



# 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 in Middleham on Monday and Wednesday and in Spennithorne on Tuesday and Friday. I am out of school on Thursday.

## COTE GHYLL INFORMATION SESSION

I am very aware that I have yet to hold a parents information session regarding the Y3/4 trip to Cote Ghyll. Therefore, I will be sharing information with you regarding this very exciting trip on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Middleham School Hall at 6pm. The presentation is aimed for parents but you are welcomed to bring your children.

## ROYAL WEDDING

To support many areas of the RE curriculum including elements of the EYFS curriculum, we have decided to have our very own Royal Wedding on the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

We will be asking for children to come to school in their wedding finery and already have a bride and groom although need to discuss ushers, bridesmaids and best men. Hen and stag dos are officially banned at this wedding!

Parents, grandparents and all our friends in the local community are invited but you need to scrub up for the occasion!

However, if anyone is able to help us with either a fancy car for the bride, a cake or a small bouquet of flowers, please let the school know. We are also hoping to have a little wedding breakfast and nearer the time, we be asking for small donations of food such as sandwiches and biscuits for the wedding breakfast.

I hope you think this is a great idea and if able, can join in with us.

## TRIPS

There is a planned trip for our Class 1/Rabbits children to Locomotion in Shildon on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April and in addition, our EYFS children will be heading to Catterick Leisure Centre for a cluster multisports morning on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## TABLE TROOPER CHALLENGE

We continue to work on this challenge and many children have been doing really well.

To help your child at home, it might be useful to clarify the difference between counting and saying the times tables.

- Counting is saying the numbers e.g. 2,4,6,8,10.
- Recalling your times tables is 1 times 2 is 2, 2 times 2 is 4, 3 times 2 is 6 etc. This will help recall when progressing to recalling times tables out of sequence.

YEAR 1 PRIVATE	YEAR 3 SERGEANT	YEAR 4 CAPTAIN	YEAR 5 MAJOR	YEAR 6 COLONEL
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



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Count in 5s	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 table	Say your 10 times table	Say your 7 times table	Say your 7 times table and related division facts	Say your 7 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division 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

Many children are now out of sequence and working on times tables designed for older year groups – well done to all of you!

## ISLAM DAY

We enjoyed an informative day today at Middleham learning about the Islamic faith. We hope the children enjoyed it.

## 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.



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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:

9<sup>th</sup> May 18, 11<sup>th</sup> July 18, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 18 and 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **SAFEGUARDING**

We have been requested to secure our school grounds to prevent any unauthorised access to the school. Therefore, as from Monday, we will be locking the gate from the main road into the playground and the gate into the car park. This will be done just after the school has started so unfortunately, you will need to vacate the 'playground' carpark as soon as school begins. The gates will be opened at 3pm.

Any access required will need to be through the school office which is manned from 9am.

### **CLUBS**

Sports club and film club will be back on from next week.

### **CHOCOLATE BINGO**

Thank you to all who came to our Chocolate Bingo on the last day of term. We had a lovely night and raised a total of £184. The fill an egg competition raised £11 for FOSS.

### **GOVERNOR VACANCY**

It is with great sadness that we are going to be losing one of our very valued parent governors, Mr Hall. He has served our school with great commitment and I would like to publicly thank him for his hard work and commitment to our school.

Therefore, we are looking for a new parent governor. 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.

### **BAGS2SCHOOL**

Our Bags2School collection takes place on Tuesday. Please bring any donations into school and leave them in the recycling shed. This year, branded plastics bags have not been given out but they ask you to donate any items in black plastic bags.



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## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Schools photos are being taken on Tuesday. If you would like sibling photographs taken with younger children who do not attend the school, please bring them into the school hall from 8.30am.

## HARMBY CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

This letter came out this week. All responses will contribute to improving our local facilities and would be gratefully received by the parish council.

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

## 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

Bags2School 24<sup>th</sup> April SP  
School photos 24<sup>th</sup> April  
EYFS multiskills 4<sup>th</sup> May  
May Day SCHOOL CLOSED 7<sup>th</sup> May  
SATS Week w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Half term w/c 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Y5/6 to Edinburgh 4-8<sup>th</sup> June  
Y1/2 Multiskills 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Fathers' Day Lunch 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Y3/4 to Cote Ghyll 21/22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Reports out 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Wensleydale Transition days 2-3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Cluster Sports – 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Sports Day 9<sup>th</sup> July  
SFX Induction day 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Teddy Bear's Picnic 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Last day of term – 20<sup>th</sup> July