



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

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

SCHOOL CLOSED

Don't forget; school will be closed on Monday 7th May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

AVAILABILITY

Next week, I will be in Middleham on Tuesday and Wednesday and in Spennithorne on Thursday and Friday. School is closed on Monday.

THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL

The Year 6/7 Transition days will be held at The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form on Monday 2 July and Tuesday 3 July. We are also holding a Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday 3 July.'

Our school uniform supplier Uniform Direct will be in school from 4.00 pm for you to try for sizes and purchase if you wish.

A formal invitation will be sent to individual students and their Parent/ Carers at the end of May.

EDINBURGH

You have all received a final letter regarding Edinburgh arrangements. If you have any questions about this, please see me. Full payments need to be made prior to the trip.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR MEDICAL FORM AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY SO THAT I CAN COLLATE THIS INFORMATION.

Y5/6 RESIDENTIAL 2019 (CURRENT Y4/5 PUPILS)

As part of our residential cycle, next year we will be attending an outdoor education centre but have struggled to find any availability for after mid May. Most places are all booked up and what is available is looking at £300 excluding transport for the week. This is too much.

However, we have found spaces at Peat Rigg outdoor centre from 9th- 12th July 2019 (4 days instead of 5) at an estimated cost of about £240. We will look at using various funding streams to reduce this cost.

If you have any concerns about this cost (that it's too high), or that there is a reduction of one day, please come and tell me.

I am trying to find the best solutions and the best experience for the best price.

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE

Come and see our fantastic chalk art on the playground.

For information on road closures this weekend, please visit <https://letour.yorkshire.com/>

ROYAL WEDDING

The wedding will take place at St Michael and All Angel's church at Spennithorne on Friday 18th May at 1.15. We have a wedding cake being made and some flower posies being donated too. We are also hoping to get an organist. Next week, we will be sending out a letter asking for small donations of food such as bread, sandwich fillings, crisps and biscuits for the wedding breakfast. If anyone is able to make some small buns, please let us know.

TRIPS

Our EYFS and KS1 children had a great day on Monday at the Locomotion in Shildon and our EYFS went to Catterick Leisure Centre for a cluster multi-sports event today too. Photos to follow on our Facebook page.



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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.

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:

9th May 18, 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

GOVERNOR VACANCY

Are you interested in becoming a governor and helping to shape the direction of our school? If you are interested in taking up this rewarding roll during an exciting period in the school's change to federation, please pop in for a chat.

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.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.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Cara H. for writing a fantastic newspaper article.

Rabbits: - Evie H. for writing a fantastic recount about our trip to Locomotion.



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MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jake G. for consistent high quality maths work.

Rabbits: - Pippa F. for showing resilience when facing new challenges, working with money.

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

May Day SCHOOL CLOSED 7th May

SATS Week w/c 14th May

The Wedding 18th May

Half term w/c 28th May

Y3/4 Quad Kids Athletics 6th June

Y5/6 to Edinburgh 4-8th June

Y1/2 Multiskills 8th June

Fathers' Day Lunch 15th June

Y3/4 to Cote Ghyll 21/22nd June

Reports out 29th June

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

Last day of term – 20th July