



# 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, Thursday, and Friday and Spennithorne on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## **BITE SIZE FRACTIONS**

We look forward to welcoming you to either school next week for a bite size fractions information session straight after school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Spennithorne and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Middleham. Parents are welcomed to attend either session.

It will be great to see you- 3.30pm till 4pm.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

We took those children who wished to attend to the rescheduled cross country event at Richmond School on Tuesday and had a great time. All of the children did extremely well with many going through to the next stage at Dalby Forest next week.

However, I was extremely impressed by the children's great sportsmanship, cheering on many other competitors from all different schools.

Well done to Jamie D, Jensen S, Matthew H, Ellie R, Chloe L, Jack V, Harry P. and Aimee S.

## **DIGITAL LEADERS DAY**

Some of our Year 5 pupils travelled to Catterick Racecourse on Wednesday to enjoy a 'Robotics' day and worked with other school children to develop their computing skills. This was organised by the Swaledale Alliance, which we are a part of. The children had a great time and Mrs Shawcross who accompanied both sets of children reported back on their great interaction with the entire day's programme.

## **MATHS AT REETH**

Many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been very busy this week and some went on a maths mastery day at Reeth.

## **QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire. Once results have been collated, I will share them with you.

## **EASTER EGG CHALLENGE HAVE YOU GOT YOURS YET?**

Have you bought our egg yet? The deadline to hand them in is fast approaching - next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## **EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB**

If you need a copy of the Easter club flyer, please ask at the school office.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

We had a great day at both schools on Thursday doing activities linked to Paddington Bear, including creating our own storyboards and mini movies!

## **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.



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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:

9<sup>th</sup> May 18, 11<sup>th</sup> July 18, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 18 and 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**

### **MOTHERS' DAY LUNCH**

It was a pleasure to welcome our mothers and grandmas to school on Tuesday for a lovely dinner. We hope you enjoyed your lunch.

### **FILM CLUB**

This has now finished for the term and will restart on the 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### **WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG**

We will be performing on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am at Tennants. Please note you must arrive before the class starts.

### **EASTER SERVICE**

We will be holding our Easter service at St Michaels and All Angels, Spennithorne on the last day of term at 2pm and all parents are welcome to attend.

All children will be coming back to school after the service.

### **CHOCOLATE BINGO**

Friends of Spennithorne are hosting their annual Chocolate Bingo night at school on the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> March ( the last day of term) at 6pm

It is always so well attended with both parents and children but we need your help with both raffle prizes and donations of both small and larger chocolate eggs.

Why not pop one in your trolley when you next go shopping?!



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You are welcomed to bring your own drinks and snacks but tea and coffee will be available for a small donation. Children are welcome.

## **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](http://www.tesco.com/ues).

## **WRITER OF THE WEEK**

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Matthew H. for writing a fantastic adventure story about Paddington, using sub-headings.

Rabbits: - Alice W. for writing a super character description using exclamation sentences.

## **MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK**

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Ellie B. for good work on money and word problems.

Rabbits: - Kaitlin C. for understanding halving and doubling.

## **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

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Easter Service – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2pm

End of Term – 29<sup>th</sup> March

Chocolate Bingo – 29<sup>th</sup> March 6pm

School re-opens after Easter – 17<sup>th</sup> April