



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

13th July 2018

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

Next week, I will be at in and out of both schools this week although in Spennithorne on Tuesday and Middleham on Thursday.

FUN DAY

COVERDALE

FUN

DAY

SUNDAY

22nd July 2018

Starts 12 NOON
(CARLTON MEMORIAL HALL)

With Bring and Share Lunch

Then Various/Activities/Attractions
E.g. Sports/Fell race/Tombola/Bran Tub/Dog Show/
Face Painting/Raffle/Football challenge/Egg Throwing/
BBQ & BAR

ALSO: CHILDRENS DISCO WITH DJ WILKO

PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

FUN DAY

LIFE SAVING AND ARCHERY

The last life saving session for our Year 6 pupils is on Tuesday and our Y3,4 and 5 pupils will be travelling to Spennithorne for a morning of archery.

SUMMER FAYRE, SPORTS EVENING AND BBQ – Friday 13th July

The Friends of Middleham School are holding a fun evening on Friday 13th July to raise funds for extra school activities and we welcome members of our communities from both Spennithorne and Middleham Schools. There will be great BBQ food, a rounders match, a tug of war, 'Splat the Head and lots of things to do and buy.

Support for this will be greatly appreciated,

BROUGHTON HALL CHILDREN LITERATURE FESTIVAL (www.childrensliteraturefestival.org)

Last week, I told you about a children's literature festival happening in September.

Each school has some free tickets to give to families who might like them. It is suitable for Y3/4 and Y5/6. The Y3/4 event takes place in Skipton on Sunday 30th Sept and the Y5/6 event takes place on Saturday 29th September. You would need to be available on those dates if you would like the tickets.

If you would like a pair, please let your child's class teacher know by Tuesday. If there is more demand than tickets available, we will put these in a pot and pull out names.

We are making scarecrows for this festival next week and would like old, unwanted clothes (adults or children) and we'll decide on characters based on the donations we get. We also need newspapers to stuff them with.

FEDERATION

We will become a federation of schools on 1st September 2018. There will be no changes to your child's everyday school experience; this will continue as normal with bringing the children together when it benefits the children's experiences. Each school will keep their own budgets, staff and identity but collectively, we will be known as 'The Federation of Middleham VA and Spennithorne VC CE Primary Schools (not the catchiest of titles but it ensures we keep our identities very clear!)



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The main changes will be that there will be one governing body and new email addresses and website landing page. Old addresses will work and be forwarded on to our new email address.

PAPER PLANE CHALLENGE – 13th JULY

Our paper plane winners were Josh D. at Middleham and Archie K. at Spennithorne

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

We had 2 lovely picnics at both schools this weekend in this glorious weather. If you were able to join us, we hoped you enjoyed yourself.

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 in the morning 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

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

We have had our last transition session today.

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:

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

SPORTS DAY

Well done to Coverdale who won our Sports Day this year in a closely fought battle.

CHANGES TO PICK UP

If your child is going to be picked up by someone else other than you, please can you let us know. Unless we are informed by the parent, we cannot let a child go without prior permission of a parent.

LEAVERS' SERVICE

Our service will be held at St Michael and All Angels, Spennithorne on Friday at 9.15. This is due to Revd. Lawton being unavailable in the afternoon.

SCHOOL MEALS PRICES



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As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are having to increase the cost of our school dinners. Our governors met this week and we have decided to set the price of each meal at £3.00 from the autumn term.

We understand this is a price increase but we are as a school, covering a slight shortfall.

As from September, we will be changing the menu order slightly and be introducing Pizza Friday as a weekly treat.

Next week's menu is a bit different to the one advertised for stock taking reasons, the changes are:

Wednesday - Chicken Dinner, Thursday - Burgers, Friday - Fish & Chips.

FRIENDS OF SPENNITHORNE/HARMBY UNDER 5'S SUMMER FAYRE – SATURDAY 7TH JULY 11AM-1PM

Thank you to all those who attended our Friends Summer Fayre on Saturday. It was a great morning and nearly £1,000 was raised to benefit the children of Spennithorne. Thanks also go to the Friends Committee who worked tirelessly to put it all together and also to those who donated goods and made cakes.

GOLDEN DAY

On the last day of term, we will be having a school clean up day where we will be in the garden, litter picking and tidying up our school to be the best it can be. It would be useful if children could bring in any of the following, outside sweeping brush, trowel, gardening gloves, plastic gloves etc.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jack V. for confident work on spelling and grammar.

Rabbits: - Kaitlin C. for writing an excellent description of Thumbelina and checking her work.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Harry P. for a massive improvement in confidence when doing maths work.

Rabbits: - Maia R. for accurately estimating how many cubes would balance different objects, using weighing scales.

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>

www.tesco.com/ues.

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

Last day of term – 20th July