



SPENNITHORNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

As it currently stands, I will be in school on Wednesday and Friday all day and Tuesday afternoon.

VISITING SCHOOL

If you are coming into school during school time to attend an appointment or help in school etc, please can you come through the main school entrance as we are required to keep a log of all persons on the schools premises. For safeguarding reasons, please do not ask a child to let you in.

YEAR 5 DANCE DAY

Our Year 5 pupils travelled to Middleham Key Centre on Tuesday to take part in a dance day. There were reservations but the theme of a trip to the rugby incorporated a STOMP workshop and developing their own Haka dance working with children from other schools; children who they could transfer to secondary school with and therefore, a day such as this is valuable in supporting transition from primary to secondary school.

READING

Reading is a vital skill for our children to acquire. It opens up the whole curriculum and whole new worlds through a book transporting you to imaginary lands. We hold reading workshops in school every day and also ask that you support this at home at all ages. When children are younger, it is about developing a love of reading and also practising their phonics acquisition and supporting them in segmenting and blending sounds to read words. As they get older, it is important that higher order reading skills are developed by discussing the text with them. It is not just about asking them what happened but what could happen, why do they think something happened or looking at the use of language or why the author did something in a particular way and the effect it created.

Reading doesn't just have to be reading books either; it can be comics, magazines, newspapers, information books or poetry. All of these reading activities should be encouraged. Reading a recipe is reading for information and has its own writing style as does reading a newspaper report on a rugby (or football!) match or a report about animals.

We understand that in your busy lives, it can be hard to protect that quality time to share a book individually with one child and we hugely appreciate the effort you put in doing this. It has huge benefits. In Key Stage 2, this is the time when children can develop a much deeper understanding of the books that they are reading. Rather than reading at home being 'reading practice', it could and should extend and enrich the reading experiences within school.

It is our expectation that you are supporting reading at home at least 3 times a week. To encourage this, we reward children who read five times or more to an adult with a merit mark.

However, what is the point of us doing this? The point is very simple. I hope you can see that reading with your child can be such a lovely, easy and positive experience. Your child will feel safe with reading and gradually the educational side of reading will fade away as your child becomes a strong, competent reader. Finally, you can be proud of what you've done. You have given your child a wonderful foundation to build on and a love of books that will last for the rest of their lives; a love that will open doors, broaden their horizons, help them make friends and inform every minute of their lives from there on..

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>



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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

Friday 3rd March – Y3 Maths Day

Thursday 9th March – Cross country competition at Catterick Racecourse

W/C 20th March – Wensleydale Tournament of Song (2 weeks)

24th March – Red Nose Day

4th April – School photos

5th April – School council sponsored walk

7th April - Easter service in Spennithorne Church at 2.30 and Easter Bonnet competition

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Henry F. for an excellent 'Big Write'.

Rabbits: - Evie H. for writing super sentences and practising neat handwriting.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Evie H. for perseverance with problem solving.

Rabbits: - Matilda C. for showing great perseverance when counting money.

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/>