



THE COLLABORATION OF MIDDLEHAM CE (VA) AND SPENNITHORNE CE (VC) SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

Next week, I will be at Spennithorne on Tuesday and both Monday and Friday afternoons and at Middleham on Wednesday, Thursday and Monday and Friday morning.

FRIENDS OF SPENNITHORNE/HARMBY UNDER 5'S SUMMER FAYRE – SATURDAY 7TH JULY 11AM-1PM

On Saturday 7th July, the FOSS and Harmby under Fives are holding their Summer Fair. We welcome of members of our communities from both Spennithorne and Middleham Schools even it is to just 'Splat the Head!'

SUMMER FAYRE, SPORTS EVENING AND BBQ – FRIDAY 13TH JULY 6-8PM

The Friends of Middleham School are holding a fun evening on Friday 13th July to raise funds for extra school activities and we welcome members of our communities from both Spennithorne and Middleham Schools. There will be great BBQ food, a rounders match, a tug of war, 'Splat the Head' (have you noticed a theme here??!!) and lots of things to do and buy.

Support for this will be greatly appreciated,

BROUGHTON HALL CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL (www.childrensliteraturefestival.org)

In September, our children are attending an event at Tennants to listen to Tom Palmer, a leading children's author, which is part of the Broughton Hall Children's Literature Festival which runs from Sept 29th-30th.

This is planned to be a fantastic event and if you book between the 9th-13th July and use the code word bananas, this early offer gives you 20% off ticket prices!

SCHOOL MEALS PRICES

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are having to increase the cost of our school dinners. This is due to the fact that County Caterers have set meal prices for individual schools. Obviously, large schools will have a lower price as they are cooking for more children but we

COVERDALE

FUN

DAY

SUNDAY

22nd July 2018

Starts 12 NOON

(CARLTON MEMORIAL HALL)

With Bring and Share Lunch

Then Various/Activities/Attractions

E.g. Sports/Fell race/Tombola/Bran Tub/Dog Show/
Face Painting/Raffle/Football challenge/Egg Throwing/
BBQ & BAR

ALSO: CHILDRENS DISCO WITH DJ WILKO

PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

feel it is important to keep our kitchens and offer freshly cooked meals to all our children.

I am meeting with governors from both schools in the coming weeks and we will be setting a price for meals. There will be an increase – we cannot get away from that - but unfortunately, due to tight budgets, we are unable to subsidise meals.

We will keep you posted.



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FEDERATION

We have been busy as two sets of governing bodies moving towards federation, which we anticipate will begin on 1st September. There will be no changes to your child's everyday school experience; this will continue as normal including bringing the children together when it benefits the children's experiences. Each school will keep their own budgets, staff and identity but collectively, we will be known as 'The Federation of Middleham VA and Spennithorne VC CE Primary Schools (not the catchiest of titles but it ensures we keep our identities very clear!)

The main change will be that there will be one governing body. More information will follow before the end of term.

PAPER PLATE CHALLENGE – 13th JULY

Have you bought your piece of card for 50p? We will be flying the planes on Friday 13th July with prizes for the winner.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Who is coming to the Teddy Bears' Picnic?

This will take place on Tuesday 10th July at Spennithorne and Thursday 12th July at Middleham. Weather permitting, we will be eating a picnic lunch outside on the field.

Lunch will be a choice of sandwiches (cheese, ham, tuna and egg), a sausage roll, veggie sticks and an iced cupcake.



Early Years IES Communication and Interaction

Drop-in for Parents

Come and talk to us at the Children's Centres for advice and support around all aspects of your child's communication skills.

When and Where

Monday 9 th July	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Selby North Children's Centre, Flaxley Road, Selby YO8 4DL
Tuesday 10 th July	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Whitby Children's Centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY
	1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Briercliffe Children's Centre, Briercliffe Road, Scarborough, YO12 6NS
Thursday 12 th July	1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	Northallerton Children's Centre Mount Road, (Alverton Community Primary School site) Northallerton, DL6 1RB
Tuesday 17 th July	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Saltergate Children's Centre, Newby Crescent, Harrogate, HG3 2TT
	1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Skipton Children's Centre, Brougham Street, Skipton, BD23 2ES

Who will be there?

Rachel Comerford - Lead for C & I

Jo Collett - SLCN Consultant

Specialist Practitioners from your locality

Don't forget to bring your teddy though.

SPORTS DAY – 2PM

We look forward to welcoming you to our schools for our annual sports day. Middleham's sports day is due to take place on Monday 16th July at 2pm and Spennithorne's will take place on Monday 9th July at 2pm.

Can we please ask that parents stay on one side and that you stay clear of the finishing line. I am happy for you to take photos but please do not post on social media if another child is in the image.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As from September 2018, Kidz Day Nursery will be offering before and after school wrap around care to all pupils from Middleham and Spennithorne from 7am to 6pm. Children who attend Spennithorne will need to be dropped at Middleham in the morning and will be transported to school at the beginning of the school day and in the evenings, will be collected from Spennithorne and transported to Middleham.

If you are interested in using this service regularly or on an ad-hoc basis, please email

info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk



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TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

We have our last transition session next Friday morning. We hope your children have found these useful.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop in sessions for children up to the age of 4yrs 11months will be held at Bedale Health Clinic, Sussex Street, Bedale between 9.30-11.30 on the following dates:

11th July 18, 12th Sept 18 and 7th Nov 18.

HOLIDAY REQUEST

As a school, we are required to encourage good attendance from all pupils. It is very easy for days off to mount up. Therefore, if you are requesting leave in an exceptional circumstance, leave will only be authorised if your request hits both the criteria on the form and that your child's attendance is above 95%.

MIDDLEHAM NEWS

BRING A PLANT TO SCHOOL DAY

Our Eco-committee has been really busy this term writing to local businesses to ask for donations as we try to develop our school grounds. We have been given many plants from Ravensworth Garden Centres, Wensleydale Garden Centre and Boyes which we hope our Eco-committee will plant on Thursday 19th July. However, maybe you and your child would like to join in and bring a plant for us to use in our garden or bring a packet of meadow flowers seeds to encourage and support our national bee population.

We will be planting from 11.15-12pm on Thursday 19th July, please bring with you a shovel/trowel. If you would then like to join us for lunch, please can you let us know by Friday 13th July.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 9 th July	St Francis Xavier Induction Day	
Thursday 12 th July	Teddy Bears Picnic	Menu has gone home
Friday 13 th July	Year 6 Rookie Lifeguard	Letter has gone home
Friday 13 th July	FOMS Summer Fayre	See newsletter
Monday 16 th July	Sports Day	2pm start
Friday 20 th July	Last day of term	
Monday 3 rd September	Staff training day	
Tuesday 4 th September	School opens	