



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 at Spennithorne on Tuesday and Wednesday and Middleham on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

COTE GHYLL

As you receive this, we will be heading back from our Year 3 and 4 residential at Cote Ghyll. I am sure the children will be full of stories about their adventures and I look forward to telling you all about them in next week's newsletter as well.

RICHARD III DAY

We are lucky that our KS2 children from Spennithorne and the whole school from Middleham will be attending the Richard III day at Middleham Castle on Friday 6th July. This will be within the normal school day, costumes for both schools will be provided.

SPORTS DAY

We look forward to welcoming you to our schools for our annual sports day. Middleham's sports day is due to take place on Monday 16th July at 2pm and Spennithorne's will take place on Monday 9th July at 2pm.

The children in both schools will be running in three houses. In Middleham, the children have been organised into Ure, Swale and Cover. In Spennithorne, we have reduced our house teams to three as well as four was too many for the numbers on our role. These are Coverdale, Nidderdale and Wensleydale.

Family groups have been kept together.

COLLABORATION DAY

On Friday 29th June, both schools will be coming together for a collaboration day at Middleham School. Our Y3/4 pupils will be heading out to Askrigg to represent the schools as 3 mixed teams for Drax cricket, our Y5/6 will be putting together the collective worship themes for the next year that we planned to do in Edinburgh but enjoyed a game of rounders in the sunshine instead and our younger pupils will be doing some joint writing activities.

As we stated at the beginning of this collaboration and we move to federation, children come together when it enhances their

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KEV F SUTHERLAND'S COMIC ART MASTERCLASS

Friday 27th July
Morning and Afternoon Sessions available
10-12.30pm or 1.30-4pm
Tickets £6

KEV F SUTHERLAND writes and draws for The Beano, Doctor Who and Marvel comics, and now he'll teach you how easy it is. After the end of a Comic Art Masterclass, everyone goes away with a comic containing a strip by everyone in the masterclass plus an individual caricature by KevF.

Learn everything he knows, so you could leave school and steal his job!

Tickets available through Leyburn Community Library Facebook Page and Eventbrite or pop in to Leyburn Community Library with your payment.

Recommended for ages 7+
 Accompanying adults do not require a ticket unless participating in the workshop!

educational experiences. We have 2 KS2 collaboration events in July; Richard III day on Friday July 6th and an archery session on Tuesday 17th July

BIKEABILITY

Don't forget, Year 6 pupils from Middleham and 1 pupil from Spennithorne will be accessing Bikeability training on Monday and Tuesday (25th and 26th June). Unfortunately, this service will not be offered for free next year due to funding cutbacks but can be bought in.



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FIRST AID AND ROOKIE LIFEGUARDING

Our Year 6 pupils who did not swim in the spring term have started to access their first aid and rookie lifeguarding. They have their last first aid training session next week and then will spend 3 sessions learning lifeguarding skills at Richmond Leisure Centre pool starting on the afternoon of Wednesday 4th July. They will be told next week what clothing they need to bring for this session.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As from September 2018, Kidz Day Nursery will be offering before and after school wrap around care to all pupils from Middleham and Spennithorne from 7am to 6pm. Children who attend Spennithorne will need to be dropped at Middleham in the morning and will be transported to school at the beginning of the school day and in the evenings, will be collected from Spennithorne and transported to Middleham.

If you are interested in using this service regularly or on an ad-hoc basis, please email info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk

CLUSTER SPORTS

Our annual Cluster Sports activity takes place at Wensleydale School on the afternoon of Thursday 5th July.

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

Our transition activities have started. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Remaining transition dates are as follows : 28th June (am) 2nd July (pm), 3rd July (all day), 13th July (am).

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.

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:

11th July 18, 12th Sept 18 and 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

GRANDPARENTS LUNCH



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We are looking forward to welcoming our grandparents to Spennithorne on Tuesday but remember it's not exclusive to grandparents; if you are free and fancy a lovely cooked lunch, please let us know as soon as possible.

TEDDY BEARS' LUNCH

We will also be holding our popular Teddy Bears' picnic lunch on Tuesday 10th July and we welcome parents to join us for a lunchtime picnic on the field. Please bring your special bear! Menu to follow.

CAKE SALE

Thank you to all members of Friends of Spennithorne School who baked and sold cakes at the Leyburn Food and Drink Festival last Saturday. They raised over £220.

Also, don't forget www.easyfundraising.org.uk which can earn money for the Friends when you shop on line.

FRIENDS OF SPENNITHORNE/HARMBY UNDER 5'S SUMMER FAYRE – SATURDAY 7TH JULY 11AM

On Saturday 7th July, the FOSS and Harmby under Fives are holding their Summer Fair. We would welcome donations for some of the stalls of cakes, plants, raffle prizes, bottle of wine – both full and empty.

If anyone is able to help with the running of the fair/stall, please contact Lucy Hall, Dawn Fuller, Marion Fairburn or Louise Webster.

LEAVERS' SERVICE – EARLY NOTICE OF TIME

On the last day of term, we hold our leavers' service. We have always been lucky to get our vicar on the afternoon of this day but unfortunately, this year, Rev. Chris is unavailable in the afternoon due to another school commitment in his many parishes.

However, we have managed to secure our Leavers' Service for 9.15am on the last day of term (Friday 20th July)

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.

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 Reports out 29th June

Wensleydale Transition days 2-3rd July

Cluster Sports – 5th July

Sports Day 9th July

SFX Induction day 9th July

Teddy Bear's Picnic 10th July

Last day of term – 20th July