



SPENNITHORNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

NEXT WEEK

As it currently stands, I will be in school all day Tuesday and Thursday. I will be attending the KS2 Eden Camp trip on Friday

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Due to me attending the trip, there will be no newsletter next week.

QUESTIONNAIRE

In the summer term, we sent out a link to a questionnaire to ask you what you feel about our school and how it can be improved. This has been very useful.

Many of you feel we are doing a good job but some do not. I am very happy to speak to any parents who wish to voice their concerns about particular aspects of the school and explain any reasoning behind these decisions etc. Any personal comments about teachers/staff have been removed.

We have had some very interesting comments and ones which I can act upon too.

Homework is always a contentious issue. Some people think we give enough, some not enough and some too much. Homework is a requirement given to us by the DFE (Department of Education) but I have spoken to staff about ensuring that homework sent home is clearly explained so that, with your help and support, the children know what they need to do.

Parents' evening is also an issue which some parents have divided opinions over. Some want to know about the difficulties their child is having and some want to know only the things we can do. We will ensure that each parents evening, we share with you a full picture of your child's successes and areas of development.

Also some people have asked for it to be more frequent. We offer 1 parents evening per term, but we do have an open door policy if you wish to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher.

Finally, some parents have mentioned about the lack of stability in staffing which I can appreciate. Maternity leave has had a significant impact on our school over the last 7/8 years as well as long term sickness. Unfortunately, we had to have changes in our classroom teachers for a variety of reasons and I am also not prepared to put a teacher in a class which I don't believe is good enough for our school

One comment made was ensuring merits given for reading at least 5 times a week are recorded in each child's reading record. As from next week, I will ensure that this is done.

Thank you.

CHURCH SCHOOL INSPECTION

On Tuesday, the school was inspected against its status as a church school. Thank you to those parents who spoke to the inspector. The report has yet to come out but I can say that the result is as we expected.

RYEDALE FOLK MUSEUM

On Monday, our Rabbits class had a great day out at Ryedale Folk Museum. They enjoyed a variety of activities and behaviour was impeccable.

CRUCIAL CREW

This morning, our Year 6 children visited RAF Leeming to take part in a variety of safety workshops ranging from safety in the house to the magistrate service to farming safety.

EDEN CAMP

I hope the Foxes class are looking forward to their trip to Eden Camp next Friday. There are still some consent slips outstanding. Remember, it would be great to dress up to really get into the spirit of things.

RED WHITE AND BLUE WEEKEND 15TH-16TH OCTOBER

We have been asked to publicise the military event, the Red White and Blue day which is primarily an educational package which encourages students of all ages to better understand some of the conflicts that the Armed Forces have been involved in during the 20th and 21st century. This year focuses on the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Jutland. The event is sponsored by three service charities.

Entry for this event, which is held at Lightwater Valley, is only £12 if you dress in red, white and blue.

PRE-SCHOOL BEETLE DRIVE

Harmby Pre-school is hosting a beetle drive and pie and pea supper at school from 7pm on Friday 14th October. All are welcome including members of our community, school and pre-school friends and past, present and future friends.



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Tickets will be available from pre-school or can be ordered from the school office.

Please get behind and support this great local community resource.

TESCO UNIFORM

You can purchase school uniform by using the link on the website or visiting www.tesco.com/ues

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 14th Oct. Eden camp

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Kierra H. for a beautiful piece of dialogue with description.

Rabbits: - Abbie S. for careful sounding out when labelling animals.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - William T. for measuring accurately and finding the difference.

Rabbits: - Jack C. for reading scales accurately and writing 100s numbers.

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/>

Letters sent home this week:

Parents evening

Holiday Clubs in half term