



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

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

## AVAILABILITY

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

## PROPERTY MARKING

NY Police will be offering free security marking for your property at Mole Country Stores, Leyburn on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 5-7pm.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

The school council are asking all children, staff and visitors to either come to school or attend the school Christmas dinner wearing a Christmas jumper/top etc. for a donation (ideally £1) and really get into the swing of the Christmas dinner. Monies raised will go towards both school's chosen charities.

The chosen charities for the year are Swaledale Mountain Rescue for Middleham and in Spennithorne, they have chosen Guide Dogs for the Blind.

## RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION EVENT

I will be holding an information session at both schools on the following dates/times

- **Spennithorne Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm ( Hall)**
- **Middleham Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm (Hall)**

Can you please let Mrs Ramsay or Mrs Martin know if **you are or are not** intending to attend.

## WENSLEYDALE CUB GROUP

Wensleydale Cubs are organising the first of two *bring a friend* taster nights aimed at recruiting prospective new members to the pack.

On Tuesday December 12, from 6.15pm to 7.30pm, there will be Christmas by the campfire at Hill Top Farm Moor Road Leyburn with a little bit of bush craft skills and marshmallows thrown in for good measure. Dress warm and bring a torch.

The second is on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the scout hall for fun and games from 6.15pm to 7.30pm.

Cub scouts are for boys or girls aged 8 to 10 ½.

Contact Helen Sunter on 01969 624806, email at [helen@hilltopfarm.cc](mailto:helen@hilltopfarm.cc)/ for more information or just turn up.

## CHRISTMAS PLAYS

We look forward to seeing you at our performances of 'Are we nearly there yet?' at Middleham and 'Superstar' at Spennithorne. Please can you bring your child to school to get changed at 5.30 for the evening performance.

We are happy for you to take photos of your child during the performance but in return, ask you to keep clear of the central walkway and for these photos not to be posted on any social media sites. Thank you. Please let's enjoy the ability to keep these memories without abusing our request.

MIDDLEHAM	SPENNITHORNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Rehearsal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm</li> <li>• Evening performance Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</li> <li>• Day performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Rehearsal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</li> <li>• Day performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</li> <li>• Evening performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</li> </ul>



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## 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%.

## 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/>

## SPENNITHORNE NEWS

### EASY FUNDRAISING

With Christmas on the horizon, it's the perfect time to get friends signed up and raise donations for Friends of Spennithorne School when they shop online.

Share your unique referral link with your friends and family today using the ready-made tools below.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofspennithorneschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Already, the Friends have collected £5 from this in a few weeks.

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Spennithorne School will be really grateful for your donations.

### 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).

### WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Ava F. for a fantastic poem about winter.

Rabbits: - Alfie W. for writing CVC words independently.

### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Tom H. for excellent multiplication recall.



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Rabbits: - Pippa F. for understanding place value and partitioning.

## **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

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Christmas Play -11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Edinburgh Parents Info Evening – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 5pm  
Christmas lunch -19<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas party – 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Carol service – 22<sup>nd</sup> December at East Witton Church  
End of term – 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
School swimming starts (10 weeks) 12<sup>th</sup> January  
Y3/4 Cluster Dance Event – 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Rotary Presentation – 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Parents' Evening – 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Sports Kit Day – 9<sup>th</sup> February  
HALF TERM – 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February  
World Book Day – 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Cross Country – 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Mothers' Day Lunch – 9<sup>th</sup> March  
Sport Relief – 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
End of Term – 29<sup>th</sup> April