



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

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

RICHMOND SCHOOL

If you are interested, Richmond School is hosting an open evening for prospective parents on Tuesday 26th September at 7pm.

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%.

HOLIDAY CLUB

A holiday club is going to be run during the October half term at Spennithorne, linked to a successful funding application made by Spennithorne and its previous collaboration partner. The club will run from Mon 23rd to Friday 27th October. This sports club will cost only £3.50 a day which is an absolute bargain for a day's child care. Details will be sent out in the next few weeks but we hope it will be a successful event with greater notice given.

THEMED SCHOOL DINNERS

Our school dinners are nutritionally balanced with locally sourced products and cooked on site. The children and staff do enjoy them. To celebrate this, we are going to be hosting special dinners where we change the menu slightly but also open our lunch times up to our parents and grandparents.

Details of lunches for individual schools will follow nearer the time

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/>

HARVEST

Our joint harvest festival will take place on Friday 6th October at East Witton Church at 9.30am. We ask that each child brings an item of in date food which the child can place at the altar as our Harvest donation. We can then donate these offerings to Storehouse, the food bank in Richmond.



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SPENNITHORNE NEWS

READING AND SUMMER WORK CHALLENGE

Having gone through the reading records and purple mash and SPAG activities, I can confirm that the winners of the Reading Challenge are Matthew H, Evie H and Jasmine H. I will be speaking to them so that we can decide what their treat might be.

Well done to all those who took part. Those who read over 30 times, received some stationery, those who read 40 times were given a Spennithorne pen and those reading 50 reads or over, were given a voucher for Waterstones to buy another book.

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/SpennithorneCEPrimarySchoolDL85PR>

www.tesco.com/ues.

Both have hoodies on offer which I think are great for PE. A few children have them and they look amazing.

PATH

Look out for us in the Darlington and Stockton Times as we celebrated the official opening of our new path to allow safe access from the car park to Harmby Under 5's.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

The next collection is Tuesday 14th November. Bags can be dropped off either at school or direct to Mrs. Dawn Fuller at 5 Beckwood, Spennithorne – the house next door to the school.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week's, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jake G. for a fantastic recount of 'The Tiger Child', using adjectives, powerful verbs and a wide range of varied sentences.

Rabbits: - Holly J. for working very hard on letter formation.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Danny P. for multiplying 1 digit numbers, with up to 2 decimal places, by whole numbers.

Rabbits: - Alfie W. for gaining confidence when counting.

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



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Tag rugby – 26th September
Y5/6 football – 29th September
Harvest Festival 6th October 2017 9.30a.m.
Parents' evening 16th and 18th October
Half term 23rd-27th October
Bags2School 14th November
Children in Need 17th November
Last Film Club this term 28th November
Last Basketball Club this term 30th November
Y1/2 skipping cluster event – 1st December
EYFS-Y4 flu vaccinations – 8th December
Christmas Play -11th and 12th December
Christmas lunch -19th December
Christmas party – 20th December
Carol service – 22nd December
End of term – 22nd December