



Hellifield Community Primary School



November

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

Welcome to our **November Newsletter**. We hope you all had a restful half term holiday and enjoyed this time relaxing and having fun (despite the rain!). We would like to say a big thank you to the team at Giggleswick Primary School for organising such a great day for our Reception and Year 1 pupils on the 22nd of October. This was to take part in the Puppet Extravaganza Event, which was led by Sita from Settle Stories. A fun day was had looking at a variety of puppets, including puppets created 100 years ago! We listened to stories linked to different characters and cultures. We enjoyed an indoor picnic and played in the sunshine. There was also the opportunity to form new friendships for the future. We are very much looking forward to our next Federation joint venture, it most certainly was a day to remember!



Dates for Diaries 2021/2022

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

Monday 1st November	Start of term for pupils
Tuesday 2nd November	Phonics Evening via Zoom for those who wish to attend (from 5.00pm onwards)
Tuesday 9th November	Swimming will resume for Year 5 & 6 pupils
Wednesday 10th November	Sponsored Walk (See letter for details)
Monday 15th November	Sapling & Oak Class Train Journey to Carnforth Station with a day at Carnforth Heritage Centre & Odd Socks Day
Friday 19th November	Children in Need 'Come As Yourself' with a small donation
Wednesday 24th November	Federation Open Evening for prospective new families 4 - 5pm (Now appointment only)
Friday 26th November	Flu Nasal Vaccine NHS Team attending school 1.00pm Consent to be given online (See previous email for details)
Tuesday 30th November	Hellifield Advent Service
Wednesday 1st December	Wear your Christmas jumper to school (Bring a donation more information to follow)
Wednesday 8th December	Hellifield C.P School Nativity
Thursday 9th November	Christmas Dinner for pupils
Friday 17th December	School closes at (3.30pm) for Christmas
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Teacher INSET Day
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Children return to school (Start of term for pupils)

Sapling and Oak Class - All Aboard the Bentham Line!

A big thank you to the team of the Bentham line who came into school on the 18th of October for a special afternoon of all things train connected. This event covered health and safety issues, discussing the topic of keeping safe when you live in a village near a railway crossing. There was also an opportunity to see a number of train memorabilia and artefacts, which was wonderful. Following on from this fun-filled presentation, the pupils will take part in a special railway trip on the Bentham line, departing from Hellifield Station (*see letter for details which will follow*).



Federation Sporting Achievements

On Thursday the 22nd of October we spent a wonderful morning with our fellow Federation Schools attending the Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Giggleswick School. A big thank you to Mrs Jones our PE lead and Mrs Mercer for organising this event. Thank you to Mrs Richardson (Giggleswick School Cook) for organising the half time cake, which gave us all an energy boost! We had the most amazing morning playing hockey in the beautiful autumn sunshine. Well done to all the pupils across The Ribblesdale Federation for demonstrating true sportsmanship. Overall we (Hellifield CP School) scored the most goals! Congratulations to Lola who was nominated as the Players' Player with Erin and Jamie coming joint second!



A New Home for Free!

Thank you to our families who purchased the Elderflower Cordial made last term. With the proceeds we have been able to purchase a Hedgehog House for our wildlife area within our beautiful school grounds! Acorn Class have set up the home and we do hope this space is occupied very soon for the winter. A big thank you to Mrs Jones and to those who joined the 'Working Garden Party' during the half term, your efforts are very much appreciated!

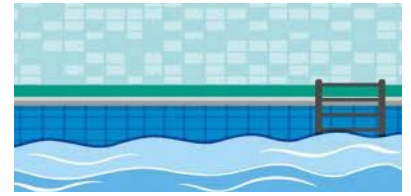


October Whole School Attendance 92.25%



Community News!

It has been wonderful to hear that Settle Swimming Pool have had the opportunity to upgrade their facilities; we have very much enjoyed hearing the pupils discuss how the venue has improved, benefitting our local community. Thank you to all the staff at the pool who are so helpful when we attend our swimming sessions! Swimming will resume from Tuesday the 9th of November. Please continue to follow the usual guidelines from this date regarding swimming kits.



Our Wonderful Outdoor Space

You will be noticing that the work outside is gradually coming together and we can not wait for this to be completed. It is going to be amazing for the children to spend lots of time outside enjoying our new state of the art play structure! We feel very lucky to have such a lovely playground bordering the Yorkshire Dales National Park.



Parental Consultations

Thank you for taking the time to speak to our team about the progress your child is making at school. We hope you found these sessions informative. Please continue to stay in touch with all things school related and ask if you need anything, as we are always happy to make the time for each and every one of our school families.



Wrap-Around-Care

If you are running late and we haven't heard from you, your child will automatically attend After School Club (not on a Friday). From 10 minutes onwards, you will be charged. As you can appreciate, this is the fairest way to cover staffing costs.



Illness and Absences

If your child is absent from school, please contact us as soon as possible giving a reason why. If your child is showing symptoms connected to Covid-19, please do a test as a precaution to keep everyone as safe as possible as there are still a high number of Covid-19 cases within our local community. Please also refer to our last Newsletter with reference to attendance guidance. If your child has sickness or a poorly tummy, they need to stay at home and be clear from the previous tummy upset for 48 hours. There have been cases of Chicken Pox within the local community recently, please see link below for advice and support (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox>).



Feeling Grateful

Thank you to our families who gave so generously during our Harvest Festival last term; your donations were greatly received by our local foodbank and these items will most definitely help those who may be struggling this winter. It was also lovely to sing as a school again during our Harvest celebrations, this is something we have definitely missed!



Community Updates (Park Avenue)

This is a firm reminder to please park at the end of Park Avenue and walk down to school. Please do not park near the school gates, as this space is needed for cars to turn around to avoid congestion. Please also be aware of your speed when driving to and from school. This is to keep all children safe when entering and leaving school. We would like our neighbours to know that we care about our local community and that everyone's safety is a priority. Registration details of drivers who pose a risk to our children will be monitored.



Our Worry Monster!

Whilst it may be cold outside, our wonderful Worry Monster is enjoying a much warmer climate with plenty of time to read your worries and help them on their way. Thank you to our pupils who have organised this tropical retreat, which is just lovely! As the colder weather is now approaching, please remember to come to school wearing a warm coat; pupils also need to bring in a named hat and gloves on colder days.



Friends of Hellifield (Event)

Wine & Cheese Evening, Saturday 20th November from 7.00pm at Hellifield Social Club, ticket £25.00 each available via Friends (friendsofhellifield@hotmail.com).



Remember, Remember the 5th of November!

If you are attending a Bonfire event this year, please have fun and stay safe and follow the **Firework code!**

Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used (and remember, alcohol and fireworks don't mix!). Children and young people should be supervised, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance. Follow these top 10 tips for a safer fireworks party:

Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and check the time you can legally set off fireworks

Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time

Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary

Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back

Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks

Never return to a firework once it has been lit

Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them

Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators

Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire

Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving

Pets should be indoors

Remember, remember the fifth of November of gunpowder treason and plot. I know of no reason why the gun powder treason should ever be forgot.



Odd Socks Day 2021

On Monday 15th of November we will be supporting Odd Socks Day! This marks the start of anti-bullying week. All we ask is that all pupils attend school wearing their odd socks to show how we are each different and unique! (No donations needed).



Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need this year on Friday the 19th of November.

For this event our theme is **Come As Yourself**. It will be a non-uniform day with a small donation (Thank you!).



Settle Rotary Club (Santa's planned dates for visiting villages connected to The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools)

On Saturday 27th November, Santa Claus will be in his Grotto at the Christmas Lights Switch-on in Settle Market Place (from 1.30 to 5.00pm). He will then tour the area, here are the date for our Federation Schools:

Monday November 29th Long Preston from 5.00pm
Tuesday November 30th Hellifield (North) from 5.00pm
Wednesday December 1st Hellifield (South) from 5.00pm
Wednesday December 8th Giggleswick from 5.00pm

Please follow the Settle Rotary Club Facebook page for dates in relation to other surrounding areas.



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

