



# 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 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and Spennithorne on Tuesday and Friday.

## FACEBOOK

As a set of schools, we are always looking at different ways of communicating with parents and we know that sometimes, messages in newsletters don't get out as well as we would have hoped. Therefore, I have put together a school facebook group as a way of exploring new ways of communicating and celebrating our achievements both as individual schools and as a collaboration.

It will be a closed group so that only parents of children can request to join and see posts, photos etc. No posts from members will be published without admin approval and it will only be used as a positive page to celebrate what we do.

This will not replace the newsletter but be an opportunity to instantly share events and activities that we do both together and as 2 individual schools.

More information will follow once I get this up and running.

## COOP CHRISTMAS BAUBLE COMPETITION

Before Christmas, pupils were asked by the Coop in Leyburn to submit Christmas baubles to a competition. Although there was some confusion about where to send these baubles, this week, we were visited by a representative from the store with a cheque for each school for their participation. Spennithorne won the competition and received £200 and Middleham received £100.

Well done to all children who took part and parents who helped with the baubles. The Spennithorne baubles are in the school office for anyone who would like to come and collect them as a keepsake for their tree next year.

## THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

18th JANUARY 4pm. Tickets £6.50 or Family of 4 £20  
Bear & Butterfly Sponsored by Tarmac

Bear likes peace and quiet, sitting comfortably sipping his tea, deep in the branches of his tree. Then Caterpillar arrives, munching and crunching. They become the best of friends, until one day Caterpillar stops munching and looks sick. Bear fears he will lose his friend. And then something magical happens...! Puppetry, live music and beautiful storytelling combine in this charming tale about love, loss and friendship.

**'High production values and meticulous direction from Dani Parr - a show which audiences young and old will love.'** *British Theatre Guide*

(We are taking our EYFS/Y1/Y2 children to this)

## EVENTS

There are a number of events planned in for this half term including dance, science and a theatre trip.

## SCHOOL FOCUS

This term, the focus across both schools will be on presentation, working hard to develop their cursive script and ensuring that spelling of words which we feel they should know e.g. key words is being demonstrated.



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## **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:

7<sup>th</sup> March 18, 9<sup>th</sup> May 18, 11<sup>th</sup> July 18, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 18 and 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **NAME CHANGE**

Congratulations to Mrs Ibbotson (Miss Williams) who got married over the Christmas break.

### **THREADWORMS**

We have had an instance of threadworms reported to school. Please can everyone be vigilant with their own children and seek advice if necessary.

### **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](http://www.tesco.com/ues).

### **WRITER OF THE WEEK**

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Kierra H. for writing a fantastic T.V. script.

Rabbits: - Daisy C. for spelling tricky words very well.

### **MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK**

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Georgia W. for great work on fractions.

Rabbits: - Shay L. for good recounting of numbers to 20.

### **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



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

School swimming starts (10 weeks) 12<sup>th</sup> January

Y3/4 Cluster Dance Event – 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Parents' Evening – 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February

Sports Kit Day – 9<sup>th</sup> February

HALF TERM – 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day – 1<sup>st</sup> March

Cross Country – 8<sup>th</sup> March

Mothers' Day Lunch – 9<sup>th</sup> March

Sport Relief – 23<sup>rd</sup> March

End of Term – 29<sup>th</sup> April