

Wharfe Valley Primary Schools Cross-Country League 2021 / 22

We are delighted to confirm that the Cross Country League for the school year 2021 – 22 will be made up of five events. The events 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 (Reception, year 1 and 2) and KS2 (years 3 – 6) 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, Burley & Woodhead and Ghyll Royd schools for allowing their race to be included in the League.

In the past there have been no restrictions on the number of children that a school may have competing (and supporters attending), 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.** Our hope is that in the 2021/22 season we will be able to continue in this vein, however we are mindful that to keep us all safe, we will be closely monitoring any government restrictions / advice on sporting events and 'crowds' and will make a judgement call before the start of the season and each event as to whether any Covid safety measures need to be put in place. These will be communicated to each school holding an event and will form part of their 'invitation' to the other 11 schools taking part. We would appreciate your support in ensuring all children and any supporters that may attend with a child are aware and respectful of these requests to ensure we are able to run the event.

Individual League

For the purposes of the League and event organising we will ONLY be inviting and therefore using 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 5 individual events this season, at all events races for Reception – year 6 will take place:

Saturday 25th September – Ashlands
Saturday 2nd October – Burley & Woodhead (at Ilkley Rugby Club)
Saturday 13th November – Ghyll Royd
Saturday 5th February – Ben Rhydding
Saturday 5th March – All Saints' (at 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

League points are allocated based on an individual's best 4 out of 5 results (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 – 19th March 2022

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 five events take place, the best four results will be used).

These relays will take place at Nell Bank on Saturday 19th March 2022 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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