



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 at Middleham on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at Spennithorne on Monday and Thursday.

WEDDING

We hope you enjoyed our wedding today. The children had a great time in the morning preparing for the wedding with a variety of activities including going down to St Michaels and All Angels to learn about different church services. Thank you to Revd. Jeff, Revd. Liz and Revd. Chris.

Thank you as well to the organist and the choir.

Let's hope tomorrow's wedding goes just as smoothly (although I am sure that you couldn't find a more handsome groom and more blushing bride than ours today).

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As from September 2018, Kidz Day Nursery will be offering before and after school wrap around care to all pupils from Middleham and Spennithorne from 7am to 6pm. Children who attend Spennithorne will need to be dropped at Middleham in the morning and will be transported to school at the beginning of the school day and in the evenings, will be collected from Spennithorne and transported to Middleham.

If you are interested in using this service regularly or on an ad-hoc basis, please email info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk

SPONSORED WALK

On the 25th May, both school councils will be organising a sponsored walk to raise money for each school's chosen charity; Swaledale Mountain Rescue for Middleham and Guide Dogs for the Blind for Spennithorne. Your child will be coming home with a sponsor form, which explains how far we hope each child can walk.

We have stressed to the children that they only ask family members and not knock on strangers' doors. If every child can raise £1, we could raise over £30. The school council at Middleham has already raised £80 and £186.70 at Spennithorne and this could push those totals up further.

SATS

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs this week. We could not be prouder of you.

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH

We will be holding our fathers' (and grandfathers' and uncles') day lunch on Thursday 14th June at Middleham and on Friday 15th June at Spennithorne. Menu details will follow next week but try to clear your diary. We would love to see you.

EDINBURGH

We still have some outstanding payments for this trip. Please can you please settle this before the end of the half term.

QUAD KIDS

Our Y3/4 children from both schools and our Rabbits children from Spennithorne will be attending a Quad kids event at Catterick Garrison on Wednesday 6th June. A letter came out about this last week. They will be out all day but home in time for the end of the school day. Please let us know your child's lunch choices before half term.



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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.

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:

11th July 18, 12th Sept 18 and 7th 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

MR MCPHAIL

After many years of dedicated service, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Mr McPhail, our caretaker, at the end of half term. You often only see him when there is snow that needs clearing but he does such an important job behind the scenes. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please place any donation in a sealed envelope marked Caretaker and we will add this to the staff gift.

GOVERNOR VACANCY

Are you interested in becoming a governor and helping to shape the direction of our school? If you are interested in taking up this rewarding roll during an exciting period in the school's change to federation, please pop in for a chat.

LEAVERS' SERVICE – EARLY NOTICE OF TIME

On the last day of term, we hold our leavers' service. We have always been lucky to get our vicar on the afternoon of this day but unfortunately, this year, Revd. Chris is unavailable in the afternoon due to another school commitment in his many parishes.

However, we have managed to secure our Leavers' Service for 9.15am on the last day of term (Friday 20th July).

OFFICE HOURS

Mrs Ramsay will not be in the office on Thursday and Friday (24th and 25th May). Please ensure any concerns or paperwork are dealt with by 12.00pm on Wednesday.



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SCHOOL DINNERS

Last week, we informed you that sadly, we were having to increase the prices of our school dinners from £2.10 to £2.30 which will come into force after half term (week commencing 4th June 2018). This week we received confirmation of the new price of school dinners as these are set to significantly increase as from September.

However, although we have tried to keep the prices as low as possible and not increased dinner prices for over 5 years, due to rising costs, we are going to have to put up the prices of a school lunch further in September. The introduction of the National Living Wage in April 2018 has increased the cost of producing meals. As a school, we have been able to keep the price of lunches as low as possible, despite rising costs. Unfortunately this is no longer possible. We are currently looking at ways to reduce this cost to ensure our children have access to good quality meals at the best possible price.

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.

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

Half term w/c 28th May
Y5/6 to Edinburgh 4-8th June
Y3/4 & Rabbits class Quad Kids Athletics 6th June
Y1/2 Multiskills at Catterick Leisure Centre 8th June
Fathers' Day Lunch 15th June
Y3/4 to Cote Ghyll, Osmotherley 21/22nd June
Reports out 29th June
Wensleydale Transition days 2-3rd July
Cluster Sports – 5th July
Sports Day 9th July
SFX Induction day 9th July
Teddy Bear's Picnic 10th July
Last day of term – 20th July