



# SPENNITHORNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

W/C 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

Next week is half term. As it currently stands, I will be in school all day on Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. I am off site on Thursday at a child protection course.

AFTER HALF TERM

School commences after half term on **MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER** not as was shown on the school website. The website dates have now been corrected.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

On Tuesday, we held interviews for a new KS2 teacher. Mrs. Bowkett has asked to return to work after Christmas on a part time basis and we have been lucky enough to be able to appoint Mrs. Forrest who is moving to the area from Hampshire. We are very excited to have her join us from January 17 teaching 2 ½ days a week.

PURPLE MASH

As a school, we have decided that the very low use of Reading Eggs means we will not be continuing our subscription this year. This ends on 31st October.

However, in conjunction with our collaboration school, we have decided to invest in web based software called 'Purple Mash' for the next 3 years and by working alongside Crakehall, we have been able to access this software at a very reasonable price for that period.

It is suitable for all ages and children can utilise programmes both at home and at school to learn through painting, graphing, writing, coding, geographical and historical studies, RE, phonics and French and maths. The list is endless. We can even set homework on it!

Outstanding pieces of work can also be pinned onto our school website (but I think we will get the basics sorted first!).

We hope you will be as excited about the use of this website as we are. I have used this company's software before and it is fantastic, covering all areas of the curriculum.

There is even a specially designed area for those children in EYFS.

More details will follow.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday night for our annual Halloween disco. The disco starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 7.30pm.

As is our routine, we will bring the children out to you at the end of the evening so that we know each child has been delivered safely and correctly. Please bear with us and wait outside.

Thank you for our co-operation in this matter.

CHURCH SCHOOL INSPECTION

The school was recently inspected against its status as a church school. We have received our report which can now be found on our school website (SIAMS tab on the left hand side of the screen).

We are judged as a GOOD school. It talks about our confident and enthusiastic children and our links with the church but also gives us areas to develop including using more different faith leaders within our school.

I have attached a copy of this report with the newsletter and would welcome any comments you might have.

BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

We took some of our boys to a football tournament on Tuesday. They came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group and showed great spirit and sportsmanship.

Well done to Charlie T, Danny P, Tom H, Matthew H, Will T, Henry F, Harry P and Jack V.

EDEN CAMP

The children looked absolutely fantastic last Friday on their trip to Eden Camp. Their behaviour was unquestionable and it was a pleasure to accompany our children

TESCO UNIFORM

You can purchase school uniform by using the link on the website or visiting [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TONIGHT – Halloween disco

RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUTS

Scouting in Richmondshire currently provides adventure and enjoyment for over 400 young people. In recent years,



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Scouting has been re-established in Leyburn and Hawes, providing opportunities for young people in these communities.

These activities are provided in Barton, Catterick, Richmond, Swaledale and Upper Wensleydale by volunteer leaders. This leadership team is led and supported by a District Commissioner. The current District Commissioner is to retire soon, and a replacement is being sought.

Whilst there will be opportunities to be involved directly with young people, the role is primarily one of management and providing support to adults. Previous Scouting experience is not essential, and training will be available. The role is open to female and male applicants.

If you know someone who might be interested, or if you would like more information please contact:

Andrew Bedford – [andrew@bedfords.me.uk](mailto:andrew@bedfords.me.uk) 01748 886974

Further information about Scouting is available at [www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved)

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Georgia W. for good use of commas and clauses.

Rabbits: - Alice W. for writing a lovely recount of a story.

## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jack V. for excellent fractions work.

Rabbits: - Matilda C. for trying very hard and recognising shapes and fractions.

## 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.

## 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:

Fliers for events over half term