



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

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

The school is now closed for the Christmas break. We reopen on Tuesday 9th January 2018

END OF TERM

As we come to the end of the autumn term, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for all your help and support over this term and both myself and staff teams from both schools look forward to working with you again in 2018.

TABLE TROOPERS

Well done to all the children who have succeeded in achieving their end of year times table target already. Their names were placed in a tin and a winner picked out. Each term, we will add more names we hope and those who have already achieved their target will have another ticket with their name in giving them more chances to win. However, they will also get promoted up onto the next rank.

The ranks are as follows: Private (Y1), Corporal (Y2), Sergeant (Y3), Captain (Y4), Major (Y5) Colonel (Y6)

Well done to the following children whose names were picked out of this term: Middleham – Joseph Brown and Spennithorne – Jasmine Hall.

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

18th JANUARY 4pm. Tickets £6.50 or Family of 4 £20
Bear & Butterfly Sponsored by Tarmac

Bear likes peace and quiet, sitting comfortably sipping his tea, deep in the branches of his tree. Then Caterpillar arrives, munching and crunching. They become the best of friends, until one day Caterpillar stops munching and looks sick. Bear fears he will lose his friend. And then something magical happens...! Puppetry, live music and beautiful storytelling combine in this charming tale about love, loss and friendship.

'High production values and meticulous direction from Dani Parr - a show which audiences young and old will love.' *British Theatre Guide*

(We are taking our EYFS/Y1/Y2 children to this)

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:

10th Jan 18, 7th March 18, 9th May 18, 11th July 18, 12th Sept 18 and 7th Nov 18.

CAROL SERVICE

We hope you enjoyed our carol service today. It was lovely to hear the carols being sung by us all and remembering the real reason for all of these festivities

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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LEYBURN ARTS AND
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Youth Projects



TAKE ACTION

Do you want to make a difference to Leyburn? Got some ideas to improve the area? We can help you make it happen! Call in on a **Wednesday 4pm to 5pm** to discuss, send us an email or ask at Youth Club.



Do you want to volunteer but don't know how? Want to earn **UCAS points** and **receive an award?** Need hours towards your **Duke of Edinburgh Award** or just for fun we have lots of **exciting opportunities** here for you!



If you are **11 - 25 years old** and interested in **music, the arts and the creative industry** then **The Big Music Project** is for you! Join us on **Wednesday 4.00pm to 6.00pm**



Interested? Or want more information? Contact Rachael Alderson – Youth Leader:
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WATCH THIS SPACE... OUR CAFÉ WILL BE OPENING ON CERTAIN EVENINGS SOON FOR 11 – 17 YEAR OLDS



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SPENNITHORNE NEWS

STAFF LEAVING

Mrs. Elaine McPhail, one of our Midday Supervisory Assistants, is leaving us today after 12 years of sterling service. We will be sorry to see her go but wish her well for the future and all the best in whatever she has in store for the days ahead.

HIT AND RUN

We have been contacted by a local resident, asking for your help. At 8.40 this morning, her puppy was hit by a car outside the Old Horn Inn and subsequently died. The car did not stop.

If you have any information about this, please email school and we will forward on your details (if you are happy for us to do that) to the local resident.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Our Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday this week added another £48.70 to this fund. Many thanks to all.

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.

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

School swimming starts (10 weeks) 12th January
Y3/4 Cluster Dance Event – 2nd February
Rotary Presentation – 5th February
Parents' Evening – 5th and 7th February
Sports Kit Day – 9th February
HALF TERM – 12th – 16th February
World Book Day – 1st March
Cross Country – 8th March
Mothers' Day Lunch – 9th March
Sport Relief – 23rd March
End of Term – 29th April