



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

15th December 2017

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

PROPERTY MARKING

NY Police will be offering free security marking for your property at Mole Country Stores, Leyburn on Thursday 21st December from 5-7pm.

In addition, on Friday 15th December, Police Community Support Officers will be at Mainsgill Farm Shop between 10am and 2pm. PCSO Helen Sutherland and PCSO Vincent Long will be there to offer advice on keeping safe this Christmas.

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

YOUTH PROJECT Exhibit your work!

Calling out to all the creative 10 to 24 year olds! We want your work in our exhibition celebrating young talent in January. It's all free and includes expert advice, a launch party, press and the chance to make a sale!

Deadline for interest 20th December 2017.

Interested? Or want more information? Contact Rachael Alderson – Youth Leader: rachael.leyburnarts@gmail.com

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 deeply grateful to those generous donors who have contributed to making theatre available to local children. Our new series will continue in the summer.

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

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION EVENT

I will be holding an information session at both schools on the following dates/times

- **Spennithorne Monday 18th December at 5pm (Hall)**
- **Middleham Wednesday 20th December at 5pm (Hall)**

I now have confirmed numbers, the cost of the trip will be £200 per person. This cost, minus the deposit, will be added onto each schools electronic payment system so you are able to pay as and when.

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:

10th Jan 18, 7th March 18, 9th May 18, 11th July 18, 12th Sept 18 and 7th Nov 18.



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CHRISTMAS PLAYS

What a great week we have had! I had the privilege of being involved in two amazing plays with I think, some stars of the future. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

However, I also wanted to extend my thanks to the teachers, Miss Williams and Mrs Shepherd at Spennithorne and Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Brown at Middleham, for the hard work and effort which goes in to pulling together such a performance.

GOLDEN MORNING

As part of our behaviour policy, we celebrate good behaviour and each half term, we have special themed mornings to thank children.

This term, we have Dave Gibson coming in who runs the company 'Skip2Bfit' and 'Box2Bfit'. Our EYFS/KS1 classes will be skipping and our KS2 will be boxing. Boxing is using pads and there is no contact with the body. It is just another opportunity to access a different sport which the child may not have access to on a regular basis.

All children will need both indoor PE kit and outdoor warm kit as we are finishing off with a run around the school.

Children will need to change into their PE on arrival at school as they need to be in school uniform for the carol service in the afternoon.

Children will also be making Christingles in the morning to take to the church.

The location of this event has yet to be confirmed.

CAROL SERVICE

We are looking forward to our carol service St. John the Evangelist church in East Witton at 2pm. Please bring your singing voices!

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%.

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/>



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LEYBURN ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Youth Projects



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INTO FILM CLUB

Starts February 2018!

Free films for 5 to 19 year olds. Recruiting members now!



TAKE ACTION

Do you want to make a difference to Leyburn? Got some ideas to improve the area? We can help you make it happen! Call in on a Wednesday 4pm to 5pm to discuss, send us an email or ask at Youth Club.



Do you want to volunteer but don't know how? Want to earn **UCAS points** and **receive an award**? Need hours towards your **Duke of Edinburgh Award** or just for fun we have lots of **exciting opportunities** here for you!



If you are 11 - 25 years old and interested in music, the arts and the creative industry then The Big Music Project is for you! Join us on Wednesday 4.00pm to 6.00pm



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SPENNITHORNE NEWS

HAMPER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who purchased tickets. The Friends of Spennithorne raised £372 and the school council raised £85 on their hamper and £20 on tea, coffee and mince pies.

COOP CHRISTMAS TREE

After a sterling local effort, many of our parents got the Co-op tree decorated and it looks great. Voting for the best tree ends this week so please pop into the store and vote.

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/SpennithorneCEPrimarySchoolIDL85PR>

www.tesco.com/ues.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Pippa F. for writing an amazing letter.

Rabbits: - Jasmine H. for writing some fantastic haikus.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jack V. for great work on inverses.

Rabbits: - Alice W. for good understanding of fractions.

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

Edinburgh Parents Info Evening – 18th Dec 5pm
Christmas lunch -19th December
Christmas party – 21st December
Carol service – 22nd December
End of term – 22nd December
Whole school swimming starts (10 weeks) 12th January
Y3/4 Cluster Dance Event – 2nd February
Rotary Presentation – 5th February
Parents' Evening – 5th and 7th February
Sports Kit Day – 9th February
HALF TERM – 12th – 16th February



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World Book Day – 1st March
Cross Country – 8th March
Mothers' Day Lunch – 9th March
Sport Relief – 23rd March
End of Term – 29th April