

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

A warm welcome to the final Newsletter of this academic year and what a year it has been! We would like to thank everyone who is part of our Federation team for everything they have had to do in facing the challenges of this global pandemic. It has not been an easy task and our pupils have (as ever) shown resilience and positivity, always arriving at school with a happy face and a beaming smile! We would like to thank our parents for their support and would like to reiterate the importance of keeping in touch with us directly if you need any clarification on school related matters.

We miss our school volunteers and hope it won't be long until they can be back in school with us. We'd like to thank Mr Gibbons, our Chair of Governors, and all governors for everything they have done voluntarily for our Federation over the past academic year. We wish our wonderful Y6 pupils well during their transition to Year 7 (**Please keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on!**). It's been wonderful for our team to watch you grow and progress through this phase of your education and we are confident that you will do well during your time at your new school. We also look forward to getting to know our new reception pupils.

We look forward to MissTulley joining our team in September (Robins Class) and I'm sure you will make her feel most welcome; we are all looking forward to getting to know her. Finally, please continue to follow Government guidelines throughout the summer holidays as this will help us to keep our loved ones safe during the months of July and August. Have a safe and happy summer from all the team at The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools!



Dates for Diaries 2021

(Please note diary dates may change due to Covid-19)

Tuesday 6th July	Swimming Year 3 & 4 (Last session)
Wednesday 7th July	Robins Trip to Nell Bank
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th (am)	Bikeability Year 5
Tuesday 13th (pm)	Sports Day
Wednesday 14th	Bikeability Year 6
Wednesday 21st	Talent Show
Thursday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers lunch (Pupils only)
Friday 23rd July	Leavers Assembly School finishes for the Summer holiday at 3.30pm
Monday 26th July	Staff Inset Day
Monday 6th September	Staff Inset Day
Tuesday 7th September	Start of term

Free School Meal Assistance

As stated in previous correspondence, we wish to remind our families that all Key Stage 1 pupils (Reception to Year 2) are automatically funded for **Universal Free School Meals**. This is not the same as **Free School Meals**, as this funding must go through the process of an application form which is to be completed by a parent or carer. If your financial circumstances have recently changed and you feel that you may be eligible for this funding, application forms are available to be downloaded from our school website via the parental section.

Alternatively you can ask for the form/s from our school office in paper format (which will be treated as confidential). We are happy to assist with the form/s and email them back to NYCC to help speed up the application process. Please telephone or email if you would like any further assistance with this, as we are happy to offer support or guidance if needed.

June Whole School Attendance 97.12 %



Robins



Recently for Empathy Day, Robins Class discussed ways we can show empathy and created their own empathy resolutions.

On the 2nd July Robins took part in the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Creature Count as part of our project with Mount Olympus School in India. We are looking forward to finding out which animals they found in their local area and how they are similar and different to ours!

We also took part in the BBC Big Bee Challenge on the 5th July. We learnt about the importance of bees and what makes a good bee habitat. They designed a bee friendly garden and posters to advertise the competition.

7th July was Robin's trip to Nell Bank - We are so proud of how amazing Robins were on the trip. We had a wonderful time learning about different creatures' habitats, minibeast hunts, pond dipping and water play. Well done everyone for representing Long Preston so brilliantly.



Owls Trip to Bolton Abbey

On Friday 25th June, we went to Bolton Abbey. Sadly, it was a bit wet but other than that it was fun. We learnt how to tell the difference between some trees by looking at the leaves. My partner and I had a little booklet with all the different leaves on it. We were in a big field with lots of different trees. After that we learnt how to measure trees with a pencil and other equipment. It's hard to explain but it was fun. **Alice and Emma**

On the 25th of June, Owls went on a class trip to Bolton Abby. It was one of my favourite trips I have already had in my years at Long Preston, definitely. When we got on the bus, I could tell everybody was very excited. We could feel the buzz. When we arrived, we met a lady called Amy and she was one of the people helping us but first we split into groups, Y3+4 and Y5+6. Year 5+6 first went with Ms Ward identifying trees for example sycamore, birch, copper beach and other types of trees. Then we moved on to working



with Amy, measuring how old trees are and how tall trees are. The way we did this was we got a pencil and lined it up with a tree so that the bottom of the pencil was in line with the bottom of the tree and the top of the pencil was in line with the top of the tree. Then you put the pencil on its side and told a friend to move to the end then measured from your friend to the tree. Next, we had lunch and I had a tuna sandwich. Finally, we had a look at the beautiful ruins of the Abbey then moved across the river and played some football. My favourite part of the day was FOOD! **By Noah**



Talent Show

In the last week of the school term, we are holding a talent show instead of our school play. We held a vote and concluded that school talent show would suit everyone. (The other schools in the federation have also decided not to do a school play.) We are expecting a wide range of performances including piano pieces and drum solos. Even the teachers are getting involved! We're looking forward to a very fun day. **By Reuben**

As most of us know, near the end of the school year, the Owls class have a production or play. However, this year, because we cannot have an audience, we have had a vote and by a large majority we are going to do a talent show. Many children are doing something, for example dancing, singing or something else. This gives everybody the chance not to have to do something if they don't want, or to do something special with friends. Another reason is that some people don't like being recorded or being in front of a large audience, which would be uncomfortable for them. We are expecting many talents to be shown. **By Alexander**

Keeping Safe (Learn the Underwear Rule)

Following on from Our June Newsletter, in which our focus was on line safety and how we interact on social media, this month we would like to bring to your attention a campaign called PANTOSARUS or PANTS. Under normal circumstances we would have had a scheduled session in which the NSPCC attend our school and deliver a workshop on this topic. Unfortunately due the pandemic that has not been able to happen, but this topic has been covered in class by our teachers. We ask if parents can openly talk to their child in relation to the topic of private parts being private! No one should ask to see your private parts unless

this is a nurse or a family doctor as your body belongs to you!



The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools now has a Twitter account '@FedRibblesdale' This is a protected account and only confirmed followers will have access to the Tweets and our complete profile. **Please follow us on Twitter as our numbers continue to grow!**

Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Long Preston Primary School (Part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools)

