



Long Preston EVA Primary School Newsletter



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

Welcome to our January **Newsletter**. We hope that you have had a restful Christmas and that the children have had the opportunity to relax and to get ready to start another exciting year of learning. Yet again we have had a very positive start to the new term; the children and staff have been enthusiastic about so much already which is amazing! We are fortunate to have such a talented and hardworking team across The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools. From myself Mrs Maddocks and all the Federation. team, we wish you all a Happy New Year for 2024!



Dates for Diaries 2024 (Please note, diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)

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| 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 15th March | Year 6 Crucial Crew Event (More information to follow) |
| Thursday 21st March | Easter Service at Long Preston Parish Church, starting at 10.30am. Parents/carers welcome. |
| 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 |

Updates from 2023:

Thank you to everyone who attended the School Nativity, I'm sure you will agree it was absolutely amazing and we really do have some stars in the making. It is always so good to see so many parents, grandparents and friends join us at this special time of year. Also, the Friends of Long Preston School want to say a big thank you to everyone who supported their Christmas raffle and cake stall; whether this was selling or buying raffle tickets or bringing in goodies for the raffle hampers and cakes to sell. A total of £368 was raised. In December, the Friends also organised a successful Christmas film night – as well as watching The Grinch, the children enjoyed hot dogs and other treats – which raised £170.



School Money:

As we start the new year, 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. Please can accounts be at £0 if possible for the start of each new half term. As you can appreciate, we aim to stay within our school budget and outstanding arrears can put a strain on our finances. By now, everyone should be booking after school club places in advance via your child's individual School Money account.



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.



December 23

Whole School Attendance
Long Preston EVA Primary School:

93.18 %

Absences:

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us by email or by telephoning school (you can also leave a message on our answer machine). 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. We will be doing home visits if we do not know why your child is absent and we can not get hold of a parent. 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/holiday if not agreed. 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 best interest at heart when monitoring individual attendance.

Attendance Ladder



The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley
Vice Chair: Rev Sue McWhinney
Mr Andrew Bradley: Co-opted Governor
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Mrs Emmy Hodgson: Co-opted Governor
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EYFS Link Governor: Barbara Stirton

LA Governor: Vacant Post

Safeguarding Information: Long Preston EVA Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: - Mrs Catherine Maddocks
Executive Headteacher

Deputy DSL: Mr Shaun Wiseman.



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 Class - Teachers: Mrs Whitehead (Supported by Mrs Stirton and Mrs Dakin)

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

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

School Cook: Mrs Vickery

School Administrator: Mrs Middleton / Mrs Wearden

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

School Caretaker: Mr Jackson



Autism Awareness Workshop For Parents & Carers 18th January Skipton

THE AIM OF THIS WORKSHOP IS TO PROVIDE PARENTS AND CARERS WITH UNDERPINNING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS/CONDITIONS, IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON PRE OR POST DIAGNOSIS.

THE WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE ON:
THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2024, 09:30 AT DYNELEY HOUSE SURGERY,
NEWMARKET STREET SKIPTON.

TO BOOK A PLACE GO TO :
WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/AUTISM-HEALTH-TALK-FOR-PARENTS-AND-CARERS-TICKETS-757622287657

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL HELEN.WALKER84@NHS.NET OR SHAMEEM.KOSER@NHS.NET

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THE WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE ON:
THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024, 6:30-7:30PM AT TOWNHEAD SURGERY ,
SETTLE

TO BOOK A PLACE GO TO :
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