



# Hellifield Community Primary School Newsletter



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

Welcome to our **May Newsletter**. We hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday and made the most of the warmer weather. We have another busy month ahead, especially leading up to SATS week! As some of you will know, places have been confirmed by the LEA regarding our September intake for our future Reception pupils and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them and their families. Thank you for choosing The Ribblesdale Federation Schools for this very important educational journey. We look forward to welcoming our new pupils during our transition day, which will take place during the last term of this academic year. We are also hoping that our Year 6 pupils will be able to spend this day at their chosen secondary school/s. More information will follow on in relation to this. The transition day experience will give each child a taster of what is due to come in September 2022.



*Open different doors,  
you may find a 'you' there  
that you never knew was yours.  
Anything can happen.*

As you know, we regularly monitor your child's attendance at school as we have a legal obligation to do this. This is also something the LEA monitor through our termly census report, which we complete three times per academic year. Attendance is also monitored by our Governing Body and during OFSTED inspections. The law states every child must receive a full-time education. Section 444 (1a) of the Education Act 1996 says; 'If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at the school, fails to attend regularly, without reasonable justification, then his/her parent is guilty of an offence and can be prosecuted.' It is also our way of supporting any families who may be struggling with attendance, as some pupils have found the transition back to school hard, following the closures due to the pandemic. If your child is poorly, please continue to follow the guidance (If they have Covid symptoms, please complete a Covid test. Test kits are available to purchase at your local supermarket/pharmacy or you can order them online; <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>). This is to help reduce the risk of Covid spreading in our school as we continue to live with this virus. For sickness and diarrhoea, your child needs to be in the clear for 2 days from their last episode (48 hours). This is to avoid passing this on to our staff and pupils. If your child is under the weather, we suggest Calpol before school, as often these things can pass. Please continue to report any absences as early as possible if your child is unable to attend. You can contact us by email or by telephoning school. We wish to remind our families that we do need to state why a child is absent on our daily electronic register system. If no reason is given, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. This is why it is very important for you to let us know why your child can not attend school. We also wish to clarify that any holidays in term time will be recorded as an unauthorised holiday. If your child has a week off school for a holiday, this is classed as 10 sessions missed (which may trigger a fine). For a child to fall below the 96% target they would have missed 5 full days of lessons. We also encourage making medical appointments out of school time (wherever possible). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in working with us to keep our school's attendance rating as high as we possibly can. We always have your child's best interest at heart.

## As a parent you can help us by:

- Ringing on the first morning of all absences with the reason and saying when the child will return
- Arranging dental and doctor's appointments out of school hours or during school breaks
- Sending in a note explaining the reason for absence on your child's return to school after an illness
- Keeping us updated by telephone or letter if your child has an extended period of absence due to illness



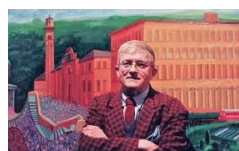
## Dates for Diaries 2022 (Please note diary dates may change due to Covid-19 and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)

Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd May (SDA Sports Club)	No Sports Club will run on this date – please collect pupils at 3.30pm
Thursday 5th May	Bag-2-School Collection organised by Friends of Hellifield (Before 9.00am)
Saturday 7th May	Long Preston Village & Long Preston Primary School (May Day Event)
Tuesday 10th May (SDA Sports Club)	No Sports Club will run on this date – please collect pupils at 3.30pm
9th to 11th of May	Year 3 & 4 pupils at Nell Bank (Please refer to kit list and information previously sent home)
9th to the 12th of May	KS 2 SATS week (More information to follow)
Friday 27th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party 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 10th June	Edinburgh Experience (Years 5 & 6)
Friday 8th July	Federation Ball North Ribb Rugby Club (Tickets are going fast, please contact Friends for details)
Friday 22nd July	School closes at 3.30pm for the summer holidays

Please note the School Calendar needs updating on our new website.

## A Day To Remember At Salts Mill:

What a wonderful Federation Day out we had last term at the Salts Mill. This was a great opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 pupils to get together exploring the galleries. A big thank you to Brian and his team from the Bentham Line for funding transport for this event. We especially loved looking at the work by Sir David Hockney! There were also lots of comments about how well our pupils behaved from other passengers on the train!

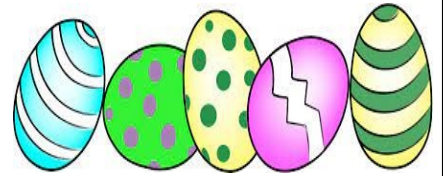


## April Whole School Attendance: 95.28%



### Easter Day / Dress Down Day:

Thank you to all those who submitted their very creative eggs for the Egg Rolling Event on the last day of term before we finished for the holidays. We had some smashing entries and everyone had lots of fun during this event. Thank you to all those who also supported our appeal for items to go towards the recent Friends of Hellifield Coffee Morning for our Dress Down Friday Event.



### SATs Week:

This month, our pupils will take part in SATs. Please make sure pupils have early nights during the week of SATs. We will be offering a healthy breakfast to our Year 6 pupils (available from 8.30am onwards). 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. We believe in all of our pupils and know they will do their very best during this period!



### Friends Of Hellifield Needs You!:

Thank you to those who have supported the recent Friends of Hellifield events so far this year. It was wonderful to see our local community supporting us during the recent Coffee Morning which took place on Saturday the 23rd of April. We would also like to thank Morrisons Community Champion, Matteo and Rosa Italian Restaurant and GCH services who supplied the drinks. A total amount of £323.28 was raised, which is fantastic. Friends have also organised a Bag-2-School collection this month. If you have had a recent sort out, please send your unwanted items in before 9.00am on Thursday the 5th of May to help us to raise as much money as we can for our wonderful school. If you would like to join Friends, please let us know as we are in need of more volunteers to help support these much needed events, as the monies raised goes a long way in helping our school.



### A Tea Party In Honour Of Our Queen:

On Friday the 27th of May we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We would like all of our pupils to dress up in their party outfits for this event in which we will have a special Afternoon Tea / Party planned in honour of our Queen. It is going to be a wonderful afternoon! Happy 96th Birthday to our Majesty the Queen for April 21st!



### Salt and Pepper Are Here!

You probably know by now that we have two new additions who are now part of our school family! Our two Guinea pigs have settled in very well and our pupils are thoroughly enjoying looking after them each day. If you would like to get involved by looking after 'Salt and Pepper' during holiday times, please get in touch. They have recently been on holiday with a member of our school family for Easter and had a lovely time being well looked after!



**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](mailto: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 would like to say thank you to all those who have contributed towards The Settle Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. With your efforts will be supporting those in need across the world, especially those in the Ukraine!

(We are extending our collection date to the 5th of May 22).



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