



# 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 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and in Spennithorne on Monday and Friday.

## **CHILDREN IN NEED**

The school council did a great job of organising each school's toy and book sale and thank you for your kind donations. We made £129.50 at Spennithorne and thank you to Yorvik for donating cupcakes to sell. At Middleham, we raised £61.78.

Well done!

## **CHOSEN CHARITIES**

Our school council have been out canvassing opinion and in Middleham, the chosen charity for the year which we intend to raise money for is Swaledale Mountain Rescue and in Spennithorne, they have chosen Guide Dogs for the Blind.

## **POPPY APPEAL**

At Middleham, we collected £43.80 and at Spennithorne, we collected £70.20.

## **CARETAKER REQUIRED 5 HRS PER WEEK**

Middleham School is currently looking for a keen and willing person to cover 5 hours a week to fulfil the caretaking role at the school. Roles would need to be discussed but primarily the suitable candidate would need to open the school each morning, undertake minor maintenance, check heating and lighting and carry out various checks. If you are interested, please contact Middleham School on the number above.

## **JOINT EDUCATIONAL VISIT**

Class 1 at Middleham joined Spennithorne on Monday to chat to the local author, Hannah Russell. This trip was linked to their science topic on caring for animals and also a literacy story writing unit.

A great morning was had by all and it has inspired some lovely writing and role play.

## **Y5/6 RESIDENTIAL**

Please could you pay a deposit of £25 if you wish your children to go on the Y5/6 residential to Edinburgh. I do need to find out about numbers to decide whether the trip will go ahead. We pack so much into 5 days and not only is it a cultural experience but also a social one too.

I hope you feel it is a worthy trip. Costs are as low as possible with a kind donation from both Friends of the school and I organise it all myself rather than going through a company so you get the best value for money.

## **COSTUME LETTERS**

The letters for costumes have come out this week. Have you seen it? Please check your child's bag.



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## CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Christmas plays will be performed on the following dates and times:

MIDDLEHAM	SPENNITHORNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Rehearsal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm</li> <li>• Evening performance Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</li> <li>• Day performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Rehearsal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</li> <li>• Day performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</li> <li>• Evening performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</li> </ul>

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER

If you have any items for the Christmas Hampers that are being made by The Friends of both Middleham School and Spennithorne School, we would appreciate them in school as your earliest convenience.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards should be back in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

The deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

## 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%.

## 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/>

## SPENNITHORNE NEWS

### EASY FUNDRAISING

With Black Friday and Christmas on the horizon, it's the perfect time to get friends signed up and raise donations for Friends of Spennithorne School when they shop online.

Share your unique referral link with your friends and family today using the ready-made tools below.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofspennithorneschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Already, the Friends have collected £5 from this in a few weeks.

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Spennithorne School will be really grateful for your donations.

## FILM CLUB

The last film club of the year will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.



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## ZUMBA

Last Zumba class of the year is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and restarts on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

## SPORTS CLUB

The last sports club of the year will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## HAMPER

The Friends of Spennithorne have kindly agreed to donate the chocolate hamper goods to the School Council who will use this to raise money for our school's chosen charity but are asking for any items which could go into a festive hamper; chutneys, jams, biscuits, presents sitting in the back of your cupboard? All donations, chocolate and otherwise will be gratefully received.

## FOXES CLASS

The children in foxes are going to be making their own 'musical instruments' and Mrs. Shepherd is still looking for as many empty 'Pringles crisps' containers (with lids) as possible please. Also any similar containers e.g. empty gravy granules containers etc. but all must have lids.

## CALENDAR PHOTOS

We need still more photos. Please can we ask everyone to get out and about this weekend, which promises to be good weather yet again, and take some great photos for our 2018 Calendar. The Year 6 pupils from both schools are putting together a calendar to sell for their Wensleydale Rotary Club 'Business Challenge' which will raise money for charitable causes.

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

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week's, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Matthew H. for a descriptive nocturnal poem.

Rabbits: - Holly J. for trying really hard with her letter joins.

## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Kierra H. for careful work on shape.

Rabbits: - Poppy S. for independently practising her numbers to 20.

## 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



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Y1/2 skipping cluster event – 30<sup>th</sup> November  
EYFS-Y4 flu vaccinations – 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Play -11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas lunch -19<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas party – 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Carol service – 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
End of term – 22<sup>nd</sup> December