



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 and Wednesday and Spennithorne on Monday and Thursday.

BITE SIZE FRACTIONS

We look forward to welcoming you to either school next week for a bite size fractions information session straight after school on Tuesday 27th March at Spennithorne and Wednesday 28th March at Middleham. Parents are welcomed to attend either session.

It will be great to see you- 3.30pm till 4pm.

However, from our Facebook poll on our page, only 1 person is coming to Middleham. It would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know if you are coming or not as we have 4 teachers at each venue on hand and if there is limited interest, we might have to amalgamate the sessions.

THE JESSICA BETHELL FOUNDATION

This week, both schools were very proud to accept 2 cheques for £3,000 each which has been donated by the Jessica Bethell Foundation to fund the purchase of iPads which will help both schools with greater collaborative opportunities. A photo was posted on our school Facebook page of the cheque presentation.

LEYBURN STAGE SCHOOL



I have been told that this is a great local resource advertised here but it's struggling for numbers. Why not give it a go?

CROSS COUNTRY

4 of our children from both schools headed off to Dalby Forest yesterday for the Cross Country County Final competition. They ran a tough course in muddy conditions and up a steep hill, and did themselves proud. Jamie D came 4th in his age group, Chloe L came 7th, Ellie R came 27th, and Jack V came 11th. Well done to you all.

EASTER EGG CHALLENGE

The deadline has passed and next week, myself with Mrs Martin and Mrs Ramsay will be looking for the winner for the competition as there is a large egg waiting for the winner.

SCIENCE GOLDEN DAY

On the last day of term, to celebrate good behaviour from the children for this half term, we are going to be enjoying a science day at Spennithorne. There will be exploding bottles. green snot, spinning buckets and invisible writing. Should be a pretty good morning!

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

We have 6 participants so far. We need 10 to run. Please sign up at your earliest opportunity if you intend to use this holiday facility.



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WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG

Both schools took part in the tournament this week; Spennithorne on Thursday and Middleham on Friday. Both schools performed brilliantly and we are all very proud of them.

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:

9th May 18, 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

EASTER SERVICE

We will be holding our Easter service at St Michaels and All Angels, Spennithorne on the last day of term at 2pm and all parents are welcome to attend.

All children will be coming back to school after the service.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Friends of Spennithorne are hosting their annual Chocolate Bingo night at school on the evening of 29th March (the last day of term) at 6pm.

It is always so well attended with both parents and children but we need your help with both raffle prizes and donations of both small and larger chocolate eggs.

Why not pop one in your trolley when you next go shopping?!

You are welcomed to bring your own drinks and snacks but tea and coffee will be available for a small donation. Children are welcome.



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BAGS 2 SCHOOL

The next collection will be on Tuesday 24th April and after that it will be Tuesday 25th September. So get collecting over the Easter break, remember The Firefighters charity benefits too.

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.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Harry P. for big improvement in spelling and grammar.

Rabbits: - Pippa F. for trying hard with her spellings and learnt most tricky words.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Will T. for applying mathematical skills in a variety of ways.

Rabbits: - Evie H. for applying her skills to problem solving.

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 restarts 17th April

Islam Day 20th April

Bags2School 24th April

School photos 24th April

EYFS Multiskills 4th May

May Day SCHOOL CLOSED 7th May

SATS Week w/c 14th May

Half term w/c 28th May

Y5/6 to Edinburgh 4-8th June

Y1/2 Multiskills 8th June

Fathers' Day Lunch 15th June

Y3/4 to Cote Ghyll 21/22nd June

Reports out 29th June

Wensleydale Transition days 2-3rd July



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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