



Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



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

Welcome to our March Newsletter. We have another busy month planned, with lots of things to look forward to. This includes our Easter Service at St Alkelda's church 2nd April. We hope you can join us there.



This month our Year 6 pupils are once again taking part in the Craven Crucial Crew event on Wednesday 19th March in the afternoon. During the event the children, along with those from some other local schools will take part in a number of workshops. The skills and topics covered are valuable tools which they will carry with them as they continue their educational journey into Year 7 and beyond. Pupils will leave school after an early lunch and they should be back at school for the normal pick-up time.

Our next Parent Consultations are taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 20th March — if you haven't done so already, please use the online booking system to book your consultation with your child/rens teacher/s.

World Book Day: as usual we all enjoyed World Book Day on 6th March. There were lots of great outfits worn by both the children and the teaching staff, portraying their favourite character from a book, as well as some children looking very cosy in their pyjamas and onesies. Our cook Miss Knowles, also prepared a special 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' themed lunch for the children to enjoy.

It was an extra special day for Reception and Y1 classes from The Federation spending the day at Giggleswick and then visiting Settle Library. They enjoyed their day and they also used their £1 voucher to buy a special book.

Ribblesdale Federation Vacancies

The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools currently has the following vacancies:

- **Dining Room Assistant & Midday Supervisory Assistant** (Giggleswick)
Closing date – 14th March 2025
- **Caretaker** (Long Preston/Hellfield) and **Cleaner** (Hellfield)
Closing date – 17th March 2025



Please share these with anyone you think might be interested in them.

A message from PC Ruth Pearson, Craven Schools Liaison Officer, Local Policing Support, about e-scooters:

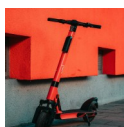
"Police in Craven have recently seen an increase in the number of electric scooters being used around the area, often being ridden by children. I'm sure you are aware that nationally there has been an increase in the number of deaths and serious injuries relating to the use of these vehicles, many of which involve young people. Our message is not intended to alarm people, it is merely to inform people of the legality of using electric scooters and the potential risks involved.

"Electric scooters are legally classed as motor vehicles and as such means you are required to have a driving licence, third party insurance, and tax to ride them on a public highway. Currently insurance companies are not providing insurance for them, therefore it is illegal to use one in public places, pavements or roads.

"If you are caught doing so the penalties can include a fixed penalty notice, a fine of up to £300, up to six penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter. If as a parent/guardian, you allow a child to ride an e-scooter on a public pavement or road, you too can be prosecuted for permitting the use of that motor vehicle. In Craven, the only place you can legally use an e-scooter is on private land, with the permission of the land owner.

"If you cause serious harm to another person, or cause damage to other vehicles/property whilst riding an e-scooter, this would be classed as a road traffic collision. The incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car. Riding an e-scooter on a road will put you in contact with other vehicles and as a result the risk of serious injury is high. Also, riding an e-scooter on a pavement or footpath put both you and other pedestrians at risk of injury.

"Please consider these facts before you purchase an e-scooter or allow someone to ride one in public. This message is not designed to spoil peoples fun, but to keep you and everyone else safe."



Dates for Diaries 2025 (Please note diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)

Tuesday 18th March	Tag Rugby Festival for Y3/4 & Y5/6 at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club
Wednesday 19th March (pm)	Y6 Craven Crucial Crew Event
Thursday 20th March	Parent Consultations NY Final Cross Country at GJS
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter Service at St Alkeldas 10.30am all welcome
Friday 4th April	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 25th April	Johnny Walker Tag Rugby Festival at Settle College
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank
W/c Monday 12th May	Yr 6 SATS Week
Monday 19th— Wednesday 21st June	Residential trip to East Barnby for Y6 pupils
Wednesday 21st May	Kwik Cricket Festival Y3/4 & Y5/6 a Settle
Friday 23rd May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 2nd June	School re-opens to pupils
Monday 9th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 17th June	School photos
Thursday 19th June	Rounders Tournament Y5/6 at Ingleton PS

Whole School Attendance

February 2025

Giggleswic Primary School: 97.96%



This is what we've been getting up to:

Shantha from the Annapurna Indian Dance arranged for some of her group to come into our school last term to work with Harrison Class. They had an amazing time and learnt so much. Please click on the link below to see the lovely video which was made during their time at GPS.

Shantha Rao: 'This is one of my life's greatest opportunity'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MC8qmVoSsWk>



The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Maddocks:

Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley

Vice Chair: Rev Sue McWhinney (Co-opted)

Foundation Governors: Mrs Emmy Hodgson & Mrs Christine Padley

Parent Governors: Miss Laura Boyd & Mrs Ruth Taylor

Staff Governor: Mrs Paula Clay

Co-opted Governor and SEND Link Governor: Mr Carl Shuttleworth

Safeguarding and Attendance Link Governor: Rev Sue McWhinney

EYFS Link Governor: Mrs Christine Padley

Health and Safety Link Governor: Mr Andrew Bradley

Pupil and Staff Wellbeing: Miss Laura Boyd



The next meeting of the Federation Governing Board will be held on 24th March 2025.

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: Mrs Erin Jones

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 Jones, via the school office. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.

Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Helen Haynes, Miss Rachel Mounsey and Miss Rachel Houghton.

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

Staffing 24/25 The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools : Giggleswick Primary School

SLT

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Mounsey & Miss Houghton

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Harrison Class Teacher: Mrs Haynes (Supported by Mrs Clay & Mrs Vickery)

Alkelda Class Teacher: Mrs Leach (Supported by Mrs Greaves & Mrs Clay)

Tems Class Teacher: Miss Mounsey & Miss Preston (Supported by Miss Bousfield)

P.E. Teacher: Mrs Mercer

Midday Supervisor (MSA): Mrs Clay & Mr Combes

School Administrator: Mrs Jarrom

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Miss Knowles

Dining Room Assistant: Mr Combes

School Cleaner: Mr Tindale



Follow Giggleswick Primary School on Facebook, where we share lots of posts about what the children are doing in school. We also have lots of information available vis our website: <https://ribblesdalefed.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

Please help our followers to grow!

Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Giggleswick Primary School, part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools.

Bacon

Follow us at Long
Preston May Day



Butty Morning

Cakes & buns

Raffle

Coffee & tea



LP Village Hall

10am-12pm

Sunday 16th

March



**The 2025 May Queen & King selection
will also take place**

£10 Gift for each selected on the day.

**£50 each towards Queen & King
outfits.**

**Open to LP Primary students
attending or attended from
Year 4-Year 8.**

All money raised goes to funding May Day.

Thank you for your support



Healthy
Minds

Bradford District and Craven
Health and Care Partnership



Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday 18th
March



10:30am or
7:30 pm



Held on
MS Teams

Please email the address below

THIS MONTHS TOPIC:

THE TEENAGE BRAIN



Join us for this session where we will be discussing all the things linked to the Teenage Brain. We will be covering information around how understanding brain development may inform emotional wellbeing as well as discussing opportunities to learn new knowledge to support your young person.

✉ mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



From **£15** per day



EASTER CAMPS



Skipton, Sandylands

EASTER CAMP

Tues 8th, Weds 9th
Tues 15th & Weds 16th April

GOAL KEEPER CAMP

Weds 9th April

Keighley, Marley

EASTER CAMP

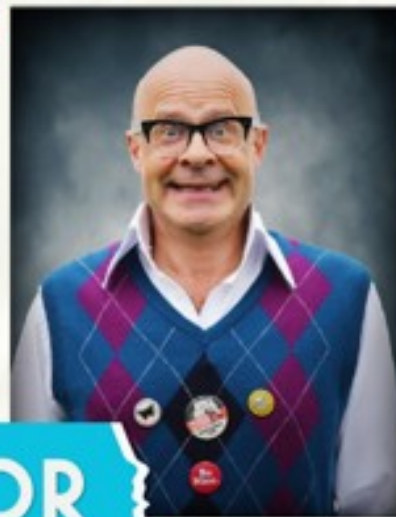
Fri 11th & Thurs 17th April

Individual Days Available
Early drop off / late pick up etc

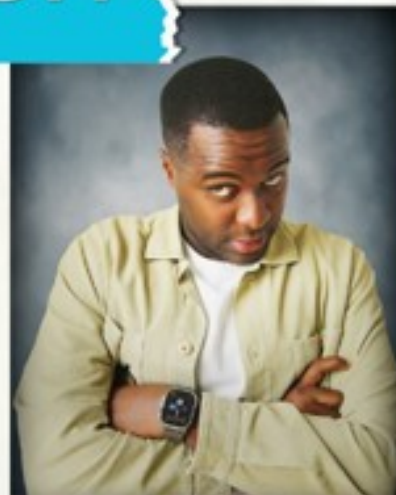


For bookings visit
www.soccerhub.org.uk/camps/





JUNIOR BAKE OFF



JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

**... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING
SERIES!**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

[APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](https://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)





Wild Explorers

Where nature, fun and adventure collide!

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



Price

£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age

Reception - Age 13

Easter Holiday Club

7th - 11th April & 14th - 17th April

*Birthday parties also available year round
email us for more info*



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



hello@wildexplorers.org.uk



www.wildexplorers.org.uk

EASTER ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and we'll provide the rest.

£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: 7th-10th, 14th-17th April 9:30-16.30

Brimham Rocks: 7th-9th April, 14th-16th April 9:30am-16:30

Childcare Vouchers accepted



Book online or contact us via email



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