



SPENNITHORNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th March 2017

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

As it currently stands, I will be in school on Tuesday and Friday and Wednesday morning.

ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRES

The questionnaire is now closed. Thank you for completing this. Results will be fed back shortly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL EASTER ACTIVITIES

The school council will be holding another 2 events this term to raise money for our chosen charity, The Air Ambulance.

On Wednesday 5th April, we will be holding a sponsored walk at Harmby playing field. We will be asking each child to walk, run, hop, skip or jump a certain distance (age dependant) and be sponsored by family and friends to add to our pot which we will donate to the school's chosen charity.

A sponsor form will be coming out next week.

Also, we are holding our Easter egg challenge competition. This costs £1 to enter. Once we have received your £1, you will be given a small plastic egg. The egg needs to be filled with as many different items as possible so that the lid can still be closed. You will also need to write down on the accompanying sheet the items in your egg. (This is a bit like the matchbox challenge but on a seasonal theme!). The winner will be the child who manages to fill their egg with the most items and will win a big Easter egg.

Each child who takes part will be given an egg, donated by Yorvik Homes and Yorvik have also donated the main prize.

Please send in your £1 in a labelled envelope and we will get your egg to you to start collecting.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

The Friends of Spennithorne are organising the ever popular Chocolate Bingo Night to raise funds for the school. This will be held on Friday 31st March at 6.30pm. This event is open to all; parents, grandparents, children, friends and we welcome you all into the school to enjoy a fun night.

To help make this a really successful event, we are asking for any donations of Easter eggs, both big and small, as prizes for the night so popping one or 2 in your trolley the next time you go shopping would be great.

In addition, we will be running a raffle that night so if you have any unwanted gifts in the house that could go into our raffle, we would appreciate this too.

The night will run as before. Please feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks as well as your friends.

WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG

The dates are through for the events we are taking part in. The children will be travelling to the Methodist church by bus on Thursday 23rd to perform their poem at 9.15 and travelling to Tennants on Friday 31st March to perform their British folk song at 9.25.

Parents are welcomed to attend but must be seated before the competition starts.

A letter came out this week.



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SPORTING SUCCESS - CROSS COUNTRY AND TAG RUGBY

The children in KS2 took part in 2 sporting activities this week. A group of children in Foxes class enjoyed an afternoon at Wensleydale Rugby Club. There was excellent sportsmanship and great games skills on show.

In addition, all of KS2 travelled to Catterick Racecourse to partake in the local cross country competition. We had some significant successes in placings at the winning post but every child achieved success in taking part. This makes me extremely proud of each child who 'had a go.' In my eyes, they are all winners.

As you might be aware, I am a great believer in the benefits of sport. In my sport of rugby, it promotes its core values; teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. These are some great building blocks for life.

On arrival at home last night, I received 2 emails from parents who wanted to share with me the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship showed by our children. Spennithorne pupils cheered and encouraged the pupils from all schools at the finish line, regardless of the badge on their shirt.

This is something I know our children are good at. Winning is the added bonus but taking part and respecting your competitor is more important. Well done to each and every child that took part. You achieved so much by being on both the start line and the finish line.

In addition, Mrs Dooley would like to thank all the parents who came and helped our KS2 children. It was invaluable and much appreciated.

NON-NEGOTIABLES CHAMPIONS

You may start seeing your child coming home with this sticker on them. Linked to our drive to continue to raise standards, we have set up 'Non-negotiable' walls and there are certain standards we expect the children to achieve linked to their age or ability. This can be remembering finger spaces, writing the date using correct capital letters or checking for correct punctuation. Wearing this badge means they have succeeded in meeting all these 'non-negotiables'.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS AND SPORTING EVENTS

Please keep paying towards the costs of these trips using your payment card.

FOXES CLASS

Mrs. Bowkett is requesting that on Monday 13th March please can all the children in foxes class bring in a photo of their family for their science topic 'evolution and inheritance'. This could be a family photo or maybe you have two families or even a photo of grandparents. It's up to you! Also could you start sending in empty cereal boxes for their upcoming D & T project.

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/SpennithorneCEPrimarySchoolDL85PR>

www.tesco.com/ues.

Both have hoodies on offer which I think are great for PE. A few children have them and they look amazing.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th March – Red Nose Day

4th April – School photos

5th April – School council sponsored walk

7th April - Easter service, 2.30pm at St. Michael's Church, Spennithorne and Easter Bonnet competition

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Aimee S. for detailed writing in history.

Rabbits: - Matilda C. for using a simile in descriptive writing.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Cara H. for super concentration in numeracy.

Rabbits: - Abbie S. for trying hard with number bonds to 10.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

The library is open at Spennithorne Church on the following days:

2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month 10.00/12 noon.

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/>