



Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



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

Welcome to our September Newsletter. We hope you had a lovely summer and that everyone has had time to relax and recharge their batteries spending quality time with your families. We are very much looking forward to another super academic year and have lots planned across our Federation. We would like to say a big warm welcome to our new starters who have joined us this term, who are all looking very smart in their school uniform and bursting with enthusiasm! Mr Wiseman, joins the Federation as Assistant Head and will be working across the Federation. Miss Richardson and Mrs Warner have joined our staffing team and I am sure our pupils will give them both a very warm welcome! Miss Richardson will be working in partnership with Miss Mounsey in Tems Class. Mrs Warner will be working in all three classes at some point during the week. Mrs Haynes will continue teaching in Harrison Class and Mrs Leach will continue teaching in Alkelda Class. We also have Charlotte Wilson who is on a student placement in Tems Class for two days a week for this academic year.

We cherish the moments we have with our Year 6 pupils and prepare them as much as we can for their transition to Year 7 in 2024! Here is to another super year ahead for us all! Kind regards Mrs Maddocks and the Giggleswick Staff Team.

Dates for Diaries 2023/24 *(Please note, diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)*

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September	Teacher INSET Days
Wednesday 6th September	Start of term for Years 1 to 6
Thursday 7th September	Start of term for Reception pupils
Thursday 14th September	Year 4/5/6 Swimming lessons start
Monday 18th September	Year 5 Ingleborough Walk
Tuesday 19th September	Years 4/5/6 visit to RWT to see production of Pinocchio Settle college visiting Y6 1.00pm Guitar assembly 10.30am
Wednesday 20th September	Meet the Teacher (Session 1: 3.30 to 4.00pm) (Session 2: 4.14 to 4.45pm)
Thursday 21st September	Johnny Walker Tag Rugby Years 3/4/5/6 at GJS
Friday 22nd September	North Craven Cross County Event Years 3/4/5/6 at GJS
Monday 25th September	Bikeability Y6
Tuesday 26th September	Bikeability Y6
Friday 29th September	McMillan Coffee Event (HCPS) - More information to follow
Tuesday 17th October	Flu Immunisation Session Rec -Y6
Friday 27th October	School closes for half term 3.30pm or 5.00pm if attending A/Club
Tuesday 31st October	Deadline to apply for a Year 7 place for secondary school
Monday 6th November	School re-opens for pupils
Saturday 25th November	Settle Christmas Lights Switch on
Friday 8th December	Panto at Blackburn
Sunday 10th December	Community Carol Concert Settle Church 4pm
Friday 22nd December	School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 9th January	Start of Spring term for pupils
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term at 3.30pm or 5.00pm if attending A/Club
Monday 19th February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 22nd March	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays
Monday 8th April	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 9th April	Start of Summer term for pupils

Staffing September 2023 -The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools: Giggleswick PS

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks
Assistant Head teachers: Miss Mounsey, Mr Wiseman and Miss Houghton (maternity leave)
School Business Manager: Mrs Middleton
Harrison Class - Teacher: Mrs Haynes (Supported by Mrs Vickery)
Alkelda Class - Teacher: Mrs Leach (Supported by Mrs Clay)
Tems Class - Teachers: Miss Mounsey & Miss Richardson (Supported by Miss Bousfield)
Midday Supervisors— Mrs Clay & Mrs Whitehouse
School Cook: Miss Laura Knowles
School Administrator: Mrs Jarrom
School's I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag



Safeguarding Information: Giggleswick Primary School
Designated Safeguarding Lead: - Mrs Catherine Maddocks
Deputy SDL: Miss Mounsey & Mrs Haynes



The Ribblesdale Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all the children who attend our three schools.

Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator: Mrs Nicola Devereux

If you have any worries or concerns regarding your child having SEN, mental health issues or well being problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Devereux, via the school office, treated in the strictest confidence.

Summer Reading Challenge: Thank you to all those who supported the Summer Reading Challenge this year which was launched in a school assembly before we finished for the summer holidays! This is run by North Yorkshire Libraries during the school holidays. This year the theme was the power of play, sport, games and physical activity. Certificates were handed out at assembly on Friday 15th September to all those who met the challenge. Well done to all those who took part!



July 2023

Whole School Attendance 92.31%



House Keeping & General Information:

The School Day: Breakfast Club: 8.00 - 8.45am (Monday to Friday), Start of day: 8.45am, Lunch - 12.00pm - 1.00pm (Including Playtime), Home-time: 3.30pm, After School Club: 3.30-5.00pm (Monday to Friday). For booking, please contact school via admin. If parents are running late for pick up, children will automatically be booked into After School Club provision until they are collected and charged appropriately. Please remember to send PE kits on Mondays to be collected on Fridays each week or left in school for the half term.



School Money (we are a cashless school): For our current families, we hope that any outstanding payments due were cleared during the summer holiday period. If you have anything still outstanding, we kindly ask if this can be paid in full as soon as possible (as a matter of urgency as all pupils should now have a £0 balance on their individual account - thank you). Guidance on School Money is also available via our website; you can also contact school if you need any further assistance.



Admin Packs: Admin packs will be sent home next week. Please complete and return to school (per child). We'd appreciate a quick turn around for these forms. Thank you in advance.

School Parking: Please don't drop off or pick up your child/children directly outside school. There is plenty of on street parking on Raines Road. Our aim is to keep everyone as safe as possible - Thank you.

Friends of Giggleswick Primary School: For our new families who have recently become part of our school, we are very proud of our Friends Team. They are very active in supporting the school both financially and socially, through fundraising and events throughout the year, enabling us to enhance the education of our pupils through visits, resources and treats that wouldn't otherwise be possible. If you are interested in becoming involved, please don't hesitate to let us know so we can pass on your details. A big thank you to Friends and all of our families who make these fundraising events so successful - We couldn't do this without you!



Swimming: Swimming lessons have started for Years 4, 5 & 6 and will gradually filter through to each class to our youngest pupils in the summer term (Please refer to diary dates for our swimming blocks as these will be added as the academic year progresses. Pupils are to bring swimming kits with them each Thursday, this includes swimsuit, towel (goggles optional with the responsibility of pupil). Please remove any earrings/watches/jewellery on Swimming days and no jewellery to be worn on PE days. Swimming tuition continues to be kindly funded by the Brentwood Trust to whom we are very grateful.



Celebration Assemblies: Celebration Assemblies will take place each Friday at 9.00am. You are invited to join us as usual to celebrate our pupils' achievements each week. Please sign in and wear a visitor sticker upon arrival and sign out on leaving.



Clothing & Bookbags: Please label clothing to avoid being mixed up. We recommend Velcro shoes for our little ones. Please do not let your child/children bring toys or objects into school in or on their book bags, especially in Tems Class (as they need to fit in a small place). Requirements on a daily basis are: coat, water bottle (PE kits Mondays for all pupils, swimming kit Thursdays for Harrison Class Autumn Term only).

The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Chair of the Governing Board: To be confirmed at the meeting on the 15/9, following the resignation of Mr Paul Gibbons. Currently, the Vice Chair, Mr Bradley is acting in this role.

Vice Chair: Mr Andrew Bradley

Mr Andrew Bradley: Co-opted Governor

Mr James Atkinson: Co-opted Governor

Rev Sue McWhinney: Co-opted Governor

Rev James Rodley: Co-opted Governor

Mrs Emmy Hodgson: Co-opted Governor

Mr Carl Shuttleworth: Parent Governor

Ms Anna Lawrence: Parent Governor

Safeguarding Link Governor: Rev Sue McWhinney

SEND/Mental Health Link Governor: Rev James Rodley

LA Governor: Vacant Post

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