

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to our **January Newsletter**. We hope that you have all had a restful Christmas and that the children have recharged their batteries and are raring to go for the start of a new term. We would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year as we look forward to what is in store for us throughout 2022.



Dates for Diaries 2021/221

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

Wednesday 5th January	Start of term for pupils
Monday 17th January	After School Clubs commence this week
Friday 18th February	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 28th February	Start of term for pupils
Friday 8th April	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Friday 15th & Monday 18th of April	Bank Holidays
Tuesday 26th April	Start of term for pupils
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
9th to 11th of May	Year 3 & 4 pupils at Nell Bank (Details to follow)
Friday 27th May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June	Bank Holidays Four day weekend to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
Monday 6th June	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 7th June	Start of term for pupils
Friday 22nd July	School closes at 3.30pm for the summer holidays

Reporting Absences



Absences

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Reporting Absences, Attendance & School Queries

We kindly ask if your child is absent from school, please can you let us know as soon as possible. You can contact us via email or leave a message on our answer machine. We do need a reason for all absences or they will be recorded as unauthorised and this could trigger a fine. If your child has been ill at school and you have had to see a GP / visited a Health Centre or in the worst case scenario, visited A&E following on from them being at school, please can you let us know, as we need to log any after care following on from incidents / illnesses that may have started at school. Any holidays taken in term time will be logged as unauthorised, 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) for holiday leave may trigger a fine. Each term we monitor individual attendance and will be in touch where there are concerns.

If you have any queries in relation to a school matter, we kindly ask if you can please contact school directly, rather than posting your query on Facebook, as this may cause confusion.

Be Weather Ready!

Due to the cold weather at present, please make sure that pupils come to school with a waterproof coat and warm accessories. We are also encouraging pupils to regularly wash their hands, in line with Covid risk assessments. It is extremely rare for us to close because of the weather and this will only be in the interests of health and safety for staff and pupils. If weather conditions deteriorate during the school day and there is a need for early closure, we will send parents a text message and notification will be on the website if possible. Following the email we sent out at the end of last term, please ensure that we have up to date contact numbers for you as we are still waiting on a small number of Admin packs to be returned.



School Money

Please can we ask that you check your child's School Money account regularly. It was noted that at the end of last year there were a number of payments which were still outstanding on individual accounts. As you can appreciate, we aim to stay within our school budget and outstanding arrears can put a strain on our finances. By checking your child's account regularly, you also avoid a large bill accumulating. For our Year 3 & 4 pupils, we will be adding the outstanding £90 (For The Nell Bank Residential) on to School Money this term, which can be paid in instalments to spread the cost.



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Robins

This week Year 1s have been learning about place value in Maths - we have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones using our base ten equipment. In PE we have been travelling at different speeds and have been practising our jumping skills. Reception children have been busy in our outdoor area building obstacle courses!

Starlings

Thank you and well done to all the children who brought in their Topic projects for last half term. The theme was "magic" and we had very creative, imaginative (and some tasty!) ideas. Thank you to all the families who helped. Our Topic project for this half term is "The Stone Age" - there is more information in Starlings home-work books.

At the end of last term, we enjoyed a craft day with Robins Class. The children kindly made Christmas cards for Anley Hall Nursing Home. The residents there were very grateful for the lovely gesture.



Owls

Last term, during COP26, the Owls Class thought about the impact that climate change could have around our planet. Most of the children were keen to learn more and do what they could to help, so Ms Ward has signed the school up to the Eco-Schools programme. Over the rest of this year, we will need to form an Eco-committee, carry out an audit of what we currently do in school, write an action plan and work towards this. The aim is to achieve Green Flag status. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Long Preston Primary School Nativity 2021

We are aiming to share our wonderful school Nativity with you very soon. More details to follow.

We need you!

We are still in need of volunteers to join the Friends of Long Preston Team. If you would like to help, please do get in touch. We do not want this much needed resource to disappear due to lack of support/volunteers and every pupil in our school has benefited in some way from their efforts!



Poppy Appeal Update

Thank you to those who contributed to our Poppy Appeal at the end of last year. With your help we raised £88.50!



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*Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Long Preston EVA Primary School
(Part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools)*



The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools Vision

'Do everything in love' (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Across our federation, and within our caring Christian community, we understand that each child travels through our schools only once yet always remains a part of our school family.

As they journey, we hope to furnish them with the courage to show **respect** and compassion towards self and others and the wider world we live in.

We celebrate the joy and opportunities for resilience **friendship** brings whilst developing an understanding of all that they are, and all they aspire to be.

We encourage a sense of intellectual curiosity rooted in **kindness** and established through critical thinking, reflection on and sharing of the knowledge they acquire.