



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

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

Next week, the school is closed for half term and on the following week, I will be in Edinburgh on the Y56 residential. Therefore, there will be no newsletter on the first week back after half term.

WEDDING

I hope, like me, you thought the wedding day and the coming together of our 2 communities to be a lovely day; a fantastic ceremony, a scrumptious buffet, lovely dancing and perfect weather.

I have put a few photos of the event on our Facebook page but the professional ones are to follow.

However, we could not have had such an amazing day without the help of many of you baking cakes. Thank you.

Special thanks though must go to Rev Chris, Rev Jeff and Rev Liz, Mrs Webster, Mrs Vasey and Mrs Wheeler. The cake, which was shared out on Monday and Tuesday was made by one of our grandmas, Mrs Alderson and the 'Chauffeur' was one of our granddads, Mr Houlden.

Finally, thanks also go to Miss Coates for being our official photographer.

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

SPONSORED WALK

Today, we held a sponsored walk in both schools to raise money for our school council chosen charities.

Our school council used trundle wheels to measure the course and we ended up making each circuit of the field 0.2km

Everyone completed their target and many exceeded it.

If your child was sponsored, please could you send the money into school after half term.



FATHER'S DAY LUNCH

We will be holding our fathers' (and grandfathers' and uncles') day lunch on Thursday 14th June at Middleham and on Friday 15th June at Spennithorne. Menu details will follow after half term but try to clear your diary. We would love to see you.



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EDINBURGH

We still have some outstanding payments for this trip. Please can you please settle this before the end of the half term. Hoodies were delivered today but we were out on our sponsored walk so I will be picking them up tomorrow. Children will be given them on the coach

QUAD KIDS

Our Year 3/4 children from both schools and our Rabbits children from Spennithorne will be attending a Quad kids event at Catterick Garrison on Wednesday 6th June. A letter came out about this last week. They will be out all day but home in time for the end of the school day.

KS1 MULTISKILLS

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils will be attending Catterick Leisure Centre with Mrs Shawcross and Miss Remmer for an inter schools cluster event on the morning of Friday 8th June. They will need to change into their PE kit when they get into school.

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

We will be starting our transition activities on Monday 11th June when we welcome in our new starters. This also gives us an opportunity to support transition from Year 2 to Year 3 as these children will be 'trying out' their new class. Our Yr 6 children from both school are getting together to learn about First Aid for 3 weeks and then visiting Richmond Leisure Centre to partake in a Rookie Lifeguarding Programme.

Transition dates are as follows : 11th June (pm), 20th June (pm), 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%.



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SPENNITHORNE NEWS

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.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Due the Year 6 pupils being otherwise engaged, the photographer will be coming back to take the class photo only on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th June

MR MCPHAIL

We were very sad to see Mr McPhail leave us today after many years of service to the school. May I take this opportunity to thank him for the work he has done at our school and wish him, on your behalf, a happy retirement.

GOVERNOR VACANCY

Are you interested in becoming a governor and helping to shape the direction of our school? If you are interested in taking up this rewarding roll during an exciting period in the school's change to federation, please pop in for a chat.

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)

SCHOOL DINNERS PRICE INCREASE

As from 4th June, school dinners prices are rising to £2.30 and our payment system will be adjusted accordingly on Mrs Ramsay's return.

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



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y56 to Edinburgh 4-8th June

Y12 Multiskills 8th June

Fathers' Day Lunch 15th June

Y34 to Cote Ghyll 21/22nd June

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