



# Hellifield Community Primary School Newsletter



## FEBRUARY

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

Welcome to our **February Newsletter** and although it is only February, we have had a very busy start to 2023, including a Section 8 Ofsted Inspection! As the lighter evenings are on the horizon, we hope that the change in seasons brings less rain. We are very much looking forward to having more sunny days to follow! It's great to be back at Settle Swimming Pool again and enjoying the new facilities. Our pupils are enjoying their swimming lessons and are making steady progress! Please continue to check email updates from school as well as your child's individual Class Newsletter, as this will give you an insight of what the pupils are learning in each classes.

*...I Like February for the hints that winter is going away...*

*He seems to whisper in my ear that soon the birds will sing and play!*

*He tells me to get ready for warmer day are on the way...*

By L. Hetric



**Dates for Diaries 2023** (Please note, diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)

Friday 3rd February	Year 5 and 6 (Deadline for The London Residential Deposit - See letter 23/01/23 for details)
Friday 10th February	Dress Down Day School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 20th February	Start of term for pupils
Saturday 25th February	Friends of Hellifield Coffee Morning 10.00 am - 11.30am - At Hellifield Institute (Village Hall) All welcome!
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day
Monday 13th March	NHS Visit - 10.00am (Reception & Year 6 Pupils - Height and Measurements) (See email 18/10/22 for details)
Tuesday 14th March	Crucial Crew Event (Year 6) More information to follow
Friday 31st March	School closes at 3.30pm for the Easter holidays
Monday 17th April	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 18th April	Start of term for pupils
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Pupils return to school
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
From Tuesday 9th of May	SATs Week (More information to follow)
Friday 26th May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 5th June	Start of term for pupils
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July	The London Residential (Year 5 & 6 Pupils)
Friday 21st July	School closes at 3.30pm for the Summer holidays
Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July	Teacher INSET Days

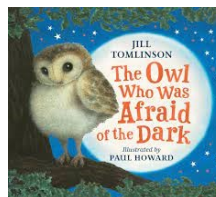
As World Book Day is just around the corner (Friday the 3rd of March!). This year, pupils are welcome to attend school dressed as their favourite character from a book of their choice. Please do not spend lots of money on costumes (the more creative, the better!). In honour of this event, pupils from each class have chosen (as a group), one of their favourite books. Here are their recommendations!

**Acorn Class: We have chosen 'Grandad's Island' as this is a class favourite!** This beautiful illustrated book covers the emotional topic of losing a grandparent and dealing with grief, subtly told, this beautifully illustrated book tackles a difficult subject with great sensitivity and depth based on a character called Syd. Written and Illustrated by: Benji Davies

### WORLD BOOK DAY



**Sapling Class: We have chosen 'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark' is a lovely book for someone who is finding something hard!** The book tells the story of Plop, a baby barn owl, and how he is afraid of the dark. His Mum encourages him to go down to the ground to meet and speak to other people and discuss what they think about the dark. By Jill Tomlinson.



**Oak Class: There was so many and we have chosen 'Oranges in No Man's Land' as this book made us think about what is currently happening in Ukraine!** Ayesha lives in a battle-scarred building with her granny and her little brother. Outside, a war is tearing the city apart - but Ayesha doesn't even know why the two sides are fighting. Life get even scarier when Granny falls ill, and Ayesha has no choice but bravely to embark on a dangerous journey across no man's land for medicine.



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### Hellifield C.P. School & Friends of Hellifield

On **Friday the 10th of February**, we will be holding an optional **'Dress Down Day'** at Hellifield C.P. School. If pupils would like to take part, we kindly ask for a donation of chocolate or prizes for a tombola. All items will be greatly received and passed on to Friends of Hellifield. These items will be raffled on the day and will help us to raise funds for our lovely school during this fun event.

All welcome



### Friends of Hellifield / Hellifield C.P. School Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th February 2023 - 10.00 am - 11.30am - At Hellifield Institute (Village Hall)

Entry fee: Adults £1.50 (Children free) - Refreshments included in entry (Tombola x 5 for £1.00)

Raffle £1.00 (a strip) Donations of cakes, tombola, raffle prizes welcome  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



January 23  
Whole School Attendance 97.19%

To follow 'The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools' via Twitter - please go to '@FedRibblesdale'

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 Hellifield C.P. School (Part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools)**



## Notice Board (Other Events)

### SDA Sports

*Start Date for Spring 1 & 2*

**Monday 9th of January 2023**

*- PE kits needed if your child is attending - Last session TBC*



# SDA

SPORTS ACADEMY

### Swimming (2023)

*Start Date for Spring 1 & 2*

**Tuesday 10th of January 2023**

*Swimming kits needed if your child is attending*

*Last session TBC*



### Hellifield Community Pantry

*Please spread the word, if you know of anyone who may be interested, please let them know!*

*Location - Wesley Centre (Haw Grove, Hellifield)*

*When - Every Friday: 2 to 3pm*

*Donations are greatly received and our school is a collection point.*

*Everyone welcome, bring what you can and take what you need*



### Crucial Crew Event

*Crucial Crew is a multi-agency event organised through schools, by the police and supported by the fire service. They aim to raise awareness of safety issues to school children in Year 6 (aged 10-11).*

**Year 6 (The Ribblesdale federation of Schools)**

**Tuesday 14th March 2023 (full day event )**

**Location - Eshton Grange**

**More information to follow**



## Bereavement Support for Families

Please see flyer below with reference to the Parent Support Group for **February 2023**.

If you feel this resource may be useful, the next support group will be held on: **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023, 10.30am or 7.30pm** and the topic for February's group is: **"Supporting your child: Bereavement"**.

### What is the Parent Support Group?

The Parent Support Group is an online group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic.

If you are interested, please contact our team at: [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com) (details are also on the poster below).


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## Raising Yorkshire Puddings

Parent Support Group



Tuesday  
21st Feb



10:30am  
or 7:30pm




Zoom  
Email the address  
below for the link

**THIS MONTHS TOPIC:**  
**SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: BEREAVEMENT**



In this month's Parent Support Group we will be looking at bereavement. We will be joined by a specialist in bereavement to discuss how to support children and young people in this area

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