



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

SOCIAL MEDIA EVENT



WHAT DO CHILDREN DO ON SOCIAL MEDIA?



a presentation for parents
of school children
both secondary and primary

Come to our presentation by North Yorkshire Police which explains how and why children use social media and how to keep them safe. The presentation will last for about an hour in the school hall and is open to all parents with children at primary and secondary schools.

Children are welcome but please be aware that some of the content is hard hitting and may not be suitable for younger children.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6th 2018 AT 6.30 PM

The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form, Richmond Road, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5HY
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www.wensleydaleschool.net



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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.

COLLABORATION AND FEDERATION

When our 2 schools joined together, there was always a view to make this a more permanent arrangement and talks have been taking place about moving towards this.

Both schools would retain their separate identities and ethos but work together more closely through trips, planning and other activities.

YEAR 3/4 RESIDENTIAL TO COTE GHYLL

You should have received a letter this week about our proposed residential to Cote Ghyll, Osmotherley for our Year 3 and 4 pupils. I will be holding an evening after half term to share information with you about what we will be doing.

CROSS COUNTRY

This event was due to be held on Thursday 8th March at Catterick Racecourse. The location has now changed to Richmond school and sadly, there are no spectators allowed. This is due to building work at the Racecourse.

NORTHALLERTON LIBRARY – THE WONDERS OF SPACE

Selby and Northallerton libraries are working with University of York’s Astrocampus and bringing Space to our fingertips on 13 and 14 February 2018, during half-term.

At Northallerton Library, visitors will be able to explore the wonders of space in the Cosmodome: an inflatable planetarium. They can discover the stories behind the constellations and take a tour of the night skies; fly past the planets and find out about stars exploding! Shows last for 20 minutes and are suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library. Advanced booking is essential as spaces are limited.

For more information and to book your tickets, please contact Northallerton Library

If you are not a member of the library, join now. It is FREE. Visit your local branch or log on to www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries

To find out more about University of York’s Astrocampus please visit: www.astrocampus.org.uk

To book, please contact Greg Kubas (01609 79 8402)

Wednesday 14 February		
Northallerton Library 1 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, DL6 1PT Tel: 01609 53 3832	10.30am	Cosmodome – 1 st session*
	11am	Cosmodome – 2 nd session*
	11.30am	Cosmodome – 3 rd session*
	12noon	Cosmodome – 4 th session*



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Spaces limited. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library	1pm	Cosmodome – 5 th session
	1.30pm	Cosmodome – 6 th session*
	2pm	Cosmodome – 7 th session*
	2.30pm	Cosmodome – 8 th session*

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:

7th March 18, 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

WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG

We have started learning the song or songs we will be singing at the tournament this year. It is either going to be 'My Favourite Things' or 'So Long, Farewell' or a mixture of both from the Sound of Music'

Maybe it's an age thing but so many children didn't know the song or hadn't seen the film. I always recall this was a wet Sunday afternoon film or was watched as a family every Christmas on one of the 3 channels on TV (something that children these days find hard to understand!).

So, if you find yourself at a loose end this weekend, pop on 'The Sound of Music', dance around the lounge and get the children into the magic!

SPORTS KIT DAY

As the school council's ongoing fundraising for Guide Dogs for the Blind continues, we will be holding a Sports Kit Day on Friday 9th February. For a £1 donation, the children can come in whatever sports kit they like for the day, be it riding clothes, football or rugby strip or whatever they enjoy doing. They may just want to wear leggings and trainers.

USBORNE BOOKS

The next order date is Sunday 11th Feb. Please contact Liv Clarkson if you would like any books. She will be accepting World Book Day tokens after March 1st, if you would like a leaflet or a catalogue to browse please get in touch, o.clarkson@outlook.com or 07786871524.

HARMBY UNDER 5's

We are very lucky to be in receipt of the 1% funding from Leyburn co-op shop sales between now and October. We would greatly appreciate if you could choose us as your allocated cause. To do this go to <https://membership.coop.co.uk/sign-in> and follow the onscreen instructions then choose Harmby Under 5's. Thanks.



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UNIFORM

Uniform is 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.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Nathan K. for a fantastic story, using powerful adjectives.

Rabbits: - Pippa F. for trying hard with handwriting and presentation.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - William T. for super work with fractions.

Rabbits: - Kaitlin C. for adding numbers independently.

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

Y3/4 Cluster Dance Event – 2nd February

Parents' Evening – 5th and 7th February

Sports Kit Day – 9th February

HALF TERM – 12th – 16th February

World Book Day – 1st March

KS2 trip to Eureka, Halifax – 7th March

Cross Country – 8th March

Mothers' Day Lunch – 9th March

Sport Relief – 23rd March

End of Term – 29th March