



Long Preston EVA 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!



School Council

After a busy day of voting (and counting!) on the 20th October, we can now confirm the results for school council 2021-22: R – Clover, Y1 – Paige, Y2 – Lola, Y3 – Yann, Y4 – Clara, Y5 – Fraser, Y6 – Noah, Y6 – Emma. All candidates received at least one vote, and, in some cases, it was very close (particularly in Reception & Years 5 & 6). Our first meeting will be on 10th November, and they will be looking at how we can make playtimes better.



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
Friday 5th November	Bonfire Themed Lunch
Tuesday 9th November	Swimming will resume for Year 5 & 6 pupils
Monday 15th November	Start of anti-bullying week. Odd Socks Day
Thursday 18th November	School Photographs
Friday 19th November	Children in Need 'Come As Yourself' with a small donation
Monday 29th November	Flu Nasal Vaccine NHS Team attending school. Consent to be given online (See previous email for details)
Wednesday 1st December	Advent Service Advent Themed Lunch
Monday 6th December	School: Nativity @ 2.00pm
Tuesday 7th December	Last swim for Year 5 & 6 pupils
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Dinner for pupils
Friday 17th December	Christmas Party School closes at (3.30pm) for Christmas Hols
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Teacher INSET Day
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Children return to school (Start of term for pupils)

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.



Starlings Class

A big thank you to everyone who brought in and shared their Topic project from last half term! We loved hearing about what you had learnt in the form of model castles, the magna carta, posters, pictures and even a quiz! Well done.

This half term, we are exploring the theme of "Magic" & in Topic this week we have been brewing our own witches potions. We discovered that 'witches' were actually women who used plants and herbs to create medicines to heal people. But the idea has changed over time to warts & broomsticks and spells! *Double, double, toil and trouble....*



October Whole School Attendance 93.3%



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.



School Photos

This year Julia Kennedy, a professional photographer (www.juliakennedy.com) will be in school on the morning of Thursday 18th November to take individual and family photographs.

Julia will take your child's photo and will provide you with a link to the high resolution file so you are able to order your photographs online with any company you would like. The price will be £10 for 1 file and £15 for 2. Please see email sent 3rd November for further details.

2020 School Nativity

We are aware that many of you were very disappointed at not being able to come and see our 2020 Nativity.

As we have to adhere to safeguarding and GDPR requirements this has prevented us from being able to share this recording with you. So, for you to be able to see the performance, we are offering you appointments to come into school and view the Nativity on the screen in the school hall where there will be 5 well-spaced seats available for each time slot. The recording is approximately 10 minutes long and we will hold sessions after morning drop-off and before home time collection on Tuesdays 23rd November and Wednesday 24th November. Please see email sent 3rd November.

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.



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'

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Please help our followers to grow!

Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Long Preston EVA School

