



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 Monday, Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. I am at Durham University on Wednesday.

17-18 TERM DATES

Some people have started asking about term dates for next term; please find them below and they are also on the school website.

Training Days

Friday 1st September, Monday 4th September, Monday 8th January, Monday 16th April and Monday 23rd July are nominated training days

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September - Friday 22nd December

Half Term Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 9th January - Thursday 29th April

Half Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April - Friday 20th July

May Day Monday 7th May

Half Term Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

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.

MISSION MATHS

Mission Maths is used by all the children and they work through the planets. Every Friday the children will be tested on their mission mate targets and these are very important. There are links on the school website to help you access Mission Maths and other useful things, so that you can support you child in using it at home.



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YEAR 5/6 HOCKEY

Our Year 5/6 pupils went to Leyburn School this week on a wet and windy day to take part in a cluster hockey tournament. They did extremely well and got to the semi-finals, losing against Middleham School who went on to win the tournament. Well done to all involved.

COLLABORATION

I was chatting to a Crakehall parent this week who commented about the collaboration having been going for over a year. This got me thinking about what we have achieved as a school but then I got side-tracked and ended up doing one of my favourite things; spending time in class.

I walked into a class in Crakehall. Everyone was quiet and one child was reading his work aloud but facing away from them. Note to self; speak to the teacher about this! Then I notice what he was actually doing.

Children in both schools had been working on developing their creation stories and I walk in and find them sharing their stories with the children from Spennithorne through a virtual online meeting!

Both schools worked together over the summer and have common themes in their long term planning. Last term it was looking at World War II and this term it is linked to Creation stories. Next term, I believe both groups of children are doing a project on the Yorkshire Dales.

Virtual meetings are also something we are trialling with joint staff groups from both schools. We have about 4 of these each term, coming together for training but at the end of the day, it can be a bit of a pain to rush off, so this way we can all attend a meeting without the need to move!

Year 3 pupils from across the cluster, as well as Crakehall, are also invited to a Maths day at our school next month!

ARCHERY

We have been given the opportunity to run an after school archery club, however the only day available is a Thursday. There has been such a low uptake of Multi skills that we may discontinue this club and replace it with archery if there is enough interest. The Cycling club would be offered again in the summer term when the weather will be better for being outdoors. The archery would also be £2 per session payable in advance for the 6 week course which could commence on 2nd March. Please let Mrs. Ramsay or myself know before half term if your child would like to take part.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who bought poppies etc. at school last November. We raised £73.32 which was then included into the District Total of £1,589.88.

EARLY EASTER INFORMATION

The school will be running 2 events as we move towards Easter. On the last day of term, we will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition. Decorate a hat, use your imagination and the one judged best in show will win an Easter Egg.

The school council are also going to be setting a challenge if you fancy it. For £1, you are given a plastic egg. Your challenge is to fill it with as many different objects as you can and list all of the objects contained in your egg. The person with the most objects which fill their egg wins a rather yummy Easter Egg.

All monies raised go to our chosen School Council Charity, Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Details will follow next half term.



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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.schooltrendsonline.com/uniform/SpennithorneCEPrimarySchoolDL85PR>

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

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 at 2.30 and Easter Bonnet competition

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Matthew H. for good concentration in his writing.

Rabbits: - Jasmine H. for writing an excellent piece of information about Chinese New Year.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - William T. for impressive calculation of area perimeter.

Rabbits: - George C. for partitioning 2 digit numbers in different ways.

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/>