

Wharfe Valley Primary Schools Cross-Country League 2020 / 21

We are delighted to confirm that the Cross Country League for the school year 2020 – 21 will be made up of four events. These are over the autumn and spring terms with a KS2 Relay event in March to conclude the series. Organising schools will ensure, on 'their' race day that individual races are arranged for KS1 and KS2 children. The organising school will be responsible for presenting certificates and medals. For the purposes of the League we will only use the results from years 3 to 6 and in advance would like to thank All Saints', Ashlands, Ben Rhydding and Ghyll Royd schools for allowing their race to be included in the League.

There are no restrictions on the number of children that a school may have competing, but **could schools make sure that children compete in one race only per event; children should run in their year group and not a younger year to ensure each race is fair for all those competing.**

We are hopeful the Cross Country events can take place in the next school year, we have planned the events with each host schools agreement, they will take place on the understanding that if there are any government guidelines regarding outdoor sporting events brought about because of the CoronaVirus Pandemic we will, of course, adhere to these. In the event that the guidelines request that events do not take place we will publish this at the earliest opportunity on the Ilkley Junior Harriers Facebook page, the host schools will also email the 12 schools to alert them to the fact the event is cancelled and ask them to instruct their pupils accordingly.

Individual League

For the purposes of the League we will only use the results of children participating from the following 12 Wharfedale schools.

Addingham	All Saints	Menston
Ashlands	Askwith	Moorfield
Ben Rhydding	Burley Oaks	Sacred Heart
Burley & Woodhead	Ghyll Royd	Westville House

There will be 4 individual events this season:

Saturday 10th October – Ashlands
Saturday 14th November – Ghyll Royd
Saturday 6th February – Ben Rhydding
Saturday 6th March – All Saints' (Ilkley Pool)

The 8 individual leagues are:

Yr 3 Girls	Yr 3 Boys	Yr 4 Girls	Yr 4 Boys
Yr 5 Girls	Yr 5 Boys	Yr 6 Girls	Yr 6 Boys

Any non-league school runners will be removed from the results before League points are allocated and an individual's best 3 out of 4 results will count (unless a race has to be cancelled due to bad weather / government advised restrictions on outdoor sporting events relating to Coronavirus in which case the organisers of the League will notify schools / individuals at the Nell Bank Relays how the results have been compiled).

School Team Relay – Nell Bank – 20th March 2021

At the end of the series we will organise relay races, followed by the presentation of awards and certificates to individuals. Ilkley Harriers will support the League by providing the engraved plates for the first three finishers in the 8 individual Leagues and certificates to the top finishers in each League (provided they have taken part in the number of races chosen for League positions i.e. if four events take place, the best three results will be used).

These relays will take place at Nell Bank on Saturday 20th March 2021 and they will be restricted to KS2 children from the 12 League schools. More specific details will be given to schools nearer the time, we will use the same format as previous years with teams of 3 and run separate U9 (Years 3 & 4) and U11 (Years 5 & 6) relay races. There will be two courses (U9) and (U11) with all three team members running over the same course. 3 categories - Boys, Girls, Mixed.

Details of the League, individual races and results will be put on www.junior.ilkleyharriers.org.uk
However if there are any general questions or queries please contact me at flicrun@yahoo.com.

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