

Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School

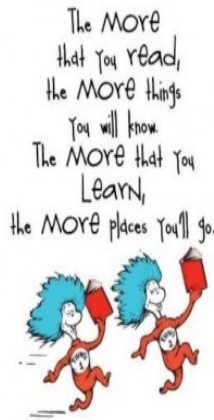


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Welcome to our **May Newsletter**. There has been lots happening since our last Newsletter across The Ribblesdale Federation. Thank you for your co-operation in supporting the smooth transition when entering the school grounds and leaving each day. Please remember to continue to socially distance during this time, in order to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can during this period of easing out of the national lockdown.

Due to the national lockdowns, statistics show that children are at a higher risk of being manipulated on line and via social media. Please read the information attached to this link (below) and have regular conversations with your children regarding keeping safe online. Thank you!

Keeping safe: <https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/>



Dates for Diaries 2021

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

Monday 3rd May	Bank holiday
Friday 28th May	School finishes for half term at 3.30pm
	Half term Holiday
Monday 7th June	Start of term
Friday 23rd July	School finishes for the Summer holiday at 3.30pm

Packed Lunches

We would like to remind our families that we expect our pupils to bring in a healthy and nut free packed lunch to school. If you would like to try a school dinner, we are extremely flexible; produce is sourced locally and everything is made from scratch on site. We kindly ask for two weeks notice if you would like to switch, as food orders are processed two weeks in advance.

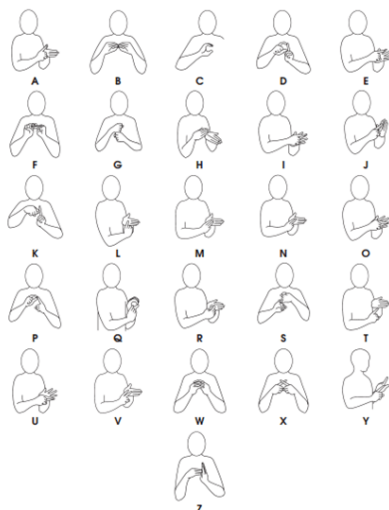
Packed lunches should not include: salty snacks such as crisps - instead seeds, vegetables and fruit with no added salt, sugar or fat. Confectionery such as chocolate bars, high sugar cereal bars, processed fruit bars and sweets. To support children with food allergies packed lunches should not contain whole/sliced eggs or egg filling in sandwiches/wraps. Sugary soft drinks, such as squash and fizzy drinks (even if labelled as 'sugar-free', 'no-added sugar' or 'reduced sugar' as these drinks can contribute to tooth decay and provide little nutritional value).

Please refer to the RFS Packed lunch Policy, which is on our school website, if you need further guidance.



Makaton

You will be aware that staff attended Makaton training during our last inset day. Makaton is a language programme that uses signs together with speech and symbols, to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention,



listening, comprehension, memory and expressive speech and language. You may be familiar with the CBeebies TV programme 'Something Special' which Makaton is demonstrated by Justin Fletcher. If you are interested, there are lots of resources on line. If you would like us to send you the Makaton sign sheet, so that you can practice at home - please get in touch.

Our friendly Worry Monsters are here to help!

We have a three new members who have joined The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools. We would like to introduce our family of Worry Monsters. They will help our pupils to acknowledge, express and let go of any anxieties they may have. If our pupils have any worries, they can simply write them down on a piece of paper and our Worry Monsters will eat their messages and help their worries disappear!



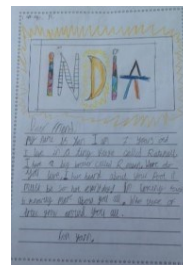
FOLPS

We are planning some exciting fundraising activities this term, including a raffle, cake sale, treasure hunt and hopefully a family rounders match before we break up in the summer. Please keep an eye out for more information via text or email!



India links

Last week, we started our first challenge for the Connecting Classrooms project with Mount Olympus school in India. In Robins Class, we have been learning about continents in Geography, so we used map knowledge to find India in Asia. Robins discussed the best ways we could contact the children in their school. Our favourite ideas were "write them a letter" and "paint a picture of Long Preston". Mrs Whitehead sent our work via email to the school in India. We are looking forward to hearing what they think and getting our replies!



Owls class have put together a PowerPoint slideshow about our school and village. The children worked in pairs to create one or more slides featuring photographs and a voiceover that the children wrote and recorded themselves. Lots of IT skills were in evidence and the children worked really well together.



Accordion Tuition

Due to us transitioning out of lockdown, we are now extremely happy to announce that Mr Hinchcliffe is available for Music Tuition across The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools. If you would like to take up this opportunity to learn music, please let us know or contact Craven School of Music via: cravenschoolofmusic@hotmail.co.uk

It is recommended that accordion can be started from age 5 years and upwards. Previously Mr Hinchcliffe has also offered other musical tuition at school. Everyone is welcome! *(Photo of Mr Hinchcliffe - from Keighley News)*



Cricket Tuition

We are now offering Cricket on a Thursday afternoon, in partnership with Settle Cricket Club. This has been very exciting for our children so far!



General safeguarding updates

Field safety

Please ensure your child is fully supervised when playing on the field at the end of the school day. We have had children becoming caught up in the football nets and climbing on tables in the outdoor classroom. The field as an option has replaced the risk of children playing on the roadside and children do require parent/carer supervision once school has ended. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Home time arrangements

We would like to ask all parents to inform the school office or class teacher if their child will be going home with another child's parents or with any other adult. If we do not hear from parents directly about changes to the home time routine, we cannot let children leave school with adults other than their usual carers. Please let us know in advance in writing or by calling school and leaving a message.

Sun protection



Now the weather is becoming warmer, please ensure children have a sun hat and a named bottle of water in school each day. On days where sun screen is needed, please use an all day cream before school or send your child with a named roll on or spray cream that they can manage independently. Our staff cannot put sun cream on children.

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 Endowed VA Primary School

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