



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

2nd February 2018

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

For your child to continue to grow and develop academically, it is vital that you are supporting them at home with homework, spelling and importantly, reading. In both schools, we hold competitions to encourage reading. We don't want it to become a bind but an enjoyable experience which helps to develop a love of the written word as they move through life.

We have dedicated teachers in both schools but the fact is **13.36 percent** of waking hours are spent in school by age 18. That means **86.64 percent** of children's time is spent out of school, mainly at home. We need your help.

Both schools do set homework on Purple Mash, with Middleham starting to do this more now. If this is a problem for you, let us know so we can make other arrangements to support you and your child.

WENSLEY DEANARY VISION

Wensley Deanery Vision 2030

Open Meeting – Saturday 24 February 2018

Newton-le-Willows Village Hall, Station Road, Newton-le-Willows, Bedale DL8 1SP

This meeting is open to members of the congregations in chapels and churches across Wensleydale. If you want to find out about the challenges faced by and the opportunities for growth and innovation for the Christian community in the Dale over the next few decades and influence the response to these please do come along. Coffees, teas, water and light refreshments will be available but please bring your own lunch with you.

9.30am	Doors open, light refreshments available
10.00am	Welcome and opening worship
10.30am	Introduction from Area Dean
10.35am	Current examples of lay-led ministry in the Dale
10.45am	The 2030 challenge and three possible responses
11.15am	Break for refreshments
11.30am	Group discussions
12.30pm	Break for lunch
12.30pm - 1.15pm	Archdeacon Beverley Mason and Bishop Helen-Ann join meeting
1.15pm	Feedback on group discussions
2.15pm	Response by Archdeacon Beverley
2.45pm	Ecumenical Service of Blessing
3.15pm	Close of meeting



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There is a car park behind the Village Hall and there is on-street parking in the village. If you do need to park on-street, do please show consideration to local residents.

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Cycling for All

Dates:

Thursday, 26th April 2018
Thursday, 3rd May 2018
Thursday, 10th May 2018
Thursday, 17th May 2018
Thursday, 24th May 2018

Time: 4.15pm—5.15pm

Venue: Richmond School

Audience: Personalised lessons for all abilities

Standard price: £30 / pupil
Includes bike hire and a water bottle

To book your place please register via our website:
www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events
or email
yes@richmondschool.net

In conjunction with Stage 1 Cycles Hawes, YES @ Richmond School are hosting a five session cycling training event for **all abilities**.

These sessions will be fun, game led and skilled based, and will be tailored to meet individual needs.

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

Closing date: Friday, 2nd March 2018

For further information contact Steffy Cappleman (yes@richmondschool.net) or Hellen Pollard (ride@stage1cycles.co.uk)

Training led by:

Stage 1 Cycles

Stage 1 Cycles is the leading provider of cycling activities in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire.

As a registered Adventurous Activities provider you can be confident in the safety and quality of their activities.

All sessions are led by an appropriately qualified cycling instructor who is subject to disclosure and barring checks. Stage 1 Cycles is an Adventurous Activity Licensed Company.

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

YEAR 3/4 RESIDENTIAL TO COTE GHYLL

You should have received a letter this week about our proposed residential to Cote Ghyll for our Year 3 and 4 pupils. I will be holding an evening after half term to share information with you about what we will be doing.

NORTHALLERTON LIBRARY – THE WONDERS OF SPACE

Selby and Northallerton libraries are working with University of York’s Astrocampus and bringing Space to our fingertips on 13 and 14 February 2018, during half-term.

At Northallerton Library, visitors will be able to explore the wonders of space in the Cosmodome: an inflatable planetarium. They can discover the stories behind the constellations and take a tour of the night skies; fly past the planets and find out about stars exploding! Shows last for 20 minutes and are suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library. Advanced booking is essential as spaces are limited.

For more information and to book your tickets, please contact Northallerton Library

If you are not a member of the library, join now. It is FREE. Visit your local branch or log on to www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries

To find out more about University of York’s Astrocampus please visit: www.astrocampus.org.uk

To book, please contact Greg Kubas (01609 79 8402)

Wednesday 14 February		
Northallerton Library 1 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, DL6 1PT Tel: 01609 53 3832	10.30am	Cosmodome – 1 st session*
	11am	Cosmodome – 2 nd session*
	11.30am	Cosmodome – 3 rd session*
	12noon	Cosmodome – 4 th session*
Spaces limited. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library	1pm	Cosmodome – 5 th session
	1.30pm	Cosmodome – 6 th session*
	2pm	Cosmodome – 7 th session*
	2.30pm	Cosmodome – 8 th session*

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:

7th March 18, 9th May 18, 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%.



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SPENNITHORNE NEWS

WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG

We have started learning the song we will be singing at the tournament this year. It is going to be 'My Favourite Things' from the Sound of Music.

Maybe it's an age thing but so many children didn't know the song or hadn't seen the film. I always recall this was a wet Sunday afternoon film or was watched as a family every Christmas on one of the 3 channels on TV (something that children these days find hard to understand!).

So, if you find yourself at a loose end this weekend, pop on 'The Sound of Music', dance around the lounge and get the children into the magic!

SPORTS KIT DAY

As the school council's ongoing fundraising for Guide Dogs for the Blind continues, we will be holding a Sports Kit Day on Friday 9th February. For a £1 donation, the children can come in whatever sports kit they like for the day, be it riding clothes, football or rugby strip or whatever they enjoy doing. They may just want to wear leggings and trainers.

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.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jake G. for an excellent extended piece of writing.

Rabbits: - Alice W. for writing and editing a wonderful story.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Ava F. for great work on fractions.

Rabbits: - Maia R. for counting confidently.

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

Y3/4 Cluster Dance Event – 2nd February



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Parents' Evening – 5th and 7th February
Sports Kit Day – 9th February
HALF TERM – 12th – 16th February
Science at Wensleydale School – 22nd February
World Book Day – 1st March
KS2 trip to Eureka, Halifax – 7th March
Cross Country, Richmond School – 8th March
Mothers' Day Lunch – 9th March
Wensleydale Tournament of Song, Music – W/C 19th March
Sport Relief – 23rd March
End of Term – 29th March