



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 and out of both schools, helping with the SATs. However, I will be in Spennithorne all day on Friday for the Royal Wedding.

WEDDING

Please do not forget, you are all invited to the Royal Wedding on Friday 18th at St Michael and All Angels at 1.15. Please dress to impress. You are all welcome to join us after for the wedding breakfast and dancing.

We ask that all children come into school in their uniform in the morning and we will then get them changed into their finery for the afternoon. We will be cooking/ sandwich making in the morning so do not want them to get dirty.

However, to make this a really special day, we are asking if each parent would contribute 50p per child to help us buy extra bits and bobs for the wedding breakfast.

A letter/note went out today about it.

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 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

SPONSORED WALK

On the 25th May, both school councils will be organising a sponsored walk to raise money for each school's chosen charity; Swaledale Mountain Rescue for Middleham and Guide Dogs for the Blind for Spennithorne. Your child will be coming home with a sponsor form, which explains how far we hope each child can walk.

We have stressed to the children that they only ask family members and not knock on strangers' doors. If every child can raise £1, we could raise over £30. The school council at Middleham has already raised £80 and £186.70 at Spennithorne and this could push those totals up further.

SATS

Next week is SATs for our Yr. 6 pupils. Rather than seeing it as a test, this is a chance to shine, to show what they know and for us to let them know how proud we are of them.

EDINBURGH

PLEASE RETURN YOUR MEDICAL FORM AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY SO THAT I CAN COLLATE THIS INFORMATION.

Y5/6 RESIDENTIAL 2019 (CURRENT Y4/5 PUPILS)

As part of our residential cycle, next year we will be attending an outdoor education centre but have struggled to find any availability for after mid-May. Most places are all booked up and what is available is looking at £300 excluding transport for the week. This is too much.

However, we have found spaces at Peat Rigg outdoor centre from 9th- 12th July 2019 (4 days instead of 5) at an estimated cost of about £240. We will look at using various funding streams to reduce this cost.



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If you have any concerns about this cost (that it's too high), or that there is a reduction of one day, please come and tell me.

I am trying to find the best solutions and the best experience for the best price.

No one has come to see me about this – I am taking this as you think this is an acceptable solution to keep costs as low as possible.

PUPIL PREMIUM – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Pupil Premium is an additional amount of funding allocated to schools by the government to support the learning and progress of children in receipt of free school meals, those looked after by the local authority or those whose parent/s serve in the armed forces.

If you feel you might qualify from the list above, you can help us by asking us for an advice leaflet regarding entitlement to Free School Meals or letting us know in your enrolment form about whether your child is looked after or whether a parent is a serving member of the armed forces.

NB: Free School Meals is not the same as the Universal Entitlement Free School Meal given to every child in Rabbits/Class 1.

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%.

SPENNITHORNE NEWS

GOVERNOR VACANCY

Are you interested in becoming a governor and helping to shape the direction of our school? If you are interested in taking up this rewarding roll during an exciting period in the school's change to federation, please pop in for a chat.

LEAVERS' SERVICE – EARLY NOTICE OF TIME

On the last day of summer term, we hold our leavers' service. We have always been lucky to get our vicar on the afternoon of this day but unfortunately, this year, Revd. Chris is unavailable in the afternoon due to another school commitment in his many parishes.

However, we have managed to secure our Leavers' Service for 9.15am on the last day of term (Friday 20th July).

OFFICE HOURS

Can we please remind you that the office is manned from 9 am each morning. If you need Mrs Ramsay, she will be available from this time. Please can we also request that due to the confidential nature of information stored here, parents do not access the office without a member of staff being present.



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In addition, as a reminder, the office is unmanned on a Wednesday afternoon and phones are not checked during this time.

SCHOOL DINNERS

At present, we are waiting for confirmation of the new price of school dinners as these are set to significantly increase as from September.

However, although we have tried to keep the prices as low as possible and not increased dinner prices for over 5 years, due to rising costs, we are going to have to put up the prices of a school lunch from £2.10 to £2.30. This will come into force after half term.

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.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/SpennithorneCEPrimarySchoolDL85PR> (This is a new link and will offer all users a 10% discount between April and June 2018)

www.tesco.com/ues.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jack C. for his entertaining newspaper report.

Rabbits: - Alice W. for writing a very detailed, funny set of instructions.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Matilda C. for careful calculations.

Rabbits: - Maia R. for good number recognition up to 20.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATS Week w/c 14th May

Half term w/c 28th May

Y5/6 to Edinburgh 4-8th June

Y3/4 & Rabbits class Quad Kids Athletics 6th June

Y1/2 Multiskills 8th June

Fathers' Day Lunch 15th June

Y3/4 to Cote Ghyll 21/22nd June

Reports out 29th June

Wensleydale Transition days 2-3rd July

Cluster Sports – 5th July



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Sports Day 9th July
SFX Induction day 9th July
Teddy Bear's Picnic 10th July
Last day of term – 20th July