



# 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 and Friday and Wednesday afternoon.

## ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRES

This year, the questionnaires are coming out a little earlier than normal (one term to be exact) and we would like to ask you for your opinion about the school. Below is a link to an online survey which we would encourage you to fill out to help us improve your services. We will also be asking all children to fill one out as well. The survey is open until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March and is tablet/mobile friendly.

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/spennithorne/>

## USBORNE BOOKS

Usborne Books

'Did you know reading to a child every day puts them one year ahead of those who aren't being read to?'

With over 2500 titles in our catalogue Usborne books has something for every child. From Artificial Intelligence to Look inside the Zoo we have books, games and activity packs for every occasion and interest.

My little girl loves the snap cards and her baby brother can't resist the 'That's not my...' series.

Your child can redeem their World Book Day tokens with me. No need to waste precious time wandering around a book store, you can browse the Usborne catalogue from the comfort of your own home, place your order directly with me and I'll even deliver for free.

'Like' my Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/livclarksonusbormebooks](http://www.facebook.com/livclarksonusbormebooks), or get in touch via email [o.clarkson@outlook.com](mailto:o.clarkson@outlook.com) to choose your favourite title and find out how you can get free books for your child.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday, we had a great morning enjoying the staff's favourite bedtime stories washed down with a mug of cocoa and a sneaky biscuit. Children were given £1 vouchers redeemable against a book. They brought them home yesterday.

## MATHS DAY

Mrs Bowkett organised a great maths event for all the Year 3 children across the cluster. A great time was had by all.

## TAG RUGBY AND CROSS COUNTRY

We will be attending a tag rugby festival on Monday and all of KS2 will be attending a cross country event on Thursday and we will be returning late. Please see the letter which went out this week.

## NON-NEGOTIABLES

Each class has begun trialling a non-negotiable board. This board will be used to remind children of our high expectations with regards to their work linked to such things like finger spacing, use of capital letters or copying from the board correctly. We will of course use our common sense linked to the children's needs but we feel it sets the bar high in what we expect them to be able to do.

## TRIPS AND EVENTS



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As a small school, we endeavour to give our children as many experiences as possible to allow them to socialise with other children. Unfortunately, there has begun a culture of picking and choosing which events to attend and which not to attend. As a small school, we are unable to make additional appropriate provision for those not partaking and it is neither economically viable nor educationally conducive.

## 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](http://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

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Cross country Competition  
W/C 20<sup>th</sup> March – Wensleydale Tournament of Song (2 weeks)  
24<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day  
4<sup>th</sup> April – School photos  
5<sup>th</sup> April – School council sponsored walk  
7<sup>th</sup> April - Easter service at 2.30 and Easter Egg competition

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Danny P. for perfect punctuation.

Rabbits: - Freddie F. for trying very hard with letter formation.

## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Archie K. for super multiplication work.

Rabbits: - Jack C. for understanding data from tally charts and pictograms.

## 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.

## 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/>