Hellifield Community Primary School Newsletter

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome to our **January Newsletter**. We hope that you have all had a restful Christmas and that the children have recharged their batteries and are raring to go for the start of a new term. We would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year as we look forward to what is in store for us throughout 2022.

We would like to welcome Mrs D Tulley to our team. Mrs Tulley has been working with pupils in Sapling Class. She has lots of experience in working in schools across the Dales! Thank you to everyone who supported the Children in Need event last term, we raised £78.95. We also raised £49.60 for Christmas Jumper Day. Well done to everyone involved!

Life is like a camera
Just focus on what's important
capture the good times
develop from the negatives
and if things don't turn out
— TAKE ANOTHER SHOT

Reporting Absences, Attendance & School Queries

We kindly ask if your child is absent from school, please can you let us know as soon as possible. You can contact us via email or leave a message on our answer machine. We do need a reason for all absences or they will be recorded as unauthorised and this could trigger a fine. If your child has been ill at school and you have had to see a GP / visited a Health Centre or in the worst case scenario, visited A&E following on from them being at school, please can you let us know, as we need to log any after care following on from incidents / illnesses that may have started at school. Any holidays taken in term time will be logged as unauthorised, 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) for holiday leave may trigger a fine. Each term we monitor individual attendance and will be in touch where there are concerns.

If you have any queries in relation to a school matter, we kindly ask if you can please contact school directly, rather than posting your query on Facebook, as this may cause confusion.

Be Weather Ready!

Due to the cold weather at present, please make sure that pupils come to school with a waterproof coat and warm accessories. We are also encouraging pupils to regularly wash their hands, in line with Covis risk assessments. It is extremely rare for us to close because of the weather and this will only be in the interests of health and safety for staff and pupils. If weather conditions deteriorate during the school day and there is a need for early closure, we will send parents a text message and notification will be on the website if possible. Following the email we sent out at the end of last term, please ensure that we have up to date contact numbers for you as we are still waiting on a small number of Admin packs to be returned.

School Money

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. As you can appreciate, we aim to stay within our school budget and outstanding arrears can put a strain on our finances. By checking you child's account regularly, you also avoid a large bill accumulating. For our Year 3 & 4 pupils, we will be adding the outstanding £90 (For The Nell Bank Residential) on to School Money this term, which can be paid in instalments to spread the cost.

Dates for Diaries 2021/221	
(Please note diary dates may change due to Covid-19 and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)	
Monday 3rd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4th January	Teacher INSET Day
Wednesday 5th January	Start of term for pupils
Friday 18th February	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 28th February	Start of term for pupils
Friday 8th April	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Friday 15th & Monday 18th 0f April	Bank Holidays
Monday 25th April	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 26th April	Start of term for pupils
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
9th to 11th of May	Year 3 & 4 pupils at Nell Bank (Details to follow)
Friday 27th May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 30th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 6th June	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 7th June	Start of term for pupils
Friday 22nd July	School closes at 3.30pm for the summer holidays

December Whole School Attendance: 93.53%

We need you!

We are still in need of volunteers to join the Friends of Hellifield Team. If you would like to help, please do get in touch. We do not want this much needed resource to disappear due to lack of support/volunteers and every pupil in our school has benefited in some way from their efforts! Our Bag-2-School collection raised £46.50.

The Hellifield C.P. School Nativity 2021

We are aiming to share our wonderful school Nativity 'Prickly Hay' with you as soon as all consents have been returned to school. Updates will follow.

Poppy Appeal Update

Thank you to those who contributed to our Poppy Appeal at the end of last year. With your help we raised £53.85!

To follow 'The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools' via Twitter - please go to '**@FedRibblesdale**'

This is a protected account and only confirmed followers will have access to the Tweets and our complete profile.

Please help our followers to grow!

Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Hellifield C.P. School

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The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools Vision

'Do everything in love' (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Across our federation, and within our caring Christian community, we understand that each child travels through our schools only once yet always remains a part of our school family.

As they journey, we hope to furnish them with the courage to show **respect** and compassion towards self and others and the wider world we live in.

We celebrate the joy and opportunities for resilience **friendship** brings whilst developing an understanding of all that they are, and all they aspire to be.

We encourage a sense of intellectual curiosity rooted in **kindness** and established through critical thinking, reflection on and sharing of the knowledge they acquire.

We prepare them for the next stage in their journey with **love**: a love of learning, a love of life and a love of being the difference they wish to see in our world.