

A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools – *Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

Welcome to our **April Newsletter**. We know that parts of our world seem to be going through so much heartbreak at present and our thoughts and prayers are with those in who are experiencing suffering around the world. Whilst our world keeps turning, we have another busy month ahead. This includes our Year 5 & 6 Federation trip to Salts Mill, which we know our pupils are very much looking forward to. A big thank you to all involved in organising this event and to the team of the Bentham and Northern Line for funding transport costs. We know it is going to be a great day! Thank you to all of our families who attended the individual parental consultations, it was lovely to catch up with you and share your child's achievements. If you were unable to attend, please make an appointment with our admin team. We would also like to thank those who attended our Open Afternoons across our Federation, it was lovely to see you! We also have a brand new website! Please follow the link and have a look!

**if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours. :)**

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**Dates for Diaries 2022 (Please note diary dates may change due to Covid-19 and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)**

Thursday 7th April	Year 5 & 6 Federation Visit to Salts Mill (See letter for Details)
Friday 8th April	Long Preston Easter Service Egg hunt competition! School closes at 3.30pm for Easter FOLPS Movie Night
Friday 15th & Monday 18th of April	Bank Holidays
Monday 25th April	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 26th April	Start of term for pupils
Thursday 28th April	SDA Sports Academy Multi Sports After School Session 3.30 to 4.30pm (More information to follow)
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Saturday 7th May	Long Preston May Day
9th to 11th of May	Year 3 & 4 pupils at Nell Bank
9th to the 12th of May	KS 2 SATS week (More information to follow)
Friday 27th May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
2nd & 3rd of June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays
Monday 6th June	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 7th June	Start of term for pupils Year 5 & 6 Cricket Event Settle Cricket Club (1 to 3 pm) More information to follow
8th to 11th June	Edinburgh Experience (Years 5 & 6)
Friday 8th July	Federation Ball North Ribb Rugby Club
Friday 22nd July	School closes at 3.30pm for the summer holidays

### Book Share:

Children in Robins and Starlings enjoyed our first Book Share in March. Book Share will be held weekly and involves the children sharing some of the wonderful books which we have in school. The older children very much enjoyed reading to the children in Robins, and everyone enjoyed listening to one of our favourite stories at the end of the session. Children in Starlings class were very impressed with the reading ability of Robins. We are looking forward to Book Share again.



### Starlings:

Thank you to all the Starlings parents who visited our class on Wednesday for an Easter craft afternoon! It was lovely to be able to show you how proud we are of all our hard work and our classroom. Thank you for the positive feedback, it was lovely to read. We have enjoyed their Farm to Fork topic this half term with lots of baking, cooking and planting. We have enjoyed visits from Rachel's Pottery and the team at Arla, and were excited for cheese making with The Courtyard Dairy to end our topic with a (possibly smelly..) bang!



### Farm to Fork with Arla:

As part of our Farm to Fork topic, we welcomed the team from Arla, who are a farm owned cooperative, with a factory based in Settle. They produce items such as Lurpak butter and Cravendale Milk! The team gave a presentation to explain the process of how milk gets to us from start to finish. Pupils had the opportunity to interact during this presentation, which was very informative! Thank you to the Arla team for providing a fun filled fact session with our pupils.



**March Whole School Attendance: 89.3%**



## Owls

The Year 5 and 6 children have been hard at work in two very different ways over the last month. The Year 6 children have been preparing for their upcoming SATs, as well as all their usual learning activities, and everyone has been learning and practising their dances for the village May Day celebrations. After a two-year break, it has been lovely to hear those familiar tunes again. The dances are new to just about everyone, so it has been quite a steep learning curve without experienced older children to lead things...but we're getting there. It's an honour to have the 50th May Queen (Emma) and the first ever May King (James) chosen from the Owls class. We know they will both do a fantastic job in their 'royal' roles.

Earlier this week, the Owls children took part in a football tournament held at Settle College. Some of the children played on a school team, whilst others joined a Federation team, which allowed more children to take part. We didn't win but everyone stayed cheerful (in the rain on an increasingly muddy field), played their best and demonstrated good sporting behaviour - we scored some great goals and our goalies saved a few too! Well done, team.



## Rachel In The Dales:



Our pupils had a wonderful day last month working with Rachel from Rachel In the Dales Pottery. It was nice to do something a little out of the ordinary in which we used nature to inspire us. The end result was to design a ceramic tile. Our pupils also learnt lots of new skills along the way! Tiles will be sent home when they have been fired in Rachel's kiln (Following a payment via School Money). Thank you to those who have already paid.



## Comic Relief:

Thank you to those who supported Red Nose Day this year. I am sure our pupils will agree that we had a fun filled day! With your help from Red Noses sold, we have raised just under £70 - Thank you for your generosity!



## Another Wonderful Federation Get Together:

We would like to thank all those involved in making our Indoor Athletics event at Giggleswick School so much fun! A special thank you to Mrs Mercer for organising this. It was nice to get back to doing something which we have most definitely missed. Thank you to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, you showed great team spirit and are superstars!

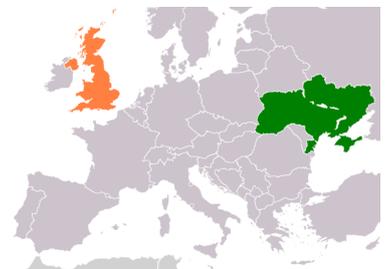
## SATS Week:

Next month in May, our pupils will take part in SATS. During the week of SATS, please make sure pupils get lots of early nights. We will be offering a healthy breakfast to our Year 6 pupils, as they will be completing SATS throughout the week (available from 8.30am). Our advice is that if your child has any questions, talk about SATS and tell them not to worry. We have also been doing this. It will make a bigger impact if we reassure our pupils together. Children perform best when they are relaxed. Reading is a key part of primary education so keep encouraging daily reading whether your child reads on their own or if you read together. Discuss the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage your child to express their own opinions on the book. This is important to their long term development as well helping during the SATS process. We have covered lots of different things and answered lots of individual questions during our Year 6 Federation Booster Sessions.



## Support For The Ukraine - Marching Miles In March:

Following our March letter, you will know that The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools have chosen to raise money for the people of Ukraine by walking the total distance of miles from each school setting to the Ukraine. From Long Preston Primary School, this is 1734 miles! From starting this challenge over the past weeks our pupils have been walking (and running round our playgroup) and recording miles per week. Everyone has been amazing. Thank you to those who have already sent in sponsor money. Every little helps and we ask if you can donate what you can. Updates will follow regarding the total amount which we have raised. All proceeds will go to UNICEF to support as many families as we can!



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This is a protected account and only confirmed followers will have access to the Tweets and our complete profile.

**Please help our followers to grow! Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Long Preston EVA Primary School**

**(Part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools)**



## Well & Warm In North Yorkshire:

If you know of anyone who may be struggling, please pass this information on.

**Warm & Well**  
in North Yorkshire

### Fuel poverty briefing children, young people and families

Fuel poverty occurs when a household cannot afford to keep their home adequately warm at a reasonable cost. It can be caused by low income, high fuel prices, poor energy efficiency, unaffordable housing prices and poor quality private rental housing. It is often associated with older people, however 45.1% of fuel poor households have one or more child under the age of 16 living in the household. As the cost of living continues to rise there has been a significant increase in the number of families who are worried about being able to pay for their energy bills, with frequent reports of having to make difficult decisions over heating or eating. The energy price cap will increase in April by 54% and is expected to drive more families into fuel poverty. (\*See below for more information) Homes using a pre-pay meter, which are typically used by more vulnerable people on lower incomes, will on average face a steeper hike of £708 and an annual bill of £2,017 a year.

Living in a cold home has a significant impact on children's educational attainment, emotional well-being and resilience. Other negative effects can be seen in relation to infants' weight gain, hospital admission rates, developmental status, and the severity and frequency of asthmatic symptoms and other respiratory illnesses.

North Yorkshire has higher rates of fuel poverty compared to the national average, particularly in rural areas. There is support available through the Warm and Well Service who can offer advice to households, help with energy switching, signpost to home upgrade measures and access to emergency fuel vouchers. The service can also provide training and awareness raising sessions to professionals.

Contact [wnw@northyorksca.org.uk](mailto:wnw@northyorksca.org.uk) or phone 01609 767555 or visit [www.warmandwell.org.uk](http://www.warmandwell.org.uk)

### Case study "Anna"

Anna lives with her 3 children, (aged 6-14) she has mental health issues and cares for her autistic son. Anna was struggling financially to buy food and top up vouchers to keep the home warm. Anna contacted Warm and Well for support and advice around energy saving. The service supported her with the following:

- Registered Anna with Northern Gas networks Priority Services Register due to mental health and her son's autism which is affected by the dark.
- Accessed the Household support fund for fuel top vouchers (£147.00) which meant she could clear an outstanding debt on the meters and have enough credit until next benefit payment. By clearing the debt any future payments meant that the whole amount went towards her gas / electricity
- Offered advice on making a claim for PIP due to mental health
- Advised of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide poisoning as there was a CO alarm fitted, but unsure of its purpose.

### \*Details of the recent price cap increase:

Ofgem announced that the **energy price cap level will rise by 54% from 1st April**. This represents an average bill increase of £693 a year for households in England, Wales and Scotland, taking the average bill to £1,971 a year. Pre-payment customers will see an average increase of £708 taking their annual bill to £2,017 on average.

The Chancellor immediately announced a number of measures to provide some mitigation to householders facing these huge price rises, coming at the same time as a range of cost-of-living pressures including the increase in National Insurance contributions from April, and rising mortgage rates.

- All domestic electricity customers will receive a £200 discount on their bills from October. This is a loan, and will be recouped over 5 years.
- Warm Home Discount eligibility will be extended to reach 3 million vulnerable households next winter.
- £150 rebate on council tax bills in England for householders in council tax bands A to D – representing 80% of council tax payers.
- A pot of money given to the devolved administrations so they can set up their own scheme.
- There will also be £150m for local authorities in England to help lower income households.

[Warm and Well > Home](#)

[Warm and Well > Referral Form](#)

**Warm & Well**  
in North Yorkshire

Please come along and show your support - Everyone welcome!

**The Ribblesdale Federation Primary school  
Summer ball**

*North Ribb Rugby Club  
Friday 8th July 7pm-til late*

*Dress code: Black tie and dresses*

**Tickets £30pp**  
Includes: A glass of fizz, delicious 3 course meal (vegetarian option available), Live music by The Time Bandits and disco.  
Plus red carpet, photographer, auction, raffle and games!  
(auction and raffle prizes will be gratefully received)

**Tickets are for parents and staff of all three primary schools. Please pay for tickets by paypal - friendsofhellifield@hotmail.com**  
(limited tickets available, your place won't be confirmed until full payment is received)

All profits will be split equally between the PTA of Hellifield, Long Preston and Giggleswick schools

#### Settle Rotary Club:

Following our last Newsletters, we are pleased to announce that we will be supporting The Settle Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. We kindly ask if families can donate as many items as possible to fill a shoe box based on the categories listed per class. Boxes will be distributed around the world to those in need! We have chosen the follow categories for donations (see below):

#### Robins Class:

(Boxes for 2 girls & 1 boy, age 5 to 6 years)

#### Starlings Class:

(Boxes for 2 boys & 1 girl, age 7 to 9 years)

#### Owls Class:

(Boxes for 2 girls & 1 boy, age 10 to 11 years)

#### Additional Box:

Household Items: 1 box (additional items welcome)

**We would like to have all 10 boxes ready by the 21st of April (if possible). Collection is end of April 22. For more information go to: <https://www.rotaryshoobox.org>**

**FILLING THE BOX**

Do not wrap but feel free to decorate the sides with felt tips or crayons. Four types of box to choose from. Indicate who the box is for by following instructions on the lid. Add your name if you wish.

**SUGGESTED ITEMS - A more comprehensive list is available at: [www.rotaryshoobox.org](http://www.rotaryshoobox.org)**

**TOYS:** Matchbox type cars, small bouncy balls, yo-yos, dolls, action figures, colouring books, crayons, felt tip pens, notebooks, lego, skipping rope, jigsaws, cards, etc (No chocolate or sweets. No war related toys or anything that needs batteries)

**TEENAGER:** Make-up, toiletries, sportswear, hats, gloves, deodorants, costume jewellery, socks, football memorabilia, writing materials, etc

**HOUSEHOLD:** Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, antiseptic cream, toothbrush etc (Household is for Families and Senior Citizens)

**BABY:** Baby clothes, blanket, baby shampoo, baby wipes etc (For new mothers and babies up to 12 months)

Please tape £2.00 in coins for transport costs, to the outside of the box lid where indicated

70% of this box is made from recycled cardboard



#### Dog Fowling—School Lane

We recently contacted Long Preston Parish Council regarding the issue of dog fowling on School Lane. This has become a matter of concern as we are finding more and more dog faeces along the lane and outside of the children's entrance gate to the school. The have agreed to increase signage on School Lane.

Craven District Council employs a Cleaner Neighbourhoods Officer and any photographic evidence may help them in issuing a heavy fine to an owner who does not clean up after their dog. You can contact the Environmental Health department at: [environmentalhealth@cravenc.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalhealth@cravenc.gov.uk) The Environmental Services Manager at Craven District Council is Tracy McLuckie and her email contact is: [TMcLuckie@cravenc.gov.uk](mailto:TMcLuckie@cravenc.gov.uk)