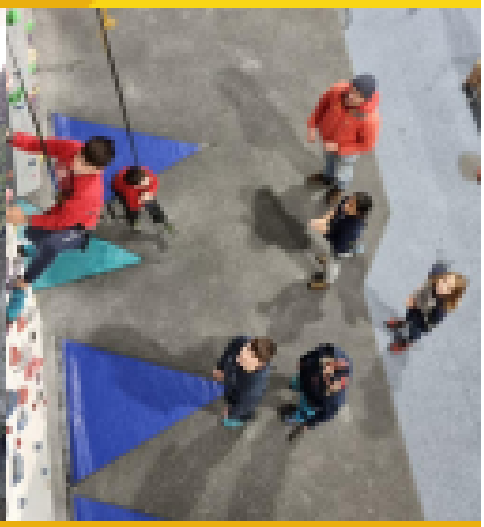
Ages: 11-16 (Silsden) 8-14 (Ermysted's) 8-17 (The Climbing Hub)

£16.00-29.50 per session

"THE CLIMBING SESSIONS NOT ONLY HELP WITH PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO ARE BRILLIANT FOR BUILDING CONFIDENCE."







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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.

£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)

The Climbing Hub, Bradford: 18th, 19th or 20th February

The Big Depot, Leeds: 17th February

Times: 10:00am-4.00pm

Childcare Vouchers accepted for The Climbing Hub







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