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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

MRS. BOWKETT

Sadly Mrs. Bowkett has decided to leave our school this summer. She has taken the decision to have a bit of time out of education so she can concentrate on her own children whilst they are still very young. We have already started to advertise the post and will keep you informed.

AVAILABILITY

Due to the Year 5/6 residential to Marrick next week, I will not be in school. If you have any concerns, please speak to Miss Williams. There will be no newsletter next week.

BOLTON CASTLE

Some of you may have tried to pay for the Bolton Castle trip on line and been unable to. The reason for this is that we have been informed that the Friends of Spennithorne School would like to pay for every child to attend the trip. A huge thanks to them for offering this to us.

SPONSORED WALK

After a request, I have sent home sponsor forms for the children who have yet to bring in any money. We chose to keep them in case they did not get returned but have now sent copies home. If you are able to send in money before half term, that would be appreciated. Our school councillors can then total up the money raised and let you know.

SATS TESTS

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have had a pretty tiring week with their SATs tests. They have shown endurance and a good work attitude during the week.

We try to give our Year 6 pupils a project after their SATs and this year, they are going to be gardeners; growing their own vegetables and upgrading the garden for all our enjoyment. The children will be deciding on what they want to do, come up with a work plan and budget for it as well as put it into action.

If anyone has any spare outdoor fence paint, hay or plants (both veg. or otherwise), any donations would be gratefully received.

MARRICK PRIORY

I'm looking forward to seeing our Y6 pupils on Monday morning, ready to head out on their residential. Please come to school at normal time. The coach will be arriving for the children (with me on it) at approximately 9.30pm. If you need a form for me to administer medication during their stay, please collect one from school.

DALES PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

On Wednesday, Mr Denton, a local artist and dad to 2 children at Crakehall, came into school to share his wisdom about photography. He launched a photography competition which we hope our children on residential next week can work on during their time at Marrick. The rest of the school will have opportunities to take photos in the school grounds up until half term.

During weekends or during half term, children may want to take photos whilst they are out and about or indeed at home. Entries are limited to 2 per child and if they are taken out of school, please could you email them to school, clearly labelled with their name. We will create a folder of photos for Mr Denton to judge. This will take place during the first week back after half term. Therefore, photos need to be in school by Monday 5th June. Prizes will be presented to the winners after the judging process has been completed. A virtual gallery will be created for viewing by



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parents and carers of both schools. The children will have a chance to view and comment positively upon each other's artwork. The gallery will be set up for viewing from Monday 10th July, via Google Drive.

We also envisage using these photos to recreate in different mediums as part of our art topic.

YEAR 4 ORIENTEERING/CLASS 1 FUN RUN/SPORTS

The rescheduled Year 4 orienteering event takes place on Leyburn Shawl on Tuesday 23rd May. Children will need their PE kits and water bottles.

Our EYFS and Year 1 children are travelling to Middleham on Tuesday 16th May to join in a cluster fun run sporting event. Once again, children will need PE kits and water bottles. Please make the decision about warmer clothes and/or sun hats/cream on the morning. Year 2 children will be staying in school.

Many of our PE events are targeted towards our older pupils. These are 'level 1' competitions and the winners from each cluster move onto the level 2 competition with other local schools clusters. On occasions, we have had to take younger children due to our current small numbers in Year 5 and 6.

RABBITS CLASS REQUEST

As part of our topic on 'Castles', we intend to make a large castle in our outdoor role play area. Please could you send in large cardboard boxes, unwanted small pots/pans/sieves, anything you don't use anymore linked to castles e.g. toys, books, dressing up clothes, throws etc. We would also love any tiaras or crowns you don't wear now!! All would be gratefully accepted.

SCHOOL MONEY

I would like to remind parents of all children in the Rabbits class that their children receive 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' for the first 3 years of education so please don't pay any dinner money online.

ZUMBA

Tuesdays - 6.16pm-school hall. Why not try it out?

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

W/C 15th May – Y5/6 residential
16th May – KS1 fun run
22nd May – Bolton Castle trip
23rd May – Y4 Orienteering
W/C 29th May – HALF TERM
5th June – School reopens
9th June – Judo taster sessions
W/C 12th June – Phonics screening week



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13th June – KS2 Rounders at Askrigg
13th June – Fathers' Day Lunch
15-16th June – Cote Ghyll Residential
19th June – Year 6 Bikeability
20th June – EYFS Multi skills at Hawes
23rd June – Grandparents' lunch
30th June – Middleham Castle Day
30th June – Reports out
3rd July – Sports Day
5th July – Optional parents evening
14th July – KS2 cluster sports
21st July – Leavers service and last day of term

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Harry P. for super note taking in describing a character in literacy.

Rabbits: - Pippa F. for sounding out words carefully, including blends.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Tom H. for very good work using the inverse operation to check his answers.

Rabbits: - Matilda C. for using methods accurately for multiplication and division.

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/>