



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

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

## AVAILABILITY

The school is closed for the next 2 weeks and reopens on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

## BITE SIZE FRACTIONS

I am sorry we had to cancel one of the fraction information evenings. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year for many people but thank you to those parents from both schools who attended. We hope you found it informative.

## EASTER EGG CHALLENGE

Well done to Evie H. of Spennithorne who managed to fit 85 items into her egg and to Lillie S. of Middleham who managed to fit the most items into her egg. Each child won a chocolate egg and monies raised will go towards FOSS and FOMS funds.

## SCIENCE GOLDEN DAY

On the last day of term, to celebrate good behaviour from the children for this half term, we enjoyed a science day at Spennithorne. There were exploding bottles, green snot, spinning buckets and invisible writing. A pretty good morning was had by all.

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Don't forget our holiday club running on the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April. Contact [cjbullock1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cjbullock1@hotmail.co.uk) to book your place.

## 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.

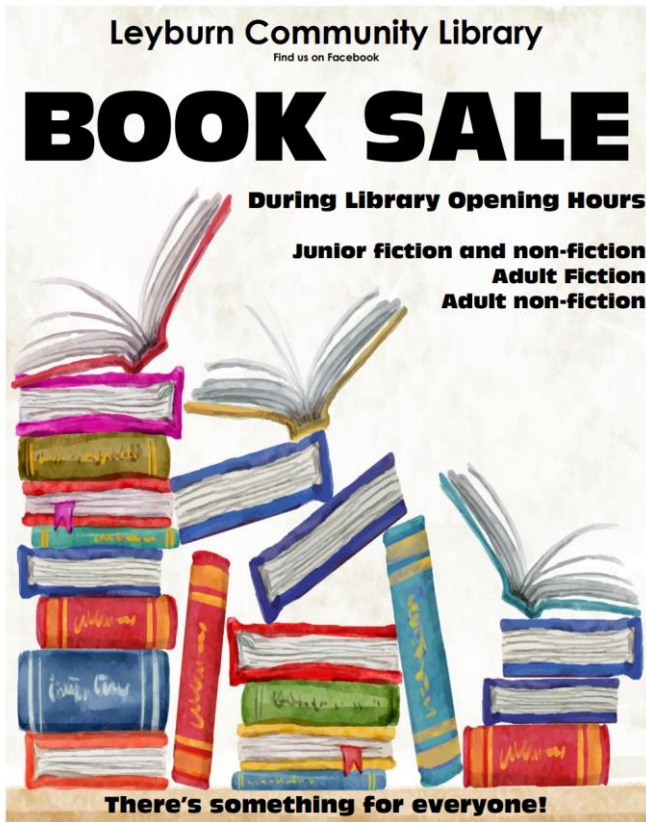
If you feel you might qualify from the list above, you can help us by asking us for an advice leaflet regarding entitlement to Free School Meals or letting us know in your enrolment form about whether your child is looked after or whether a parent is a serving member of the armed forces.

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:

9<sup>th</sup> May 18, 11<sup>th</sup> July 18, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 18 and 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 18.



**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> April-Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**All welcome!  
Pop up to the library!**



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## 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 hope you enjoyed our Easter service. It was nice to be back at St Michaels and All Angels, Spennithorne.

### CHOCOLATE BINGO – TONIGHT 6PM

We hope to see you all at the Friends of Spennithorne School's chocolate bingo. Don't forget you may bring your own drinks and snacks but tea and coffee are available for a small donation. Eyes down at 6pm.

### ATTENDANCE

As you know, I have shared with you my concerns about attendance. Good attendance is an important part of school life, supports good progress and is also a requirement of how we are judged as a school. National targets for attendance are set at 96% and it worries me that attendance for many people is below that. I fully appreciate that we have had significant bouts of illness including tonsillitis, sickness and chicken pox, which of course means, they need to be off school. However, I feel it is important for you to know what your child's current attendance is for this year so that you are able to make informed choices when considering requesting leave in exceptional circumstances. (Days where the school had to close due to inclement weather are not counted in this data).

At the start of the summer term, I will be sending out letters to inform you of this, with the backing of the school governors. I understand some people might take this in a negative way, which it is not designed to do but used to make you aware of your child's current attendance.

Attendance during one school year -	Equals days absent -	Which is approximately weeks absent
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95%	9 days	2 weeks
90%	19 days	4 weeks
85%	29 days	6 weeks
80%	38 days	8 weeks
75%	48 days	10 weeks
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks



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## 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](http://www.tesco.com/ues).

## CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

The library is open at Spennithorne Church on the following days: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month 10.00/12 noon

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School restarts 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Islam Day 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Bags2School 24<sup>th</sup> April SP  
School photos 24<sup>th</sup> April  
EYFS multiskills 4<sup>th</sup> May  
May Day SCHOOL CLOSED 7<sup>th</sup> May  
SATS Week w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Half term w/c 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Y5/6 to Edinburgh 4-8<sup>th</sup> June  
Y1/2 Multiskills 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Fathers' Day Lunch 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Y3/4 to Cote Ghyll 21/22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Reports out 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Wensleydale Transition days 2-3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Cluster Sports – 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Sports Day 9<sup>th</sup> July  
SFX Induction day 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Teddy Bear's Picnic 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Last day of term – 20<sup>th</sup> July