



# Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School



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A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools\* – *fostering a love of learning through collaboration.*

## Welcome from Miss Ward ...

After a January filled with school updates linked to lockdown, it is good to write a general newsletter to keep you up to date with what is happening in school. We are pleased with the interaction with our remote learning and thank you for your feedback on what is working for you and the children. Please continue to use the class email addresses to update us on your child's learning and to ask any questions about this.

Keeping children safe online is a concern and responsibility we all share. Please follow this link for the latest guidance on staying safe online during lockdown and contact us if your child sees anything unsuitable online [NYSCP](https://www.nyscp.org.uk) ([safeguardingchildren.co.uk](https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk))

Our staff are now volunteering for regular Covid testing, which provides us with up to date information on potential exposure. We are hopeful that schools will reopen on 8 March and will be in touch to confirm this once we know for certain. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back when it is safe to do so.

## Housekeeping during lockdown

Could we remind everyone that the same procedures around start/finish of the school day still apply. If for any reason you are going to be late – due to an appointment etc, please let school know. Could we please ask that you observe all guidelines around social distancing when dropping off your child/children, thank you.

We kindly ask if any outstanding payments from last half term are paid in full via SchoolMoney.

All children in Reception receive a free cup of milk at morning break. If your child is in Years 1—6 and would like milk, when they return to school, please email the school office ([office@longpreston.n-yorks.ch.uk](mailto:office@longpreston.n-yorks.ch.uk)) and the payment (18p a day) will be added to your child's SchoolMoney account.



We are looking into naming our classes in school and our teachers are currently finding out which names would be popular. Watch this space to find out more!

We are also introducing new teams across the federation so we can celebrate and share our successes between our three schools. More details to follow soon!

## Well-being Wednesday!

We are delighted to introduce the idea of 'Well-being Wednesday' across the school, to recognise that we all need a break from online learning and taking time to read, relax, walk outside, play a board game or learn a new skill all matter for our emotional well-being and health! With this in mind we will not expect any online learning to take place on a Wednesday afternoon and our teachers will switch off their laptops and focus on fun activities with the children in school. We do hope you join us!

## Dates for Diaries 2021

Friday 12th February	School finishes for half term (3.30pm)
	Half term Holiday
Monday 22nd February	Start of half term
Friday 26th March	School finishes for Easter at 3.30pm
	Easter Holiday
Monday 12th April	Staff Inset (School closed for pupils)
Tuesday 13th April	Start of term
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 the end of the day

## *Changing Weather & Seasons*

Please make sure that pupils come to school with a waterproof coat and warm accessories/layers. It is extremely rare for us to close because of the weather and this will be only be in the interests of health and safety for staff and pupils. If we need to do so, you will be informed via a text message and if possible, this will be announced on our school website. We aim to let parents and carers know as early as we can. If weather conditions deteriorate during the school day and there is a need for early closure, we will again send parents a text message and notification will be on the website if possible. Please can you ensure that we have up to date contact numbers for you. Stray FM also announce weather updates, so please keep listening to this channel.



## *School Absences*

May we remind you that if your child is absent, please can you contact school as early as possible giving a reason for their absence so that we can complete our daily attendance return as this is now a legal requirement that we send returns each day. If a suspected absence is possibly be linked to a suspected Covid case, please follow the governments guidelines if you need to book a test or isolate and keep us updated (Thank you).

## *Plea for resources*

Our team in Class 1 are planning to develop the areas of learning and provision and are in need of some new or good quality used resources to support this. If you have any of the following items at home and no longer need them, please drop them off at school. Thank you in advance for this!

Small world toys (dinosaurs/animals/figures)

Construction kits (Lego/Duplo/stickle bricks etc)

Sand and water play (moulds, buckets, sieves, wooden spoons, spades, measuring jugs)

Wicker baskets/wooden crates/ stainless steel containers

Anything else you think our children will love!



## *Settle Rotary Club*

Settle Rotary Club have made a very generous donation of £1600 to The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools through the D B Hyslop Fund. This money will help to purchase devices to support families in each of our three school who would otherwise find it difficult to access remote learning at home.

*Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Long Preston Endowed VA School  
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