



THE FEDERATION OF MIDDLEHAM CE (VA) AND SPENNITHORNE
CE (VC) SCHOOLS' NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

My availability for the coming 2 weeks :

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 16/11/20	OUT	OUT	MH	SP/MH	SP
w/c 23/11/20	MH	SP	MH	SP/MH	SP

OFFICE

For your information, the offices in both schools are not manned on a full-time basis and although I try to be available in schools during these times, this cannot always happen.

The office at Spennithorne is not manned by Mrs Ramsay on a Tuesday afternoon.

The office at Middleham is not manned by Mrs Martin on a Wednesday all day.

Therefore, neither the phone nor the door will be fully monitored.

CORONA VIRUS

A letter has gone out to all Spennithorne staff and parents today that we have had a positive case of COVID 19 at the Spennithorne site. Sadly, with this virus, we knew it would only be a matter of time before this happened at either building.

An adapted version has been sent to all Middleham parents to prevent any misinformation circulating.

We have informed the relevant authorities and ask you to remain vigilant to the signs and symptoms of this hidden virus.

MRS IBBOTSON

As many of you know, Mrs Ibbotson delivered a beautiful baby girl on Sunday, weighing 7 lbs 8 ½ ozs. The new parents have named her Isla Grace Patricia Ibbotson.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Ibbotson.

CAROL SERVICE

I am looking into the possibility of holding an outdoor carol service. With the nativity play having to be cancelled and all the other lovely things that come with the festive season, I wanted to try to bring some normality into the school year.

All of this would depend on the availability of the outside space as well as assurances about families social distancing, risk assessments and leaving after the service but I think it would be a lovely event to hold, a small flickering light of hope during a dark time.



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Children will be singing in bubbles. Unfortunately, parents cannot sing along but you can hum!!

Watch this space!

However, click on this link for an online carol service being held through North Yorkshire County Council, including practise sessions

https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=12202

CHRISTMAS CARDS

After being asked by a parent who made a very good point, I just wanted to let you know that we will still be offering the Christmas card posting box at each school. The box will come out on the 7th December and be available for that week only. Then, we will leave the box over the weekend and deliver cards to children on Monday 14th December.

Please can you ask your children to bring in their cards **on this week only** and use the box, not hand deliver them.



It once again allows us to keep some of our school traditions but ensure everyone's safety.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

Congratulations to our new school councillors: Joseph, Emilie, Kaitlin, Lillie, Alfie and Thomas. They were awarded their special badges last week!

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY Friday 13th October

Thank you for your kind contributions to our Children in Need non-uniform day, our schools jointly raised £91.

YEAR 5/6 EDINBURGH RESIDENTIAL

Thank you to all those who responded to this. Overwhelmingly, parents are wanting this to go ahead. It was useful to know parent's thoughts.

All residential trips at present are not allowed under current guidance but if the situation changes, I will be starting to plan and move this forward.

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR RICHMOND DROP-IN FLU CLINICS

Our scheduled drop-in flu immunisation clinics for children who missed out on receiving their **flu vaccine** in school this term now have a **new venue**. Though we had originally advertised these clinics as taking place at Hipswell Habitat, Catterick Garrison, due to the new lockdown restrictions the venue has taken the decision that they can no longer accommodate us.

We will instead be holding the **RICHMOND DROP-IN** clinics at this address:

**Richmond Friary Hospital, Clinic Room, Ground Floor,
Queens Road, Richmond, DL10 4UJ**

The **dates** and **times** remain the same as originally advertised:

Wednesday 18th November- 3:30-5pm

Wednesday 16th December- 3:30-5pm

These are both **drop-in clinics**. You **do not** need to contact us to make an appointment.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

Childhood Immunisations Team
North Yorkshire and City of York



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GOOGLE CLASSROOM

If you are self-isolating with COVID symptoms and we are aware, work will be set for your child that day on Google classroom.

SPORTS CLUB

Sports club for the next 2 weeks is as follows:

w/c 16th Nov Badgers (finish 4.15pm) Rabbits (finish 4.30pm)

w/c 23rd Nov Badgers (finish 4.15pm) Foxes (finish 4.30pm)

Due to the fact that this club offers childcare facilities for many parents, this will continue under national restriction guidance.