

### A message from Miss Ward

Welcome to our **March Newsletter**. We have had a busy time across our federation, including our recent Ofsted inspection at Long Preston, the result of which we are delighted with. It really was a whole team effort, with staff from each of our schools joining in the support and preparation for the one day visit.

The children joined pupils from our other schools for the Farm to Fork topic day (more details below).

Thank you to Hellifield for being our hosts. Our classrooms are looking amazing, with artwork adorning the walls of each class. We can't wait until we can invite our families back into school so you can see your children's incredible work and the beautiful classrooms where this is done. Parents' evenings in March will still take place over the phone, but we will plan a date when you can take a look at your children's books and visit our wonderful classes.



### A Wonderful Get Together:

We would like to thank all those involved in making our February Federation Days such fun! It was lovely to see our pupils across The Federation enjoying the great outdoors during our time with Rachel and her team from The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. Pupils enjoyed planned education activities in the beautiful outdoor space of Hellifield C.P. School. Despite the cold, everyone had lots of fun learning through an outdoor event!



### Farm to Fork:

**Robins Class** had an amazing day at Hellifield School with the federation learning about where our food comes from for our 'Farm to Fork' topic. We explored different types of soils and what to look for to check the soil is healthy - we got to make mud shakes! We then became 'Nature Detectives' and explored the wood for mini beasts and made our own out of clay. We made our own mini-meadows which have been growing very well in school, after we have recorded our findings in our plant diaries these will be sent home for you to plant in your garden.



**Starlings Class** Starlings Class met with Class 2 from Giggleswick and Hellifield at Hellifield Primary School for an introduction to our Farm to Fork topic. Members from the Yorkshire Dales National Park taught us about how soil is necessary for the production of milk. We went through the stages of cows eating grass, being milked, bottled and distributed to shops for us to buy – Parlour to Arla!



**Owls Class** We enjoyed our 'Farm to Fork' visit to Hellifield School, even though it was a little chilly. The team from Yorkshire Dales National Park had organised a range of activities to help us think about soil quality and health, including mini-beast hunting and identification, soil separation to identify the different 'ingredients' and a variety of scientific tests that gardeners and farmers might use on their land/soil.



### Dates for Diaries 2022 (Please note diary dates may change due to Covid-19 and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)

Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Thursday 3rd March	SDA Sports Academy After School Session 3.30 to 4.30pm
Thursday 3rd March	Year 5 & 6 Rescheduled Edinburgh Experience Information Evening 6.00pm (via zoom) link to follow
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th March	Rachel in the Dales Pottery Workshop at H.C.P.S (More information to follow)
Wednesday 16th March	SATS Information Evening (via zoom) More information to follow
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
W/C 21st March	Parental Consultation Week via telephone (More information to follow)
Tuesday 5th April	Easter Service (2pm with Rev. Sue)
Friday 8th April	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter
Friday 15th & Monday 18th 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
9th to the 12th of May	KS 2 SATS week (More information to follow)
Friday 27th May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
2nd & 3rd of June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays
Monday 6th June	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 7th June	Start of term for pupils
8th to 10th June	Edinburgh Experience (Years 5 & 6)
Friday 22nd July	School closes at 3.30pm for the summer holidays



**February Whole School Attendance: 95.3%**



### Comic Relief - Red Nose Day (18.03.22):

This year we will be supporting Red Nose Day and with your help we can make a difference to those who need it most! We will be selling Red Noses at school. These can be obtained by putting a donation of £1.50 on your child's School Money account and we will then make sure that a Red Nose will come your way. This will be on a first come first served basis, we have enough red noses for one per pupil in the first instance. This payment will be set up as 'voluntary' and will show as £1.50 on your child's School Money account. You have the option of making a larger donation if you wish and we will make sure that every penny raised will go to this worthy cause. If you do not want a Red Nose, you can still make a donation!



### Teacher Appointments:

If you would like to speak to a teacher, we kindly ask if you can make an appointment (in advance) with a member of our Federation admin team. We will try our best to book a telephone consultation with you as soon as we can or you can come back at the end of the day when teachers have finished teaching (Thank you).



### Free School Meal Funding:

If your financial circumstances have recently changed, it is always worth considering applying for Free School Meal assistance via NYCC. Application forms are available via school website (<https://www.hellifield.n-yorks.sch.uk/free-school-meals-guidance-application-forms-1/>). If you would like us to assist with this, please ask. We can also email your application to the welfare team at NYCC. Each case will be treated as confidential. Paper copies of the application form can be printed for you. Every family had a copy of this sent home in their admin pack during the Autumn term.

This funding can also trigger financial support with: **School Trips & Residential, Wrap-Around-Care provision, After School Activity Clubs, and School Uniform.** If you would like to speak to NYCC School Welfare Team details are: Tel - 01609 533405 Email: [welfare@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:welfare@northyorks.gov.uk)



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*Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Long Preston EVA Primary School*

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**Here are some links which may be useful in supporting your child/children with questions that may be raised with reference to what is happening in the Ukraine.**

Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in the Ukraine (Child-net)

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

We should not hide from children what is happening in the Ukraine (Child-net)

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/we-should-not-hide-from-children-what-is-happening-in-ukraine/>

How to talk to children about what is happening in the Ukraine and World War Three (Anxiety - Metro)

<https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/>



.....We Pray for Peace....



# HOME START | SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE

TENNIS & MULTI SPORTS | 3-5 YRS

**FREE**



## TENNIS MULTI-SPORT FAMILY-FUN

- Option 1**  
Sunday mornings  
9.00 - 9.45am
- Option 2**  
Sunday mornings  
9.45 - 10.30am

**FUN** Play tennis & multi sport activities as a family to encourage healthy lifestyles  
**LEARN** New skills and games  
**WHEN?** Sessions start Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
**WHERE?** Indoors in Sandylands Sports Hall, Skipton  
**Open to all families in Craven** | Take home equipment to play at home  
 Each child must be 3-5 years old and have a parent, adult or teenage family member joining in. It is **FREE** to attend but you must commit to 6 sessions.

Call, Text or WhatsApp HomeStart Craven on **07585 232014** to book a place



## Be a Swap Rockstar!

- Scan** the barcode on your favourite foods
- Swipe** to see healthier choices
- Swap** next time you shop

## Can you make swaps?

Try colouring them in as you go\*

Name  has made 5 swaps and is a Swap Rockstar

\*Crayons work best. If you use felt tips make sure you allow time to dry.

## Find healthier swaps for the whole family

## Just scan, swipe, swap

Now it's your turn to try!

**Better Health** Let's do this

Download the **FREE NHS Food Scanner App**