



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

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

## **AVAILABILITY**

Next week, I will be in Middleham on Wednesday and Thursday and in Spennithorne on Tuesday and Friday.

## **COOPERATIVE BAUBLE COMPETITION**

Students are invited to enter a 'Decorate a Christmas Bauble Competition' which would be displayed on a Christmas tree in store and customers would then vote for their favourite. Prizes will be issued for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

To ensure that customers have plenty of time to vote, entries would need to be delivered to the store by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Annette or Jonathan on 01969 622140

## **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Next Friday is Children In Need day. It is a non-uniform day so children may come into school in their own clothes for a donation.

We are also holding a toy and book sale. If you have any spare toys and games, could you bring them into school on the morning of Children in Need day, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and our school councillors will then organise the sale during school time.

Children will then have an opportunity to buy in the sale and all monies raised, will be donated to this charity. Children may bring in some money to purchase these goods.

Also, if you have any old round pounds, we are collecting these which will be accepted by the charity.

In addition, children at Spennithorne will have the opportunity to buy a cupcake made by KTeas and donated by Yorvik for £1. We have been donated 50 cupcakes so parents, don't forget to bring some money too at the end of the day as I am sure we will have spares!

## **PACKED LUNCHES**

Can we please ask parents not to send their child into school with nut based products. We have children in both schools with nut allergies and would ask for your help in this matter.

## **PE**

As the colder weather draws in, please ensure all children in KS2 (Y3-6) have a warm PE kit for outside PE. This includes an old hoody or warm top and joggers

## **CHRISTMAS PLAY**

Last week, after careful deliberation and both Mrs Martin and Mrs Ramsay ringing around a lot of people, I announced that both schools would be joining together to perform the Christmas play. However, I have underestimated the importance that Spennithorne parents place on their Christmas play, more than any other service. I have spoken to a variety of parents about this. I always greatly appreciate parents who come to see me as I hope you find me accessible and open to suggestions. A comment from a parent about the importance of the Christmas play mentioned a child 4 years ago who wasn't hers but she recalled her performance because she sees the school as a family.

A collaboration is about joining schools together for the benefit of our children but keeping each school's own individual special ethos at its heart. Parents at Spennithorne felt that the special ethos of their school involves a Christmas play in their school with their children.



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Therefore, after listening to many opinions, the Christmas play for each school will now be held in both schools with Middleham children putting on their performance at their school and the children at Spennithorne doing the same at their school. In addition the Christmas service will revert back to the previous arrangement at East Wittton church for this year only. From next year services will alternate between churches in Middleham and Spennithorne.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The Friends of both Middleham School and Spennithorne School are requesting donations for chocolate hampers which they are hoping to raffle off during the Christmas plays.

The Friends of Middleham are looking for coloured food donations to create 2 food hampers. They are looking at donations either green, red, gold or silver.

The Spennithorne School Council will also be producing a hamper – any chocolate items which could be donated would be greatly appreciated – they are not concerned about the colour as long as it is chocolate!

Please could you bring any items into school before 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## EVENTS AT THE LEYBURN ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE)

### MUSIC & THEATRE EVENT

Remembrance Event Saturday November 11th at 6.30pm (for an hour)

All Tickets £5.00 online from the website: [oldschoolhouseleyburn.com](http://oldschoolhouseleyburn.com)

By phone at 01969 624510 or in person from Leyburn Arts & Community Centre ( The Old School House )

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES & FUNDRAISING

Race Night Saturday 18th NOVEMBER 7pm. Enjoy the thrill of the race at The Old School House

Tickets £7.50 (includes Pie & Peas Supper)

Book Now! by phone at 01969 624510 or in person from Leyburn Arts & Community Centre ( The Old School House )

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards have been collected and should be back in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. However, if you sent your cards back to school to be scanned, you can update your order by 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## CALENDAR

If you have a photo you have taken or would like to submit one you have taken for our calendar, please email it to either [admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk) or [admin@spennithorne.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@spennithorne.n-yorks.sch.uk).

We start making the calendars on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

The deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

## 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%.



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## PARENT VIEW

If you would like to share your views about our school with OFSTED, please use the following website:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## SPENNITHORNE NEWS

### EXTREME READING

Do you have any more pictures for us? Please email them to school.

### EASY FUNDRAISING

Invite your friends and earn £2 bonus donations for Friends of Spennithorne School!

**Earn a £2 bonus donation for every friend that registers before midnight 12th November.**

With Black Friday and Christmas on the horizon, it's the perfect time to get friends signed up and raise donations for Friends of Spennithorne School when they shop online.

Share your unique referral link with your friends and family today using the ready-made tools below.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofspennithorneschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

I have to admit, I needed to purchase something on Amazon tonight and just before I bought the item, I remembered this. For no additional outlay, I have donated money to the Friends. It's as easy as it says above.

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Spennithorne School will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

### HARMBY UNDER FIVES BEETLE DRIVE – CHANGE OF VENUE

Harmby Under Fives preschool invite you to a beetle drive evening on Friday 10th November 7.30pm at East Witton Village Hall. Tickets £5 each includes pie and pea supper, available from the preschool or by texting Chairman Jenny Bowes on 07825 222013.

### USBORNE BOOKS

Usborne books and Phoenix cards will be in the foyer of Middleham Key Centre on 15th, 22nd & 29th Nov 11:15am-12:15. Come along and have a look at some of the amazing books and cards available to buy.

There are 2 more order dates for Usborne books before Christmas, Fri 17 Nov & Thurs 14th Dec.

For more information chat to me, Olivia Clarkson, in the school playground or visit

[www.facebook.com/livclarksonusbormebooks](http://www.facebook.com/livclarksonusbormebooks)

### UNIFORM

Uniform is now available from both Tesco and now School Trends, in response to your requests. All uniform can be ordered online from either supplier.

<https://www.schooltrendsonline.com/uniform/SpennithorneCEPrimarySchoolIDL85PR>

[www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues).



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## WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Archie K. for writing a detailed and interesting story log.

Rabbits: - Jasmine H. for using a range of punctuation in her superhero storyboard.

## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Tom H. for confident work on multiplication and division.

Rabbits: - Pippa F. for persevering with tricky word problems involving money.

## GRANDPARENTS LUNCH

All grandparents are invited to come into school for lunch on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Please let school know if you would like to attend at a cost of £2.10 per person, letting us know your menu choice. The menu choices are Roast Chicken with gravy, stuffing, roast potatoes, broccoli & carrots **or** Ham Baguette with salad **or** Baked Potato with beans/cheese.

## CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

The library is open at Spennithorne Church on the following days: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month 10.00/12 noon

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bags2School 14<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need 17<sup>th</sup> November

Y1/2 skipping cluster event – 1<sup>st</sup> December

EYFS-Y4 flu vaccinations – 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Play -11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch -19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas party – 21<sup>st</sup> December

Carol service – 22<sup>nd</sup> December

End of term – 22<sup>nd</sup> December