



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

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

## AVAILABILITY

Next week, it is half term and the school will be closed. We reopen on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. I will be in Middleham on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and in Spennithorne on Tuesday and Friday.

## SIMON CARSON HOLIDAY CLUB

We still have some places left for our holiday club at Spennithorne, especially for the Friday. If you would like to attend, please email school at least the night before (as we will be picking up emails over the holiday) and we will let the organisers know. You can pay on the day but if not registered, you will be requested to fill out a registration form.

## TABLE TROOPER CHALLENGE

After half term, we will be introducing a new competition for the children from Years 1 to 6; the tables trooper challenge. Each year group has a target to achieve, working towards being either a private, corporal, sergeant, captain, major or colonel. We will be checking on the children's progress regularly. As soon as they achieve their ranking, their name is put into a raffle. Each half term, their name is added again meaning more chances of winning the half termly prize. Children can also choose to move up the ladder and start learning harder tables.

You can practise these at home, in the car, over tea; anywhere really.

Children confidently knowing their tables opens up so much of the maths curriculum and is a fun way to engage with them.

Children can also go online to practise their skills. A great site which we use a lot in schools is [www topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) and also every child has a purple mash log in. Click on the maths site and on times table toons and there are loads of games to practise.

<b>YEAR 1 PRIVATE</b>	<b>YEAR 3 SERGEANT</b>	<b>YEAR 4 CAPTAIN</b>	<b>YEAR 5 MAJOR</b>	<b>YEAR 6 COLONEL</b>
Count in 1's	Say your 2 times table	Say your 2 times table	Say your 2 times table and related division facts	Say your 2 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts
Count in 2's	Say your 3 times table	Say your 3 times table	Say your 3 times table and related division facts	Say your 3 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts
Count in 5's	Say your 4 times table	Say your 4 times table	Say your 4 times table and related division facts	Say your 4 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts
Count in 10's	Say your 5 times table	Say your 5 times table	Say your 5 times table and related division facts	Say your 5 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts
<b>YEAR 2 CORPORAL</b>	Say your 8 times table	Say your 6 times table	Say your 6 times table and related division facts	Say your 6 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts
Say your 2 times	Say your 10	Say your 7 times	Say your 7 times table and related division	Say your 7 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division



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table	times table	table	facts	facts
Say your 5 times table		Say your 8 times table	Say your 8 times table and related division facts	Say your 8 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts
Say your 10 times table		Say your 9 times table	Say your 9 times table and related division facts	Say your 9 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts
Count in 3's		Say your 10 times table	Say your 10 times table and related division facts	Say your 10 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts
		Say your 11 times table	Say your 11 times table and related division facts	Say your 11 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts
		Say your 12 times table	Say your 12 times table and related division facts	Say your 12 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Today, your child has brought home some artwork which, if you wish, could be made into a personalised Christmas card. There will also be an information card with this about how to sign up and register for cards with Chameleon Create. **This has to be done by you online.** The artwork is being collected from school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November so must be returned to school, by you, before then. This date is also the deadline for registering your purchase of cards on the Chameleon website.

Every pack sold will raise money for FOMS (Friends of Middleham School) or FOSS (Friends of Spennithorne School) who fund the 'extra' bits in our schools.

Below please find the deadline of dates to ensure you get your Christmas cards in time.

CLOSING REGISTRATION DATE	Friday 03 Nov 2017
ARTWORK COLLECTION	Friday 03 Nov 2017
CHAMELEON SCAN BY	Monday 13 Nov 2017
ORDER CUT OFF DATE	Monday 20 Nov 2017
DELIVERY DATE	Monday 04 Dec 2017

We hope you like the card designs and that you feel you could support this venture.

## SEND REVIEW AND PARENT, CARER AND PROFESSIONAL FEEDBACK EVENT

North Yorkshire County Council is responsible under the Children and Families Act 2014 for reviewing how special education is provided in North Yorkshire, and for making sure there are enough places in education for children and young people with SEND. We work closely with parents, carers, young people, local groups, education providers and professionals so we can meet this responsibility in the best possible way.

We want to hear from parents, carers and professionals about your views on special education - this will help us to shape future services. Your input will help form a strategic plan for how we will provide support for young people with SEND in North Yorkshire in future.



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For example, if you are a parent we'd like to know about:

- services you use now and how they could be better;
- services you want or need, but can't find; or
- how you found the service(s) you need, what helped you to find them and any improvements we could make.

To build on feedback and ideas on future SEND provision, we have planned some events for parents and carers during November 2017. These events will provide an update on progress, which has been informed by feedback from across the county. They will also include information about proposals being suggested for the strategic plan. This is a further opportunity to be involved and provide feedback before formal consultation begins in early 2018.

**You don't need to register for the parent and carer events below, please just join us at:**

13 November	12.30pm to 2.30pm	Rural Arts Centre, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS
14 November	12.30pm to 2.30pm	Newby and Scalby Community Hall, Scalby Road, Scalby, Scarborough
15 November	12.30pm to 2.30pm	60 Chain Lane, Knaresborough HG5 0AS
20 November	12.30pm to 2.30pm	Selby Town Hall, York Street, Selby YO8 4AJ
21 November	12.30pm to 2.30pm	Skipton Town Hall, High Street, Skipton BD23 1AH

## CALENDAR

At the end of term, our Year 6 pupils from both schools will be coming together to produce the first Middleham and Spennithorne calendar, celebrating the local area. Both schools will be pooling their money from the Rotary Enterprise Challenge, working out unit cost, seeing how many calendars they are able to produce in the first run linked to their funding and marketing their calendars to create a profit. This profit is then donated back to the Rotary who will in turn donate it to the clusters' chosen charity, Guide Dogs.

However, we would like help from all of our children to submit photos for our calendar which celebrate the beauty of our natural surroundings.

If you have a photo you have taken or would like to submit one you have taken, please email it to either [admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk) or [admin@spennithorne.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@spennithorne.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## CHILDREN IN NEED

This year, Children in Need falls on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. To raise money, we invite every child to pay £1 to come in their own clothes.

In addition, the school council will be organising a book and toy sale to raise money too.

It would be great if over the half term holiday, you could encourage your children to have a clear out of old books, toys and games they don't play with. If they can bring any donated toys and books into school the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November and leave them in the Badgers classroom which is opposite the main school entrance doors.

## PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, we have been advised to let you know about the admissions process which you need to complete in order to gain a place at your chosen school. You are advised to apply on line although paper copies of the form and information are available if requested. The deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

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



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## **HALLOWEEN DISCO**

The disco starts at Spennithorne School tonight from 6.30pm - 8pm. Please do not come any earlier! There will be extra hotdogs, crisps and sweets to buy. There will also be prizes for the best dressed, best dancer and many fun competitions.

We ask that if you are not coming to the disco, you are not on school premises.

At the end of the disco, we request that **ALL** parents wait outside and we will deliver your child to you. This ensures that we know that every child has been collected by the correct person.

## **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**

### **EXTREME READING**

After half term, I will again be working with our new librarians, training them on the computer system and we hope we can then open up the library during one lunchtime for children to enjoy our books.

To brighten up our library, we would love for you to take a picture of yourself reading in an extreme or strange place. Maybe it's on the football field or whilst helping mum or dad on the farm or maybe reading with your dog!!!

I would love to open this challenge up to all of our children and you can email your picture to school ([admin@spennithorne.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@spennithorne.n-yorks.sch.uk)). Thanks to those who have already submitted a picture. You have until the end of the half term (30<sup>th</sup> October) so you have loads of time to think of some weird and wonderful places to take your picture!

### **EYFS PARENTS INFO SESSION**

Miss Williams will be holding an 'Introduction to Tapestry' session at 3.30pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. It would be great if you could come.

### **BONFIRE LUNCH**

After half term the main meal choice for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November has been changed to Bangers & Mash with onion gravy and vegetables followed by Toffee Apple Crumble as a 'Bonfire Night' special.

### **BAGS 2 SCHOOL**

The next collection is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Bags can be dropped off either at school or direct to Mrs. Dawn Fuller at 5 Beckwood, Spennithorne – the house next door to the school.



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## PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all others parents who came to look at their child's work and chat to the class teacher about their child's progress. Unfortunately, several people did not turn up for their appointment which meant that others could not have that meeting time.

We do request that parents attend parents evening. We can be flexible but would greatly appreciate it if you would let us know if you do not intend turning up for an appointment. Thanks to those who did.

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

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

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

Foxes: - Matthew H. for writing an atmospheric opening sentence in his description.

Rabbits: - Holly J. for writing a lovely descriptive poem about autumn.

## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Ellie B. for good work on multiplication.

Rabbits: - Maia R. for adding 2 groups of objects together.

## 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

Half term 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October

Simon Carson Holiday club 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October

High 5 Netball KS2 10<sup>th</sup> November

Bags2School 14<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need 17<sup>th</sup> November

Y1/2 skipping cluster event – 1<sup>st</sup> December

EYFS-Y4 flu vaccinations – 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Play -11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch -19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas party – 21<sup>st</sup> December

Carol service – 22<sup>nd</sup> December

End of term – 22<sup>nd</sup> December



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