



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

17th November 2017

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

SPORTING EVENTS

Please remember that the main reason we organise and attend sporting events is to facilitate a healthy lifestyle and promote interaction with our children's peers. Please ensure your comments are positive for all children and respect is shown to all officials. If the children see adults doing it, they will follow suit.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

Richmond School are running a free parents workshop for pupils in Year 5 and 6 to offer them the opportunity to learn about a piece of software to support learning called Read&Write.

If you would like to attend, please email yes@richmondschool.net to secure your place.

CARETAKER REQUIRED 5 HRS PER WEEK

Middleham School is currently looking for a keen and willing person to cover 5 hours a week to fulfil the caretaking role at the school. Roles would need to be discussed but primarily the suitable candidate would need to open the school each morning, undertake minor maintenance, check heating and lighting and carry out various checks. If you are interested, please contact Middleham School on the number above.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to all children for their contributions to Children in Need. The book and toy sales in both schools went really well and we will let you know how much we have raised in next week's newsletter. Well done to both school councils for organising this.

Spennithorne school raised £125.85

PACKED LUNCHES

Can we please ask parents not to send their child into school with nut based products. We have children in both schools with nut allergies and would ask for your help in this matter.

PE

As the colder weather draws in, please ensure all children in KS2 (Y3-6) have a warm PE kit for outside PE. This includes an old hoody or warm top and joggers

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Christmas plays will be performed on the following dates and times:

MIDDLEHAM	SPENNITHORNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Rehearsal Monday 11th December 1.45pm Evening performance Monday 11th December 6pm Day performance Tuesday 12th December 1.45pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Rehearsal Monday 11th December 2pm Day performance Tuesday 12th December 2pm Evening performance Tuesday 12th December 6pm

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The Friends of both Middleham School and Spennithorne School are requesting donations for a chocolate hamper which they are hoping to raffle off during the Christmas plays.



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The Friends of Middleham are looking for coloured food donations to create 2 food hampers. They are looking at donations either green, red, gold or silver.

The Spennithorne School Council will also be producing a hamper – any chocolate items which could be donated would be greatly appreciated – they are not concerned about the colour as long as it's chocolate!

Please could you bring any items into school before 1st December

EVENTS AT THE LEYBURN ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE)

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES & FUNDRAISING

Race Night Saturday 18th NOVEMBER 7pm. Enjoy the thrill of the race at The Old School House

Tickets £7.50 (includes Pie & Peas Supper).

Book Now! by phone at 01969 624510 or in person from Leyburn Arts & Community Centre (The Old School House).

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards have been collected and should be back in school on Monday 4th December. However, if you sent your cards back to school to be scanned, you can update your order by 20th November.

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

The deadline for applications is **15th January 2018**.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

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/>

SPENNITHORNE NEWS

EASY FUNDRAISING

Invite your friends and earn £2 bonus donations* for Friends of Spennithorne School!

With Black Friday and Christmas on the horizon, it's the perfect time to get friends signed up and raise donations for Friends of Spennithorne School when they shop online.

Share your unique referral link with your friends and family today using the ready-made tools below.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofspennithorneschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

I have to admit, I needed to purchase something on Amazon tonight and just before I bought the item, I remembered this. For no additional outlay, I have donated money to the Friends. It's as easy as it says above.



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There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Spennithorne School will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

FOXES CLASS

The children in foxes are going to be making their own 'musical instruments' and Mrs. Shepherd is looking for as many empty 'Pringles crisps' containers (with lids) as possible please. Also any similar containers e.g. empty gravy granules containers etc. but all must have lids.

CALENDAR PHOTOS

Please can we ask everyone to get out and about this weekend, which promises to be good weather, and take some great photos for our 2018 Calendar. The Year 6 pupils from both schools are putting together a calendar to sell for their Wensleydale Rotary Club 'Business Challenge' which will raise money for charitable causes.

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.

Also one of our children is missing a School Trends sweatshirt – size small and with DP written on the label. Please check and see if your child has brought it home by mistake. Thanks.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

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

Foxes: - Henry F. for fantastic work on performance poetry.

Rabbits: - Evie H. for writing a fantastic detailed story.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jack C. for great work on multiplication.

Rabbits: - Alfie W. for counting up to 20.

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

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 – 21st December

Carol service – 22nd December

End of term – 22nd December



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MESSAGE FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE TRADING STANDARDS

North Yorkshire Trading Standards have received the list of scams and frauds reported by residents to Action Fraud. There are a number of themes I wish to share with you. Residents are continuing to be called by someone claiming to be from Microsoft/BT stating there is a problem with your computer and asking the victim to download a piece of software called Teamviewer which allows the criminal to gain access to the victims computer. THIS IS A SCAM and victims have lost several thousands of pounds to these criminals. Another frequent scam is the caller claiming to be from HMRC claiming there is an outstanding bill and a court order has been obtained for payment and that unless the 'victim' pays immediately, bailiffs will be sent round. Again THIS IS A SCAM. Often the criminal will ask for payment in i-tune vouchers. Finally we are seeing an increase in reported 'Romance Scams' where victims are duped into sending money to someone they have met on the internet. Quite often the criminal will give some sob story about how a child is ill or they need money quick to persuade the victim to transfer thousands of pounds into a foreign account on the promise they will get the money back or that the person will come to the UK to marry the victim. In all these cases the advice is the same. If you are contacted by the telephone or on the internet and you have any doubt whatsoever, terminate the call. Please do not fall victim to these fraudsters.