



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 am on a church school training course on Tuesday and at Cote Ghyll Residential on Thursday and Friday. I will be at Spennithorne on Monday and Middleham on Wednesday.

EDINBURGH

Last week, our Y5/6 pupils had a great residential to Edinburgh and we hope you enjoyed the updates and photos on our Facebook page.

The children demonstrated outstanding behaviour, came back (we hope) with everything and proved to me they could keep their bedrooms tidy although spot room inspections by Mrs Sweeting and Mr Ibbotson did prove slightly traumatic in some rooms!

COTE GHYLL

We head out on our next residential next Thursday and Friday with our Y3 and 4 pupils. Fingers crossed for good weather. The coach will be leaving Middleham at 8.45 and Spennithorne at 9am. We will return on Friday before the end of the school day.

FATHERS' DAY LUNCH

We hope you enjoyed our Fathers' Day lunch at school. It was a pleasure welcoming you into school.

COLLABORATION DAY

On Friday 29th June, both schools will be coming together for a collaboration day at Middleham School. Our Y3/4 pupils will be heading out to Askrigg to represent the schools as 3 mixed teams for Drax cricket. Our Y5/6 will be putting together the collective worship themes for the next year that we planned to do in Edinburgh but enjoyed a game of rounders in the sunshine instead and our younger pupils will be doing some joint writing activities.

As we stated at the beginning of this collaboration and we move to federation, children come together when it enhances their educational experiences. We have 2 KS2 collaboration events in July; Richard III day on Friday July 6th and an archery session on Tuesday 17th July.

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

Find us on Leyburn Community Library presents North Yorkshire County Council

KEV F SUTHERLAND'S COMIC ART MASTERCLASS

Friday 27th July
Morning and Afternoon Sessions available
10-12.30pm or 1.30-4pm
Tickets £6

Kevin F Sutherland writes and draws for The Beano, Doctor Who and Marvel comics, and now he'll teach you how easy it is. After the end of a Comic Art Masterclass, everyone goes away with a comic containing a strip by everyone in the masterclass plus an individual caricature by KevF.

Learn everything he knows, so you could leave school and steal his job!

Tickets available through Leyburn Community Library Facebook Page and Eventbrite or pop in to Leyburn Community Library with your payment.
 Recommended for ages 7+
 Accompanying adults do not require a ticket unless participating in the workshop!



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SPONSORED WALK

If you have any outstanding monies, please could you bring this into school before the end of June. Cheque presentations are now being organised for the end of term. We have already raised over £250.

CLUSTER SPORTS

Our annual Cluster Sports activity takes place at Wensleydale School on the afternoon of Thursday 5th July.

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

Our transition activities have started. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Remaining transition dates are as follows: 20th June (pm), 28th June (am) 2nd July (pm), 3rd July (all day), 13th July (am)

PUPIL PREMIUM – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Pupil Premium is an additional amount of funding allocated to schools by the government to support the learning and progress of children in receipt of free school meals, those looked after by the local authority or those whose parent/s serve in the armed forces.

If you feel you might qualify from the list above, you can help us by asking us for an advice leaflet regarding entitlement to Free School Meals or letting us know in your enrolment form about whether your child is looked after or whether a parent is a serving member of the armed forces.

NB: Free School Meals is not the same as the Universal Entitlement Free School Meal given to every child in Rabbits/Class 1

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:

11th July 18, 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

CAKE SALE

The Friends Of Spennithorne School are running a cake sale tomorrow. If you are able to bake a cake to help out, you can bring them to the stall on Saturday morning from 10.00am outside Hall & Birtles Solicitors.

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

On Saturday 7th July, the FOSS and Harmby under Fives are holding their Summer Fair. We would welcome donations for some of the stalls of cakes, plants, raffle prizes, bottle of wine – both full and empty.



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If anyone is able to help with the running of the fair/stall, please contact Lucy Hall, Dawn Fuller, Marion Fairburn or Louise Webster.

SPORTS DAY

Our school sports day is scheduled for the afternoon of Monday 9th July (2pm)

LEAVERS' SERVICE – EARLY NOTICE OF TIME

On the last day of term, we hold our leavers' service. We have always been lucky to get our vicar on the afternoon of this day but unfortunately, this year, Revd. Chris is unavailable in the afternoon due to another school commitment in his many parishes.

However, we have managed to secure our Leavers' Service for 9.15am on the last day of term (Friday 20th July)

SCHOOL DINNERS PRICE INCREASE

As from 4th June, school dinners prices are rising to £2.30 and our payment system has been adjusted accordingly.

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> (This is a new link and will offer all users a 10% discount between April and June 2018)

www.tesco.com/ues.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Emilia S. for her great piece of descriptive writing about Tom's Midnight Garden.

Rabbits: - Monty W. for a good set of instructions on how to make a magic wand.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Matilda C. for her fantastic efforts in understanding capacity.

Rabbits: - Holly J. for telling the time to 15 minutes very well.

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



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y3/4 to Cote Ghyll - 21/22nd June
Reports out - 29th June
Wensleydale Transition days 2-3rd July
Cluster Sports – 5th July
Richard 3rd Celebrations – 6th July
Sports Day - 9th July
SFX Induction day - 9th July
Teddy Bear's Picnic - 10th July
Leavers Service – 20th July
Last day of term – 20th July