



SPENNITHORNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

As it currently stands, I will not be in school next week!

CHRISTMAS

Well, this is my 5th Christmas at this school and every year, I get a little bit prouder of our children. I have had the pleasure of seeing these children grow into individuals who are caring, polite pupils whom you should be proud of.

2016 has been a year of change for the school as we moved into a collaboration with Crakehall School but change is happening all around us. You only have to look opposite the school to see this

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the staff and governors to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2017. It is also an opportunity to look back and say thank you to the staff and governors who have helped shape our school both now and throughout the year.

We also welcome back Mrs Bowkett today. She will be working full time for the first 2 weeks and then Mrs Dooley will be starting with us. She came in on Wednesday to meet and chat with Mrs Bowkett and also meet the children in the Foxes class.

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTENDANCE

I recall in my interview sitting next to a child (who shall remain nameless) and remembering his name within 2 minutes. A good thing or a bad thing?! This child is now older and although occasionally can be a little taxing, is helpful, polite and a real asset to our school. Our behaviour I believe is close to outstanding. To really get there, (in the eyes of OFSTED) is to really work on our attendance.

Please consider whether requesting leave of absence in term time is in the best interest of your child.

Well done to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance this term:

Jack C., Alice W., Cara H., Nathan K., Archie K., Harry P., William T., Jack V., Grace W., Georgia W.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY STUDENT

We have a 3rd and final year student starting in January, working alongside Miss Williams

THE MEADOWS

Richmonshire Council have suggested names for the three roads which will form part of the new housing development outside the school but have asked local residents for their suggestions.

If you would like to contribute ideas and I encourage you to do so, there is a clipboard at the back of the church to write your suggestions.

TESCO UNIFORM

You can purchase school uniform by using the link on the website or visiting www.tesco.com/ues.

We have met with Schools Trends and our school uniform will be available to buy, direct from their website, in the new year. Further details will follow.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3rd Jan – Staff training day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Wednesday 4th Jan – School reopens

Clubs start – w/c 9th Jan

13th/14th Jan – Swimming gala

Tuesday 10th Jan – Swimming starts

Tuesday 24th Jan – Y5 Dance day

Thurs 2nd March – World Book Day

Friday 3rd March – Y3 Maths Day

Thrsday 9th March – Cross country Competition

W/C 20/3 – Wensleydale Tournament of Song (2 weeks)

24th March – Red Nose Day

4th April – School photos

5th April – School council sponsored walk

7th April - Easter service at 2.30 and Easter Bonnet competition then school closes for Easter.

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.

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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Letters sent home this week: