



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

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

## AVAILABILITY

Next week, I will be in Middleham on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and Spennithorne on Tuesday, Friday and Thursday afternoon.

## FEDERATION

So, I am sure no one woke up on Tuesday morning feeling any different. Well, no, neither did I and I suppose that is the best way but on Monday night, it became official that our 2 fantastic schools joined together to federate. Nothing will change; it will be business as usual. The governing bodies of the 2 schools have joined together to form one governing body to look after both schools.

As mentioned last week, the only change you might have seen is from new emails which can be found above. The old email address will forward on any mail but responses will come from the new addresses.

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## READING CHALLENGE

Well done to the following students who won the reading challenge and will be joined with me for a trip to either KTeas or Brymor.

Spennithorne – Alice W, Jasmine H, Matthew H, and Evie H. We also took Jack V. as the winner of our 'Table Troopers' in the summer term.

Middleham – Caitlin H, Ellie R and Charlotte L.

## GRANDPARENTS' LUNCH

If any Grandparents would like to come and enjoy a school dinner with us next week, please let the office know. For Middleham, the dinner will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept and on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Spennithorne.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding our joint Harvest Festival on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at St John the Evangelist Church in East Witton, starting at 10.30am.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could send your child in with some non-perishable food stuff which we can deliver to the Richmond Foodbank.

## WORTH A CHAT

This week, I found out about an incident that made me very proud. One of our mums fell down the stairs on Friday night and knocked themselves out. This little one woke up when she heard the sound and saw mummy at the bottom of the stairs (and I am told there was a lot of blood). She checked her Mum was ok then she put on her shoes and in her nightie, unlocked the front door and went next door to get help.

Mum and daughter are doing fine but I was so proud of the actions of this little girl.

I suppose it got me thinking, does your son or daughter know what to do in an emergency. Always worth a 5 minute conversation, isn't it?

Well done to Holly J at Spennithorne – you made us all very proud.

## SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget, every Friday is now Pizza Friday!



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## **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

If you would like to access before or after school care from Kidz Day Nursery, you need to fill in a registration form which can be found on the school's website or email [info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk](mailto:info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk)

## **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> 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**

### **SCHOOL PRIORITIES**

This year, our school priorities are to develop spelling across the school, looking at how to improve writing linked to increasing vocabulary, developing ourselves as a church school and subject leadership within our school.

### **WRITER OF THE WEEK**

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Ava F. for writing a great story using fronted adverbials.

Rabbits: - Evie H. for writing a fantastic story using accurate punctuation.

### **MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK**

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Matthew H. for producing very confident work on place value.

Rabbits: - Poppy S. for trying very hard to find one or more less than numbers to 20.

### **BAGS2SCHOOL**

The final date for bringing bags is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Bags can be left at the school office or dropped off directly to Mrs. Fuller at 5 Beckwood, Spennithorne (the house next to the school).

### **UNIFORM**

Uniform is now available from both Tesco and School Trends, in response to your requests. All uniform can be ordered online from either supplier.

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/SpennithorneCEPrimarySchoolDL85PR>



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[www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues).

## **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