



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 morning, Thursday and Friday morning and in Spennithorne on Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday afternoon.

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, we have been advised to let you know about the admissions process which you need to complete in order to gain a place at your chosen school. You are advised to apply on line although paper copies of the form and information are available if requested. The deadline for on time applications is **15th January 2018**.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL

If you are interested, Wensleydale School is hosting an open evening for prospective parents on Thursday 12th October from 6.00 – 8.00 pm.

In addition, I was informed on Friday that Wensleydale have changed their transition dates for our Year Six pupils. They will now be on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July. This will also impact on class swop days.

TAPESTRY – ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

In the EYFS in both schools, we are using the Tapestry Online Learning Journey to track the children's progress and document their activities and learning at school. Parents can access Tapestry to view their child's learning journey and it is a great way to keep up to date with their learning. You will be sent an email in the next week with a link and opportunity to create your own password to access your child's learning journal. When you log on, you can see photographs and observations of what your child has done during the day. We also encourage you to leave your own comments and even share information with us about what your child has been doing at home. You can also upload your own photographs which will be added to their learning journey. Once you have logged on, you will receive email updates telling you about the observations that have been uploaded for your child each day. It would be great if you could leave your comments and share your thoughts with us about the activities your child is engaging in at school. Miss Williams and Mrs Brown.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Friends of Spennithorne School are holding their annual Halloween Disco at School on the last day of half term, Friday 20th October. Times and ticket prices are to be confirmed and children from Middleham are welcome to attend.

However, the FOSS are in need of decorations for the hall. If you have any spare and wish to allow the FOSS to borrow them, please see either myself or Lucy Hall.

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%.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Flyers have gone out for this. The cost is £3.50 per day for over 5 hours child care. Preference is given to pupils at Spennithorne and Middleham schools.



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HARVEST

Our joint harvest festival will take place on Friday 6th October at East Witton Church at 9.30am.

Could we please ask you to bring an item of in date food which your child can place at the altar as our Harvest donation. We can then donate these offerings to Storehouse, the foodbank in Richmond.

TAG RUGBY

A great display of rugby from both our teams on Tuesday in perfect rugby conditions. Well done to everyone who took part. The children have also received flyers about Wensleydale Rugby Club if they wish to join their Sunday age related training sessions.

Y5/6 GIRLS AND BOYS FOOTBALL

Good luck to our first mixed Spennithorne and Middleham football teams playing in a cluster event today at Leyburn Primary School.

Y3/4 FOOTBALL MATCH

To celebrate the work being finished on our school field after it being out of action for a year, we have organised a friendly football match between Year 3/4 children from both schools, refereed by Mr Bullock on the afternoon of Friday 13th October. Further details will follow.

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/>

SCHOOL COUNCIL

I am starting to look for members of a new school council in both schools who can be the mouthpiece for the student voice. People who are confident to listen to their peers and share that information in a group to affect change for the better. The pupil voice is important and makes them feel that they are a significant part of their school career.

However, there is a commitment involved. I would like to ask each person who is interested in this to put down in writing why they think they would make a good school councillor. What skills do they have? Are they a good listener? Kind? Thoughtful? I am happy that the younger children need help with writing and possibly spelling but would hope that children in Year 3 upwards write it themselves.

We have asked the children to submit their named letters by Friday 6th October.



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SPENNITHORNE NEWS

EXTREME READING

Next week, I will be working with our new librarians, training them on the computer system and we hope we can then open up the library, during one lunchtime, for children to enjoy our books.

To brighten up our library, we would love for you to take a picture of yourself reading in an extreme or strange place. Maybe it's on the football field or whilst helping mum or dad on the farm or maybe reading with your dog!!!

I would love to open this challenge up to all of our children and you can email your picture to school (admin@spennithorne.n-yorks.sch.uk). You have until the end of the half term (30th October) so you have loads of time to think of some weird and wonderful places to take your picture!

FOSS

Friends of school are holding a meeting at Dawn Fuller's house, 5 Beckwood, Spennithorne, on Wednesday 4th October at 7.00pm. All are welcome and we look forward to some new fundraising ideas.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

The next collection is Tuesday 14th November. Bags can be dropped off either at school or direct to Mrs. Dawn Fuller at 5 Beckwood, Spennithorne – the house next door to the school.

NUTS

Please can we ask that children do not bring any variety of nuts in to school either for snack or lunch due to the allergen risks associated with them.

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.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Ava F. for writing a great set of instructions.

Rabbits: - Pippa F. for writing a lovely poem with super ideas.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Matilda C. for adding 3 digit numbers.

Rabbits: - Jasmine H. for explaining her reasoning clearly.



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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

Harvest 6th October 2017 9.30 am
Parents' evening 16th and 18th October
Half term 23rd-27th October
Simon Carson Holiday club 23rd-27th October
Bags2School 14th November
Children in Need 17th November
Y1/2 skipping cluster event – 30th November
EYFS-Y4 flu vaccinations – 8th December
Christmas Play -11th and 12th December
Christmas lunch -19th December
Christmas party – 21st December
Carol service – 22nd December
End of term – 22nd December