



SPENNITHORNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

Next week is half term. I hope you enjoy the holiday and the weather stays warm and sunny. The school reopens on Monday 5th June. During that week, I will be in school on Tuesday and Friday and Wednesday morning.

USE OF THE FIELD

As you may or may not be aware, we are planning on getting some work carried out on our field as soon as possible. Children are unfortunately not allowed on the field due to the large rabbit holes which could pose a risk of injury. If you choose to let your child on the field after school, please be aware of this hazard and we would recommend it is not used.

SCHOOL PREMISES USAGE

We are happy for your children to use the school playground after school hours as long as it is respected. Please do not use any other areas such as the garden or the Rabbits playground.

STUDENT TEACHERS

For the past few weeks we have been joined in the foxes class by two year 1 Durham University students – Mrs. Smith and Mr. Singh. After half term they are starting their 4 week teaching placement. They will be teaching the foxes class supported by myself and the class teachers.

CHEWING GUM

This week, a child sat in chewing gum when doing PE. Whilst it was a pain, I am sure it was not one of our children or parents who left it there.

FRIENDS OF SPENNITHORNE MEETING

FOSS needs your support! We are having a committee meeting to introduce the new FOSS committee and encourage new committee members who can share their ideas, skills and expertise in fundraising for the benefit of all our children. Everyone is welcome on Thursday 8th June at 7.30pm at The Old Horn Inn.

CHAMPIONS

Wow, what a couple of weeks it has been for our sports stars. Our EYFS and Year 1 children went to Middleham and enjoyed a fun run and won the event! Congratulations to Evie H, Abbie S, Pippa F, Jasmine H and Alice W. I think we may have our next set of Paula Radcliffe's coming through.

Then, to top it off, our Year 4 and 5 pupils went up to Leyburn Shawl for an orienteering event and once again, walked off with the silverware. Congratulations to Danny P, Evie F, Nathan K, Jack V, Harry P, Henry F, Ellie B, Aimee S and Cara H.

HOLIDAY REQUEST

I have recently received a large number of requests for leave in exceptional circumstances. As I have made clear, attendance at school is important and we promote this in school through the weekly attendance awards as well as termly attendance certificates.

When requesting leave, as from September 2017, leave will only be authorised if it hits both the criteria on the form and that your child's attendance is above 95%.

I hope you are able to support me in this matter.



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SPONSORED WALK

After a request, I have set home sponsor forms for the children who have yet to bring in any money. We chose to keep them in case they did not get returned but have now sent copies home. If you are able to send in money before half term, that would be appreciated. Our school councillors can then total up the money raised and let you know.

MARRICK

Last week, our Year 6 pupils went on their annual residential to Marrick Priory. They had a fantastic time, made new friends and showed me a side of themselves which both impressed and inspired me.

Well done to Sarah M, Evie H, Grace W and Emma V.

We try to give our Year 6 pupils a project after their SATs and this year, they are going to be gardeners; growing their own veg, and upgrading the garden for all our enjoyment. The children will be deciding on what they want to do, come up with a work plan and budget for it as well as put it into action.

If anyone has any spare outdoor fence paint, hay or plants (both veg or otherwise), any donations would be gratefully received.

TRIPS OUT OF SCHOOL

Please can you remember to send your child into school for trips out with a waterproof coat, sensible footwear for the event, sun hat and sun cream. This applies to sporting events too.

SPORTS EVENTS

There are many school sports events coming up this term, which we will inform you of through our newsletter.

DALES PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Don't forget, the closing date for sending photos into school for the competition is Monday 5th June. I hope you get snapping over the half term holidays to show where we live off in its best light.

ZUMBA

Tuesdays - 6.16pm-school hall. Why not try it out?

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/SpennithorneCEPrimarySchoolIDL85PR>

www.tesco.com/ues.

Both have hoodies on offer which I think are great for PE. A few children have them and they look amazing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

W/C 29th May – HALF TERM

5th June – School reopens

9th June – Judo taster session

W/C 12th June – Phonics screening week

13th June – KS2 Rounders at Askrigg

13th June – Fathers' Day Lunch

15-16th June – Cote Ghyll Residential



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19th June – Year 6 Bikeability
23rd June – Grandparents' lunch
30th June – Middleham Castle Day
30th June – Reports out
3rd July – Sports Day
5th July – Optional parents evening
14th July – KS2 cluster sports
17th July – Teddy Bears' Picnic
21st July – Leavers service and last day of term

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Ellie B. for writing about William the Conqueror in great detail.

Rabbits: - Alice W. for a super recount of our Bolton Castle trip.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Nathan K. for great work with place value.

Rabbits: - Abbie S. for correctly naming 2D and 3D shapes.

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.

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/>