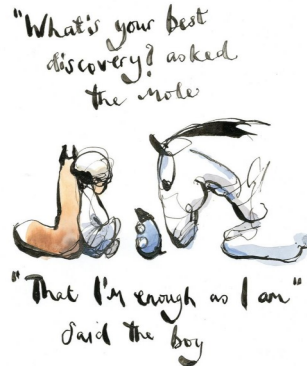


A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools – *fostering a love of learning through collaboration and fun*

Welcome to our **April Newsletter**. It is lovely to see the warmer weather gradually filtering through as the seasons change. With reflection upon our wider opening from the 8th of March, the pupils have taken this transition in their stride. There has been much enthusiasm shown towards their learning and they have enjoyed catching up with their friends, as this social interaction has been missed. They have adjusted brilliantly in getting back into daily routines of school, which is wonderful and we are very proud of all of our pupils across The Ribblesdale Federation. Our staff have also been fantastic and there is a lovely atmosphere in all of our three schools! As this will be our last Newsletter before we finish for the Easter Holiday, we would like to wish you a happy and safe break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 13th April (Following on from our Staff Inset Day on the 12th).



Dates for Diaries 2021

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

	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 3.30pm

Friday Celebration Assemblies

Every Friday morning Miss Ward leads a celebration assembly in school. This was initially held via Zoom and can now take place outdoors as the weather allows. Two children from each class are chosen for a Headteacher's Award Certificate linked to their good work or attitudes in school. We also celebrate birthdays and any awards or certificates children have earned through out of school activities. Please send anything for Friday assembly into school on a Monday for inclusion that Friday. Please name trophies and rosettes!

World Book Day

A big thank you to all those who took part in our World Book Day Event this year. It was wonderful to see the pupils in their costumes, based on their chosen character from their favourite book. Well done to everyone! We hope you continue to enjoy reading over the Easter break.



Red Nose Day

A big thank you to those who supported Red Nose Day this year, it was lovely to see the colour red flooding our Federation Schools in support of this event, with your help we raised whopping £67



Thank you to all of the pupils who voluntarily told their funny jokes during our Federation assemblies, you definitely made us laugh!

Also a big thank you to Mrs Barrett who baked special treats for our pupils and for our friends at Little Learners, who enjoyed eating them at break time. Everyone had a fantastic day!

Red Nose Day Jokes

The children made us all giggle with their comic talents on Red Nose Day. Here are some of our favourites!

How the jelly cross the road?

In a jelly-copter!

Why was six scared of seven?

Because 7 ate/8 nine!

How do you make an apple puff?

Chase it around the garden!

We need your help!

We are working to develop our outdoor areas and would love some extra plants and compost to brighten up these spaces around school. If you have any spare plants, bulbs or cuttings that are suitable for children to handle or any spare compost, please can you let us know and we can arrange how best to get these to school? Thank you!



Term Time Holidays

Now that wider travel is becoming more of a possibility, can we remind families that taking holidays in term time should be avoided where possible as only those that are considered to meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances will be authorised. Please ask for a copy of our application form for leave in exceptional circumstances should you need to have time off.

Easter Holiday Club with Kanga Sports

Kanga Sports have now confirmed that they will be running an Easter club within the government guidelines.

The club will be available for children who require childcare; this is if it supports a parent with being able to work or complete training.

They will be operating set days for bookings to ensure that we have NO crossing over of bubbles, these will be 2 consecutive days or a full week booking)

Group sizes will be a maximum of 15 children

The day will be staggered start and end times with a single drop off

Children will be allocated an indoor space that is used by those children only for the time they are in and cleaned thoroughly throughout the day and the end of the day

Each bubble will be allocated a space for using the toilet and handwashing that is only accessed by them

All bookings must be made through the booking site so we can accept payments and collect contact information, so any contact can be made through e-mail/phone to avoid face to face communication between parents and coaches

They have confirmed clubs and dates at Skipton Academy and Austwick, and they have an other potential venue in Bingley (which is TBC) For more information go to: www.kangasports.co.uk



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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