



# Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School

## MARCH



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### A Message From Miss Ward

It is lovely to see the lighter days and warmer weather approaching as we make our way through the month of March. We can't wait to welcome the children back. Here is a reminder of our drop off and pick up times:

**Drop off times:** Class 1 (8.50am) Class 2 (9am).

**Collection times:** Class 1 should be collected at 3.15pm. Class 2 should be collected at 3.30pm.

We are keeping our planned activities going as best we can and as the road map out of lockdown continues to progress, we are hoping that more events will follow! We understand that returning to school may be daunting for some but equally it is a time for reunion and excitement! If you or your child are worried about anything at all please remember we are here to help - just ask.

We would like to extend a big thank you to our Friends association for donating money towards a new set of books to share across our federation. These books are suitable in range for children from Reception to Year 6 and each tells a tale designed to encourage empathy. We are very much looking forward to reading these with the children and discussing the important issues raised linked to how we feel and how we treat each other. If you're curious, take a look at [EmpathyLab](#) to find out more!

Our early reading scheme is having an overhaul and we can't wait to introduce some new phonetically decodeable reading books. Watch this space for more information as we will be embracing the newly updated Letters and Sounds approach to teaching phonics after Easter. We will share ideas on how to support your child when the new materials are released.



### Dates for Diaries 2021

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

Wednesday 17th March	World Book Day in our school!
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day! Wear red & bring a donation.
Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March	Parent's evenings: save the dates
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 3.30pm

### Class 1 update

We have been working hard over the last few weeks to update and develop our indoor learning environment. We have had a new floor installed in the conservatory area and have reorganised the environment to include learning areas (sand, water, mark-making, construction etc as well as quiet areas for more formal learning). The children in school have been busy exploring the different areas of provision and we can't wait for the rest of the children to see our new classroom when they return to school next week. Look out for a video tour later in the week!



### Class 2 update

We have also been working hard to tidy and sort resources and to move some of the furniture to give us a little more space. It might not look quite as different as Class 1's conservatory, but we think the children will notice a few changes. There are still a few things left to do before all the children return on Monday...

Next week in school, we will be continuing with the physical geography aspects of our Planet Earth topic, but also beginning to look at issues around sustainability. It is quite a few years since we achieved our Eco-Schools Bronze Award - it would be good to start thinking about how we could achieve the next level. We are also planning some learning activities based around the upcoming census. It's going to be a busy few weeks in the run up to Easter!

### World Book Day / Red Nose Day



This year we will be celebrating world book day when pupils return to school. We have chosen Wednesday 17th March and look forward to seeing which characters from favourite books the children choose to be for the day! Please keep costumes simple and warm; it is too cold in school for flimsy fabrics at the moment!

There will be small prizes for the best-dressed characters and we will be looking for creative costume ideas that don't cost a fortune!

On Friday 19th March we will contribute to Red Nose Day by inviting all children to wear something red to school. Special cookies will be available at break for a small donation. All money will be sent to Red Nose Day to support their good work.

## Well Done!

We would like to say a big well done to all of our the pupils across The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools who have continued to stay positive and have worked extremely hard throughout this national lockdown. This is the first time in our lifetime that we have had to adapt as a society to this new way of living and it has been challenging at times. Well done to all of our parents and carers too, you have been amazing! Our dedicated staff have continued to work extremely hard behind the scenes in preparing lessons and keep things ticking over in school. There has been lots of sorting and tidying, too with fresh display boards waiting to be filled with your work!. Thank you for keeping in touch and letting us know how you are getting on. There have been some wonderful things happening at home and your feedback has been very much appreciated!



## School Absences

May we remind you that if your child is absent, please can you contact school as early as possible giving a reason why so that we can complete our daily attendance register. If an absence is linked to a suspected Covid case, please follow the government's guidelines if you need to book a test or isolate and keep us updated. Thank you.

## School lunches

We have revised our menu for the new half term and are looking forward to the children returning to school and enjoying a healthy school meal. If your child has any allergies or dietary preferences these can be catered for—just let us know!

School meals cost £2.50 per day and can be on specific days each week by prior arrangement. Please contact the school office to book your child's lunches. A jacket potato option is available if booked in advance.



## Easter Holiday Club with Kanga Sports

Kanga Sports have now confirmed that they will be running an Easter club within the gov guidelines (So here is what they are offering):

- 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 other potential venue in Bingley (which is TBC) For more information go to: [www.kangasports.co.uk](http://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 continue to follow us on Twitter as our numbers are growing!**

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

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