



Long Preston EVA Primary School News-



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

Welcome to our **December Newsletter**. As another year comes to a close, we have lots of things to be thankful for, our lovely reception pupils have almost made it through their first term with us which has been a wonderful journey so far. We do feel that they have settled into school life and are enjoying day to day activities. We still have lots to look forward to leading up to Christmas. We are very much looking forward to our Christmas dinner this year as our school cooks always do such an amazing job. If anyone chooses to have a packed lunch but would like to be included and have a Christmas dinner with us, you are very welcome **(please contact the school office to let us know so that we know how many pupils to cater for)**. Pupils are welcome to bring in a decoration for our Christmas tree to help spread the spirit of Christmas this year; these will be returned to pupils on the last day of term. On Friday, 22nd December, we will be having our Christmas Party after lunch. A very special guest will also be attending! Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing appropriate party wear and suitable footwear (no football kits please) on the last day of term. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy 2024 from Mrs Maddocks and The Federation Team! **We will close for the Christmas holidays on the 22nd with pupils returning on 9th January 2024.**



Year 6 Fundraiser for the Sue Ryder Charity:

Year 6 pupils - Lucy Hodgson, Clara Kay, Emily Daw, Alex Bussey and Esther Hodgson - ran a Christmas fundraiser on Friday, 1st December for the Sue Ryder charity, which provides palliative care and bereavement support. The children explained: *"We raised £172 and we all had an amazing time running it. We made handy crafts and ran activities, such as guess the number of jelly beans in a jar, best Santa drawing, a lucky dip, pin the nose on Rudolph, key rings, bracelets, bookmarks and lots more. Thank you to everyone for coming and contributing to our total."* Mrs Maddocks added: *"I'm extremely proud of our Year 6 children who did such a tremendous job of organising, promoting and running their charity event for such a worthy cause. They are all a real credit to the school."*



A Special Invitation to Families: This year our school Nativity - 'A Midwife Crisis' - takes place on Thursday, 21st December in the school hall. We hope as many parents/carers and family members as possible are able to come along and enjoy the performance. Our nativity will start at 2pm promptly. Please arrive and be seated by 1.55pm. It is going to be truly magical afternoon. We kindly ask you **NOT to take photographs please during our Nativity**; there will be an opportunity at the end of this event to do this.



Weather: Please make sure that pupils come to school with a waterproof coat and warm accessories. It is extremely rare for us to close because of the weather and this will be only be in the interests of health and safety for staff and pupils. If we need to do so, you will be informed via a text message and we aim to let parents and carers know as early as we can. If weather conditions deteriorate during the school day and there is a need for early closure, we will again send parents a text message notification. Please can you ensure that we have up to date contact numbers for you and to return this year's admin pack (if you haven't already done so) - Thank you.



Christmas Jumper Day: We will be supporting Save The Children this year on 7th December and pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school (or make your jumper festive!). As we are cashless, if you would like to make a donation, please add your donation to your child's school money account. This would be much appreciated (donation options will be deleted at a later date if you do not wish to donate - Thank you).



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

Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Please donate via School Money. Thank you
Thursday 14th December	Miss Walmsley's Musical Theatre Group Production - 4pm in the School Hall.
Tuesday 19th December	Long Preston EVA Primary School Christmas Dinner for pupils. If your child has a packed lunch but would like to be included, please let us know. Thank you
Thursday 21st December	School Christmas Nativity - 'A Midwife Crisis', 2pm in the School Hall. Invitation for all families to attend.
Friday 22nd December	Christmas Party Afternoon (Appropriate party wear to be worn on the day). School closes at 3.30pm for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 9th January	Start of term for pupils
Friday 9th February	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 19th February	Start of term for pupils
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 22nd March	School closes at 3.30pm for half term for Easter
Monday 8th April	Teacher INSET Day
Tuesday 9th April	Start of term for pupils
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday
Week Commencing from Monday 13th May	Date from Gov.uk SATs Week
Friday 24th May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 3rd June	Start of term for pupils
Friday 19th July	School closes at 3.30pm for Summer
Monday 22nd July	Teacher INSET Day

November 2023

Whole School Attendance

Long Preston EVA Primary School: 92.2%



The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley
Vice Chair: Rev Sue McWhinney
Mr Andrew Bradley: 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
Mrs Barbara Stirton: Staff Governor
Safeguarding and Attendance Link Governor: Rev Sue McWhinney
Health and Safety Link Governor: Andrew Bradley
EYFS Link Governor: Barbara Stirton

LA Governor: Vacant Post



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Safeguarding Information: Long Preston EVA Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: - Mrs Catherine Maddocks Executive Headteacher

Deputy DSL: Mr Shaun Wiseman



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 or mental health issues and well being problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Devereux, via the school office. All correspondence will be treated in the strictest confidence.



Staffing 23/24 -The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools: Long Preston

SLT

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head teachers: Miss Mounsey, Mr Wiseman and Miss Houghton (maternity leave)

School Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Robins/Wrens Class - Teachers: Mrs Whitehead (Supported by Mrs Stirton)

Starlings Class - Teacher: Miss Walmsley & Mrs Jones (Supported by Mrs Coultherd)

Owls Class - Teacher: Ms Ward & Mr Wiseman (Supported by Mrs Greaves, Mrs Hopkins & Mrs Fortune)

School Cook: Mrs Vickery **School Administrator:** Mrs Middleton/Mrs Wearden

School's I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Caretaker: Mr Jackson



The following policies were adopted by the Full Governing Board on Monday 27th November 2023. Policies will be uploaded onto the school website in due course.

Low Level Concerns policy, Volunteer policy, Governing Board Visits policy, Intimate Care policy, Mobile phones and smart technology policy, Self Harm policy, Suicide Ideation policy, Early Years Foundation Stage policy, Long Preston Endowed Admissions policy, Attendance management (staff), Behaviour and conduct policy, EYFS safeguarding and welfare policy, Health and safety statements for each school, Pupil with Additional Health needs policy, SEND policy, Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy and Suspension or removal of a governor procedure.

