Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter

January

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

Welcome to our January Newsletter and to the start of 2025 and our new term…although with last week's wintery weather, Spring felt a long way off! We hope you were all able to have a restful Christmas and that the children have had the opportunity to relax and get ready to start another exciting year of learning. We are pleased that we have already seen a very positive start to the new term with the children being enthusiastic about their learning.



Thank you to everyone who came to the Nativity 'Born In A Barn'. St Alkelda's was packed as usual and we really do have some stars in the making. Well done to all those who took part! It is always good to see so many parents, grandparents and friends join us at this special time of year.






Travelling Nativity: Thank you to those families who took part in our travelling nativity and for the comments and pictures that were added to the accompanying book. The comments were lovely to read and it looks like both the children and their families found hosting it a rewarding experience. We'll look to make this a fixture of our Advent activities in the years to come.



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 accounts 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 also be booking Before/After School Club places in advance via your child's individual School Money account.

Absences: If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us by email or by telephoning school (you can also leave a voicemail). 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 a child is absent and we cannot get hold of a parent. This is why it is it 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 if 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 to miss 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.



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

Monday 6th January	Teacher Inset day
Tuesday 7th January	Start of Sping term for pupils
Thursday 9th January	Alkelda Class swimming lessons start
Tuesday 14th January	Cross Country for Y3—Y6 at Ingleton PS
Thursday 23rd January	Catteral Shield Cross Country
Wednesday 12th February	Swimming Gala Y3—Y6
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
Wednesday 19th March	Crucial Crew Y6
Thursday 20th March	Parent consultations
Friday 4th April	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Summer term for pupils
Monday 5th May	May Day - school closed
W/c Monday 12th May	Y6 SATS Week
Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st May	East Barnby Residential Y6
Friday 23rd May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term

December 2024
Whole School Attendance

97.17%



This is what we've been getting up to:










Congratulations to all our Cross Country runners at Ingleton PS. They all showed incredible team spirit and enthusiasm





Sienna Bousfield-Evans Y5 has qualified for the National Schools Biathlon Championships to be held at Bath University in March. From Sienna's qualifying times in the North West heats, she is ranked 31st nationally out of the top 80 qualifiers, representing Giggleswick Primary School. Well done Sienna!



Illness reminder: Parents and carers are reminded that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode. Full guidance on infection control in schools can be found here:
Guidance_on_infection_control_in schools_poster.pdf



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 next meeting of the Federation Governing Board will be held on 3rd February 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 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 & Miss Preston (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 & Mrs Chapman)

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

To follow 'The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools' via X (formerly known as Twitter) - please go to '@FedRibblesdale' This is a protected account and only confirmed followers will have access to the Tweets and our complete profile. We also have our school Facebook page and lots of information available vis our website: https://ribblesdalefed.n-yorks.sch.uk/

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 21st January

10:30am or 7:30 pm

Held on MS Teams

Please email the address below

THIS MONTHS TOPIC:

AUTISM AND MENTAL HEALTH



At this months Parent Support Group we will be discussing the relationship between Autism and mental health, how we can support children with Autism who are struggling with Mental Health challenges

mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority

NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

York & North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning

Have your say on local police and fire and rescue funding

We're setting the funding for both the North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service for 2025/2026.

Before we make decisions, we want to hear your views first.

Consultation closes 20 January 2025.



YourPoliceAndFire.com



Wednesdays 17:00 - 18:00 (starting 8th January)

Sandylands, Skipton

Head to www.soccerhub.org.uk/book-now/ to book your first sessions, or contact us to find out more, Olivia.soccerhub@gmail.com

#LET GIRLS PLAY

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) 8-12 (Ermysted's) 8-17 (The Climbing Hub)

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

£20.00-27.50 per session



Book online or contact us via email

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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, 10:00am-4.00pm
Times: 10:00am-4.00pm
Childcare Vouchers accepted for The Climbing Hub



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