



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

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding our joint Harvest Festival on Friday 28th September at St John the Evangelist Church in East Witton, starting at 10.30.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could send your child in with some non-perishable food stuff, which we can deliver to the Richmond Foodbank

FEDERATION

If you wish to contact school via email, please use the new addresses. The old email address will forward on any mail but responses will come from the new addresses.

spennithorneadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk middlehamadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk

LIFTSHARE

Liftshare have been delivering a FREE safe journey matching services for 20 years, by now you may have heard about the Community Lift Sharing scheme initiated in Mashamshire Community Office in partnership with NYCC.

Simplistically this is a lift share matching scheme for people who are either able to offer a lift OR require a lift. This could either be ad-hoc or regular, there are **NO** barriers **OR** obligations. We do want to strengthen our community mobility and have a positive impact on reducing isolation. It's also environmentally friendly and can save money!

We can either feel great about offering a lift or relieved we can ask for a lift!... but let's do something and make the winter months ahead a little easier. And if you are already doing this, please let me know.

Once the children have been dropped off at school and you can breathe, phew! that bit of the day earns a big tick, you may have a regular journey you are going to drive and consider someone could benefit from a lift with you??. We hope so.

A passenger might be seeking a work interview, regular/part time work, a doctors appt, a trip to the super market, a ride to London or simply a pop to the shops request, collect a prescription, trip to the hairdressers, post office etc. etc. A driver might be a regular or ad-hoc traveller either one way or return, or have a regular visit to the shops, or just might like to go out for the day and have some company! The permutations are endless.

Please sign up to liftshare today, it's a simple process and be a part of National liftshare week 1-7th October

<https://liftshare.com/uk/community/masham>

GRANDPARENTS' LUNCH

Thank you to all of our grandparents who joined us on Thursday and Friday to have lunch with the children. It was a pleasure to welcome you into the school. Also, happy birthday to Mrs Holden who enjoyed lunch with us today at Spennithorne on her birthday – 21st obviously!



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TOM PALMER VISIT

Thank you for those parents who have kindly paid the £1 trip to see the author, Tom Palmer, via each school's electronic payment system. This money is going to be donated to Tom's chosen charity as he is offering this event for free. Please pay this voluntary contribution if you can.

SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget, every Friday is now Pizza Friday!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you would like to access before or after school care from Kidz Day Nursery, you need to fill in registration form which can be found on the school's website or email info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk

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 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

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>

www.tesco.com/ues.

My staff and I pride ourselves on being part of Spennithorne school and we hope that the children and staff feel the same. We can do this by wearing the school uniform. Can I please politely remind parents that our expectations for uniform are listed below:

Winter

- Sweatshirt/Sweat cardigan (with school logo – this can be ordered online)
- Navy polo shirt (with school logo – this can be ordered online)
- Trousers/skirts – dark colour of parents' choice, black or grey) (no leggings or denim)
- Black shoes – not trainers/boots

Summer

- Navy polo shirt (with school logo – this can be ordered online)
- Black shoes – not trainers/boots
- Trousers/shorts/skirts – dark colour of parents' choice, (black or grey) (no leggings or denim)

For P.E. and games activities

- Plain white T-shirt
- Navy or dark shorts
- Tracksuit bottoms in cold weather



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This is always something that all parents have signed up to and I hope this is something that, like I, parents think is important as a shared school ethos.

BAGS2SCHOOL

The final date for bringing bags is Monday 24th September 2018. Bags can be left at the school office or dropped off directly to Mrs. Fuller at 5 Beckwood, Spennithorne (the house next to the school).

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Alice W. for good use of synonyms.

Rabbits: - Shay L. for writing super sentences with describing words and good punctuation.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Will T. for confident work on place value.

Rabbits: - Pippa F. for persevering with tricky missing numbers.

SPELLER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following super spellers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jack C. for full marks.

Rabbits: - Monty W. for getting all his spellings right.

FLU VACCINATIONS

If you do not sign up to the vaccinations request, your child will miss out. Please go online and sign up. The original letter, with online details, is attached.

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

Author talk @ Tennants – 27th Sept 18

Harvest festival – 28th Sept 18

EYFS/KS1 to TOSH- 4th Oct 18

Y5/6 Boys and Girls Football – 12th Oct 18

Cross country – 19th Oct 18

Parent consultations – 22nd and 23rd Oct 18

Half term – 29th Oct – 2nd Nov 18

TRAINING DAY – 5th Nov – SCHOOL CLOSED

Bonfire lunch – 6th Nov 18

High 5 netball – 9th Nov 18

Anti-bullying week – 12th-16th Nov 18



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Children in Need – 16th November 18
Last week of clubs –W/C 26th Nov 18 (SP)
Y1/2 Skipping – 30th Nov 18
Christmas post box deliveries - from 10th Dec 10)
Christmas Production – 11th Dec 18 (SP)
Christmas Lunch – 18th Dec 18 (SP)
Christmas Party – 19th Dec 18
Panto – 20th Dec 18
Carol service – 21st Dec 18
End of term – 21st Dec 18