



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

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

Next week, I will be in Middleham on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and Spennithorne on Tuesday, Friday and Thursday afternoon.

WELCOME BACK

It has been such a lovely week welcoming back both old faces and new ones too. Our new children in EYFS have settled in extremely well and I have been very proud in how they have adapted to school life. I have added all new parents (that I can find) onto our school Facebook page where we will post news, information, events and photos. This is a closed page so that unless you are a friend of the school, you will not be able to access it. If we haven't found you, please find us and request friendship.

Once parents leave the school, the school Facebook page will not be accessible to them.

FEDERATION

The governing bodies of both schools meet on Monday night where we hope to ratify our 'instrument of government' and begin life as a federation. These are exciting times for the school.

One change you will see is new email addresses which will be on the new letterhead as from Monday. Old email addresses can be used but as from Tuesday, all responses will be from the new email address.

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DATES SHEET

The annual dates sheet has come out in paper form today to help you plan to be able to attend school events if you would like. These we hope will not change but if they have to, we will give you plenty of notice.

Please keep this sheet handy.

DATA BREACH

Unfortunately, there was an error made yesterday today and attendance data was posted accidentally. This was immediately deleted and the correct version sent out. I apologise for my error. The school's Data Protection Officer has been informed and we have completed a data breach form in line with our school's policy.

SFX

SFX Open Evening will be taking place on Thursday 27 September 2018 from 7-9pm (doors open at 6:30pm).

CHILD PROTECTION

As this is the start of the new school year and also as we have many new parents, I wanted to bring your attention to our schools' child protection policy and have highlighted the following text from our policy for your information.

[Our] School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all children in school. All North Yorkshire schools, including [ours] follow the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board procedures. The school will, in most circumstances, endeavour to discuss all concerns with parents about their child/ren. However, there may be exceptional circumstances when the school will discuss concerns with Social Care and/or the Police without parental knowledge (in accordance with Child Protection procedures). The school will, of course, always aim to maintain a positive relationship with all parents. The school's child protection policy is available publicly via our school website



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HOLIDAY HOMEWORK AND READING CHALLENGE

The staff have counted up the reading and are looking to check whether online homework has been completed and then we will be able to sort prizes for our summer reading challenge. I have been impressed with some great effort put in by some children.

I look forward to taking out the children from both schools with the highest number of reads (as well as doing all their homework) to either Brymor or KTeas.

SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget, every Friday is now Pizza Friday!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you would like to access before or after school care from Kidz Day Nursery, you need to fill in a registration form which can be found on the school's website or email info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk

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:

12th Sept 18 and 7th Nov 18.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

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

CLUBS

These start next week with Film Club on Tuesdays and Sports Club on Thursdays. Sports Club must be paid in advance please. Film Club also requires a commitment for the term.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Nathan K. for great spelling and handwriting.

Rabbits: - Kaitlin C. for writing sentences with capital letters and full stops and checking them afterwards.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Archie K. for fabulous presentation and accurate multiplication work.

Rabbits: - Monty W. for recognising numbers to 100 and ordering them.



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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.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/SpennithorneCEPrimarySchoolDL85PR>

www.tesco.com/ues.

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

See dates sheet handed out today.