



SPENNITHORNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

As it currently stands, I will be in school all day on Tuesday and Friday and Wednesday afternoon.

PURPLE MASH

Attached to this newsletter is a letter about our new software purple mash for your information. The children have already been sent home with their user name and password.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE- SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 11-3PM

Don't forget the Friends of Spennithorne are holding their Christmas Fayre this Sunday from 11am-3pm at Harmby Village Hall

ROAD CLOSURE

We have been informed by Yorkshire Water that between Monday 12th and Friday 16th December, Main Street in Spennithorne will be closed. This is the road further down the village over the beck.

If you require more information about this, please contact 0345 124242 with the reference number 18764749.

PIANO FOR SALE

A Hupfeld piano is for sale. It is in good condition and has recently been tuned. £700 or reasonable offer. If interested, please ring Grace on 01677 423260 or 07581021122. Buyer to collect.

CHILDREN IN NEED – TODAY

Well, we were 'Spotacular'! Through donations, we raised £36

LEYBURN CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year, children from all Wensleydale cluster schools are warmly welcomed to sing at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December and Miss Harper, Head of BAWB is organising the children's and community singing. If any children would like to come along to sing, they are welcome to. It is likely to take place mid/late afternoon – time TBC.

Please let me know as I have the words and music that I can email to you.

OUR CHOSEN CHARITY

This year, our school council took a vote on their preferred charity to raise money for and they chose 'The Great North Air Ambulance'. Our first money raising event will be held on Friday 2nd December with our pyjama day!

Just wake up, roll out of bed and into school! Remember to bring £1.

COSTUMES

If you are having trouble with your child's costume for the play, please come and speak to your class teacher.

THE CHANGING FACE THE EDUCATION

Some of you may be aware through the news and through other local schools that the face of education is changing. Many schools are either choosing or being forced to turn into academies. Nicky Morgan, the ex-Minister of Education, announced all schools must turn into academies by 2020 but then u-turned on this proposal. Academy schools are state-funded schools in England which are directly funded by the Department for Education and independent of local authority control. The terms of the arrangements are set out in individual Academy Funding Agreements. Most academies are secondary schools but primary schools are starting to follow suit.

However, it is still on the agenda. Recently, local schools have held meetings about what I probably see as the biggest change in education in many, many years. Please be assured, the governors are listening carefully to what is being said both nationally and locally but will not act rashly to any panic caused in the media.

TESCO UNIFORM

You can purchase school uniform by using the link on the website or visiting www.tesco.com/ues. However, having listened to your feedback, we are in the process of returning to using School Trends as well since many of you say the quality is better and now, they offer online ordering with no minimum order size as they used to before.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 20th Nov - Christmas Fayre
Thursday 1st Dec – Clubs end
Friday 2nd Dec – Pyjama day



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Tuesday 6th Dec – Christmas production (2pm and 6pm)
Wed 7th Dec – Christmas production (6pm)
Tues 13th Dec – Christmas lunch/ Christmas jumper day £1
Thursday 15th Dec – Christmas party
Friday 16th Dec Christmas treat (am) and Christmas service
2.30pm

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Cara H. for a great story about Pudsey Bear.

Rabbits: - Abbie S. for writing missing letters in CVC words.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Grace W. for doing Y6 Level multiplication and division calculations.

Rabbits: - Matilda C. for speedy number bonds.

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/>

Letters sent home this week:

Purple Mash letter

Leyburn Christmas Fair booklet