



Hellifield Community Primary School



September

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

Welcome to our September Newsletter. We hope you had a lovely summer break and that everyone has had time to relax and recharge their batteries. We are very much looking forward to another super academic year and have lots planned across our Federation. We would like to say a big warm welcome to our new starters in Acorn Class, who are all looking very smart in their school uniform and bursting with enthusiasm! Miss Tulley has also joined our team and I am sure you will join us in giving her a very warm welcome when you see her on the school playground at the end of the day. Miss Tulley will be with us on Tuesdays, working in partnership with Mrs Cawood in Sapling Class. As some of you will already know, Miss Sargison is now teaching Years 5 and 6 in Oak Class. We will all very much cherish the moments we have with our current Year 6 pupils and prepare them as much as we can for their transition to Year 7 in 2022!



Dates for Diaries 2021

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

Monday 6th September	Staff Inset Day
Tuesday 7th September	Start of term for pupils
Tuesday 14th September (Last session Tuesday 19th October)	Swimming at Settle Swimming Pool Year 5 & 6 (5 sessions)
Tuesday 21st September	Puppet Extravaganza Reception & Year 1 pupils attending Giggleswick Primary School (See letter sent via email for details)
Friday 22nd October	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Autumn half term	
Sunday 31st October	Current Year 6 Deadline for Year 7 Application Forms (Please also see email) https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school
Monday 1st November	Start of term for pupils
Tuesday 9th November (Last session Tuesday 7th December 21)	Swimming at Settle Swimming Pool Year 5 & 6 (6 sessions)
Friday 20th November	Flu Nasal Vaccine NHS Team attending school. Consent to be given online (More information to follow)
Friday 17th December	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Christmas half term holiday	
July Whole School Attendance 94.9 %	



Outdoor learning

We also have some exciting news to share with you. During our Inset Day, staff had training on how we can run Forest School sessions. A Forest School is a long-term outdoor education process that is holistic and learner-led. It allows children to develop themselves through healthy engagement with risk, problem-solving and self-discovery, all within a natural environment in a hands-on and thoughtful manner. All forms of outdoor education are valuable, but Forest Schools has its own philosophies and ethos that benefit children in unique ways. Forest Schools are delivered through several regular sessions over an extended period of time – ideally weekly over at least a year, to incorporate different seasons. This training will enhance the curriculum which we currently provide across The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools.

We also have some exciting plans regarding our outside space, which is going to be amazing! Using our school's Sports Fund, we can confirm that a state of the art playground structure, with a range of climbing and physical challenges, will be erected in September. This will add significantly to the children's options for physical development each playtime.



Staffing 21/22 The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools (Team Hellifield)

Executive Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss Ward

SENDCo: Mrs Devereux

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Cawood & Miss Sargison

Acorn Class - Teachers: Mrs Jones & Mrs Devereux (Supported by Mrs Smith)

Sapling Class - Teachers: Mrs Cawood & Miss. Tulley (Supported by Mrs Larmour & Mrs Dugdale)

Oak Class - Teacher: Miss Sargison (Supported by Miss Rawsthorne)

Wrap-Around-Care & Midday Supervisors (MSA): Mrs Dawson & Mrs Dugdale

School Cook: Mrs Eggleston

School Administrator: Mrs Dunkerley

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

House Keeping: Day to Day: Breakfast Club: 8am - 8.45am (Monday to Friday), Start of day: 8.45am, Lunch - 12pm to 1.00pm (Including Playtime), Home-time: 3.30pm, **After School Club:** Runs from the end of the school day to 5.30pm (Monday to Thursday). For booking, please contact school via our admin account or via the telephone. You can also make verbal arrangement directly when you see our team in person. If parents are running late and we haven't heard from you, your child/children will automatically be booked in with our After School Club provision until you can get here. We are currently reviewing any additional clubs which may run in partnership with our After School Care provision. Please see our website for additional information regarding cost per session. **PE days** - Pupils can continue to attend wearing their PE kits on the days in which they are scheduled to have PE Mrs Jones will be teaching P.E to all year groups from September 21. **Acorn Class (Reception & Year 1) on Monday & Wednesday / Sapling Class (Year 2, 3 & 4) on Thursday / Oak Class (Year 5 & 6) on Wednesday.**

Admin Packs: Please be aware an admin pack will be coming to each family, in the near future (**Please note, our new families have already received them in an electronic format**). This will include: Personal detail updates/Home School Agreements/Consents for local trips/visits, photos, social media etc. We appreciate it is a lot of paperwork and some documents are double sided. If you need help completing forms, please just ask. It is important information that we need as a school to operate and keep your child safe - so please complete each document and return as soon as you can.

Friends of Hellifield: For our new families who have recently become part of our school, we are very proud of our Friends (PTA). They are very active in supporting the school both financially and socially (even through the challenges of a pandemic!), through fundraising and events throughout the year, enabling us to enhance the education of our pupils through visits, resources and treats that wouldn't otherwise be possible. If you are interested in becoming involved, please don't hesitate to let us know so we can pass on your details and they can let you know when the next AGM is.

Parking, bookbags and staying safe: We do have parking at the front of school with limited spaces available, as this is also used for staff and Chipmonks Day Nursery. Please continue to be considerate to our neighbours at the back of school during drop off and pick up times. If you are driving could you please park at the end of the road and try to avoid turning round by the gate to avoid congestion. Please do not let your child/children bring toys or objects into school in or on their book bags, especially in Acorn Class (as they need to fit in a slim tray). The only things children need on a daily basis are: coat, water bottle with WATER in (no juice please) and any extra clothing kits (e.g. swimming). This also includes packed lunch if they do not wish to have a lunch provided by school. Our school dinners are very popular and ingredients are locally sourced and everything is cooked freshly on site each day.

Please do not let your child or children scoot or cycle on the car park at the front of school, as cars are coming in and out throughout the day constantly. Our aim is to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Celebration Assemblies: Celebration Assemblies will take place each Friday led by Miss Ward. As soon as we are able to, you will be invited to join us to celebrate your children's achievements; as you will appreciate we need to follow the relevant Covid risk assessments.

Swimming: Swimming blocks (per class) will start in September for Years 5 & 6 and will gradually filter through to each class to our youngest pupils in the summer term (Please refer to diary dates for our swimming blocks which are also listed below). Pupils are to attend school with their kits on under their uniform with a towel and underwear to change in to (including swimming goggles). Transport will be provided via Bibby's of Ingleton and we will be departing from school as soon as pupils have been registered with their Class Teacher.

Swimming - Provisional Dates: (We will update you if anything changes regarding these dates)

Year 5 & 6: 14.09.21 - 19.10.21 (6 sessions) 09.11.21 - 07.12.21 (5 sessions).

Year 2, 3 & 4: 11.01.22 - 15.02.22 (6 sessions) 08.03.22 - 05.04.22 (5 sessions).

Reception & Year 1 03.05.22 - 24.05.22 (4 sessions) 14.06.22 - 05.07.22 (4 sessions).

School Money: We have now been using School Money for a year, therefore we are no longer able to accept payments via cash or cheque. We hope that any outstanding payments due were cleared during the summer holiday period. If you have anything still outstanding, we kindly ask if this can be paid in full as soon as possible (as a matter of urgency as all pupils should now have a £0 balance on their individual account –thank you). Guidance on School Money is available via our website; you can also contact school if you need any further assistance. **For our new families, you will be sent a link via a text/email during the Autumn term (1) to access School Money.**

Milk: All under fives are entitled to free milk, however we offer milk to all pupils throughout the school at a cost of 20p a day to be paid half termly through School Money. Please email **Admin** to let us know if you want your child to have milk at playtime. If your child is funded for Free School Meals (NOT Universal Free School Meals), we can provide this, but please still contact us to let us know (hadmin@ribblesdalefed.n-yorks.sch.uk - Thank you).



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