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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

Next week, I will be in school on Monday and Friday and Wednesday morning.

MIDDLEHAM CASTLE DAY

I hope the KS2 children had a fantastic day at Middleham Castle today. Each child who went will receive an invitation scroll which allows them and their immediate family one day's free access at the festival of Richard III (1st or 2nd July)

Timetable for the weekend can be found below.

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| 11.00am | Meet the Queen: Queen Anne Neville tells of her marriage to Richard, then Duke of Gloucester. The Queen will instruct all in medieval etiquette ready to meet the King. |
| 11.30am | Arms and Armour: See examples of authentic medieval arms and armour and hear about how they were used. |
| 12.30pm | Meet the King: King Richard takes up residency at the castle and tells of his childhood here and of his love for its people. |
| 1.00pm | High Table: Watch as the Duchess is served lunch in keeping with the rules of etiquette. |
| 1.30pm | Meet the King: The King tells of his campaigns and the battles of Tewksbury and Barnett which gained him a warrior's reputation. |
| 2.30pm | Man at Arms Training: The sergeants put the men through their paces. Includes one-on-one fight practice! |
| 3.00pm | An Audience with the King and Queen: Bring forward any petitions, questions or gifts for the royal couple. |
| 3.30pm | Artillery Training: See examples of authentic medieval weapons and hear about how they were used. |
| 4.30pm | Farewell: The King & Queen make their fond farewell to Middleham with a rousing speech for his cause. |

Throughout the day

Explore the authentic medieval encampment, open from 11am to 5pm. You can meet a variety of people, including:

Meet the Duchess: visit the tent of the Duchess to chat to this fascinating woman.

Meet the Spectacle-Maker: join a 15th century English merchant in his sale room.

See the Mess: chat to the soldiers and learn about life in the Medieval Army.

Meet the Cooks: watch the cooks prepare authentic 15th century food.

Meet the Chamberlain: hear all about the political intrigues of the period.

Meet the Armourer: hear about how men would have been armed ready to fight!

SNAPCHAT

Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Teams within North Yorkshire Police would like to make parents aware of the following update that has released on snapchat. If your children have the Snapchat app and GPS on their phone please take a look at this.

It seems with the new update there is a new feature on Snapchat. When you open the app place two fingers on the screen and drag them together 'pinch' just like when zooming out on an interactive map. This will then open the new feature. It shows your location with near exact accuracy and can be only a couple of metres wrong. This means people can see exactly where you are at any time.

To turn this off there is a settings button in the top right and can turn the feature to ghost mode. This will hide your location from others. Also turn off the phones GPS as an extra level of security.

If you need any help please contact your phone provider or visit an O2 store and speak to one of their gurus. This is a



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free service and regardless of the network you are on. The gurus can help with any technical questions and security advice.

Please remind your children to only have 'friends' on these apps who they actually know, this will keep them safer online.

While we have focused this on keeping children safe. Please be mindful features like this could be used by criminals, knowing when you're out or even where you live. Always be mindful of posting pictures with cycles and such which would show people exactly where you store them. Then show when you are out.

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF RICHMONDSHIRE: WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Richmondshire District Council. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the review and seek your views on future ward boundaries for the council. You can also find a copy of the letter to the Chief Executive of Richmondshire District Council on our website [here](#) for further information.

The Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across Richmondshire District Council because of a request from the Council.

What is an electoral review?

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Richmondshire District Council. It will propose:

- The total number of councillors elected to the council in the future.
- The number of wards.
- The number of councillors representing each ward.
- Ward boundaries.
- Names of wards.

For parishes, the review can recommend changes to the electoral arrangements of parish and town councils i.e. the number, names and boundaries of parish wards and the number of parish councillors for each parish ward. However, this is only in circumstances where the parished area is to be divided between wards. Even in these circumstances, the Commission will not normally recommend any change to the number of councillors to be elected to a parish or town council. The Commission has no power to consider changes to the external boundaries of a parish or the creation of new parishes.

When?

Today 27 June 2017 is the start of a 10-week public consultation during which the Commission is inviting proposals for new warding arrangements. The consultation will close on 4 September 2017. After considering all representations made during this consultation, the Commission intends to publish draft recommendations in October 2017. There will then be a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations. Final recommendations are expected to be published in April 2018. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2019.

How to get involved?

This is a public consultation and we welcome views from individuals and organisations across the district on where they think new ward patterns should be drawn. The Commission is minded to recommend that 24 councillors should be elected to Richmondshire District Council in the future. It is now inviting proposals to help it draw up a pattern of wards to accommodate 24 district councillors. In drawing up a pattern of electoral wards, the Commission must balance three criteria, which are set out in law, namely:

To deliver electoral equality where each district councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the district.



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- That the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

We are asking local people and organisations for their views as to the best pattern of wards for the district which meet the requirements set out above.

The Commission will treat all submissions equally and will judge each case on its merits and against the statutory criteria. If you wish to put forward a view, we would also urge you to ensure that evidence supports your submission. For example, if you wish to argue that two parishes should be included in the same electoral ward, make sure you tell the Commission why they should be together, providing evidence about community facilities, ties, organisations, and amenities, rather than simply asserting that they belong together.

There is plenty more advice on our website about how you can get involved in the consultation and put your views forward. Log on to www.lgbce.org.uk to find out more. The website includes the technical guidance that explains the process and our policies as well as guidance on how to take part in each part of the process. We have set up a page on our site which is dedicated to the review of Richmondshire where you can find all the relevant information.

You can also access interactive maps of the current ward boundaries across the district on our specialist consultation portal. The portal also allows you to draw your own boundaries, mark areas of interest on the map and upload documents directly to the site. Log on to <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk> to access the portal or find it via our main website.

Get in touch

We encourage as many people and organisations as possible to get involved with the consultation and we encourage local organisations and parish councils to engage their local networks and communities in the review.

View interactive maps of the district, draw your own boundaries, and have your say at our specialist consultation portal at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.

Find out more about the review at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Email your views to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk.

REPORTS

Your child will have brought home their annual report today. If you would like to discuss this report, there is an optional parents evening on Wednesday 5th July from 3.30pm-5pm. There is no appointment system; please just turn up.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

The collection raised £158.40 for Friends of School and £34 for the Firefighters charity. Many thanks to all who donated/helped and to Mrs. Fuller for co-ordinating the collection from her garage. Just so you know – Bags 2 School rang to say many thanks for the collection which, this time, was the biggest from any school locally, even large ones. The next collection will be in November, date to be confirmed.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Our next open invitation is to a teddy bear's picnic lunch on Monday 17th July. The menu for the day is:

- Sausages in a Bun or Cheese Baguette with Vegetable Sticks & Chips
- Chewy Oat & Seed Bars with Cheese or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

If you would like to join us, please indicate on the form below.

Please come to the main office at 12 o'clock where your children will come and collect you.



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SPORTS DAY

Our sports day will be held at Harmby playing field on Monday 3rd July at 2pm. Please bring your own chairs, rugs and blankets! You may take your children home directly after Sports Day if you like. If parents are not there, all children will return to school and leave at the normal time.

We ask that all parents stay on one side and the children on the other so that we can ensure we know where all children are.

FOSS SUMMER FAYRE SATURDAY 15TH JULY 11AM-1PM

The Friends of Spennithorne School will be holding the school's summer fayre on Saturday 15th July at school.

However, they **REALLY** need the following:

Can you volunteer to help or run a stall?

We will be running various stalls and we need contributions; plants, cakes or tray bakes, raffle prizes, old books, wine and tombola prizes. We also hope you could help by filling an old jam jar with anything e.g. hair bobbles, sweets, bouncy balls, jam, gloves etc.

Please come along and support this event and tell your friends and family too.

This year, our children have benefitted from the following things because of FOSS – a new school bag for everyone, theatre trip and visit to Bolton Castle to name but a few.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

I have recently received a large number of requests for leave in exceptional circumstances. As I have made clear, attendance at school is important and we promote this in school through the weekly attendance awards as well as termly attendance certificates.

When requesting leave, as from September 2017, leave will only be authorised if it hits both the criteria on the form and that your child's attendance is above 95%.

I hope you are able to support me in this matter.

ZUMBA

Tuesdays- 6.15-7.15pm-school hall @ £4 per session. Why not try it out?

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

3rd July – Sports Day

5th July – Optional parents evening

14th July – KS2 cluster sports

15th July – FOSS Summer Fayre

17th July – Teddy Bears' Picnic

21st July – Leavers service and last day of term



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WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - William T. for his excellent fictional story featuring the character Mr. Stink.

Rabbits: - Jack C. for an amazing improvement in his grammar and spelling.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - William T. for super work in capacity and weight.

Rabbits: - Abbie S. for understanding missing number calculations.

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/>

I _____ would like the Teddy Bear's Picnic lunch on Monday 17th July

My menu choice is

Sausages in a Bun

Cheese Baguette

I will pay £2.10 through Teachers to Parents Signed _____

Please circle lunch choice.