



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

29th June 2018

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

Next week, I will be at Spennithorne on Tuesday and Friday and Middleham on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

FEDERATION

We have been busy as two sets of governing bodies to move towards federation which we anticipate will begin on 1st September. There will be no changes to your child's everyday school experience; this will continue as normal with bringing the children together when it benefits the children's experiences. Each school will keep their own budgets, staff and identity but collectively, we will be known as 'The Federation of Middleham VA and Spennithorne VC CE Primary Schools (not the catchiest of titles but it ensures we keep our identities very clear!).

The main change will be that there will be one governing body. More information will follow before the end of term.

PAPER PLANE CHALLENGE – 13th JULY

I have met with the School council today to arrange our last fun event of the year. You can buy a piece of card from school for 50p and make the best paper plane possible. You can decorate it, colour it, whatever; you just must use the piece of card from school but you buy as many pieces of card as you wish. On Friday 13th July, we will be testing our planes to see which one goes the furthest. The winner receives a prize.

So, think about aerodynamics, do your research and send in your 50ps to school to get your piece of card.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

We would like to invite you to each school's Teddy Bears' Picnic. This will take place on Tuesday 10th July at Spennithorne and Thursday 12th July at Middleham. Weather permitting, we will be eating a picnic lunch outside on the field.

Lunch will be a choice of sandwiches (cheese, ham, tuna and egg), a sausage roll, veggie sticks and an iced cupcake.

Please let us know if you would like to join us by Friday 6th July (next Friday). Don't forget to bring your teddy though.

WENSLEYDALE TRANSITION DAYS

Message from Mrs Stanyon

Please can all students wear their Primary School Uniform for the two taster days. There will be the opportunity for you to purchase their new School uniform when you all join us on the evening of Tuesday 3rd July at 6.00 pm.

Students will need to bring £5.00 with them to buy food at Break and Lunch for both days and a PE kit in order to partake in a range of sporting activities.

It would also be great if the students can come ready with their '6-a-day.' At Wensleydale School every student has 6 pieces of equipment in a pencil case. This includes: 2 black pens, a green pen, a pencil, a rubber and a ruler.

Please do not worry if your child cannot have this ready for the taster days as the teachers will ensure that they are furnished with writing instruments.

We are really excited to welcome the new students on Monday between 8.30 am -9.00 am in student reception. In the mean time if you have any questions regarding the two taster days or the Parents' evening, please feel free to contact me here at the school.



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COTE GHYLL

We had a marvellous time at Cote Ghyll. The children got up to so much; shelter building, making traps, climbing, canoeing, abseiling, stream walking, rounders and most importantly, a trip to the shop!

We hope your children came home with everything – we ensured rooms were cleared and the drying room empty. We hunted high and low for lost wellies and shoes and went through many piles of dirty bedding only to discover that they were in his suitcase the whole time! However, after all of this, it was me who left my suitcase at school!

Thanks to Mr Cleary, Mrs Fuller and Mrs Shepherd for accompanying us on the trip.

RICHARD III DAY

We are lucky that our KS2 children from Spennithorne and the whole school from Middleham will be attending the Richard III day at Middleham Castle on Friday 6th July. This will be within the normal school day, costumes for both schools will be provided. Children from Spennithorne who normally have school dinners will be organised with a packed lunch, unless you let us know otherwise.

SPORTS DAY

We look forward to welcoming you to our schools for our annual sports day. Middleham's sports day is due to take place on Monday 16th July at 2pm and Spennithorne's will take place on Monday 9th July at 2pm.

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

CLUSTER SPORTS

Our annual Cluster Sports activity takes place at Wensleydale School on the afternoon of Thursday 5th July.

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

Our transition activities have started. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher. Remaining transition dates are as follows: 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



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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%.

SPENNITHORNE NEWS

FRIENDS OF SPENNITHORNE/HARMBY UNDER 5'S SUMMER FAYRE – SATURDAY 7TH JULY 11AM-1PM

On Saturday 7th July, the FOSS and Harmby under Fives are holding their Summer Fair. We REALLY NEED donations for some of the stalls of cakes, plants, raffle prizes, bottles 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.

GRANDPARENTS LUNCH

It was lovely to welcome our grandparents to school on Tuesday. Thank you for joining us.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

If anyone has any sponsorship money still to come in to school, please send it in next week as Mrs. Heap and Daisy will be coming in to accept your donations before we break up for summer.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Archie K. for showing resilience in his extended writing task.

Rabbits: - Evie H. for writing an exceptional diary entry using beautiful language.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Magda W. for going the extra mile in her conversion homework.

Rabbits: - Shay L. for his great presentation of addition work.

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.



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<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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Leavers service – 20th July 9.15am at St. Michael's church, Spennithorne

Last day of term – 20th July