



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 and Thursday and in Spennithorne on Tuesday and Friday. For the next 2 terms, I will be spending 60% of my time at Middleham and 40% of my time at Spennithorne after which time, this will be reviewed.

As you might be aware, Crakehall decided to pull out its collaboration with Spennithorne when Spennithorne decided it also wanted to join with Middleham. The joining of these two schools was an opportunity to strengthen the bonds these two very similar schools share which all governors, who work tirelessly for the good of both schools, wanted so much to develop.

This is an exciting time for both schools and already, many of the staff have started to work together.

START OF TERM

It has been a pleasure to see faces, both old and new, looking smart in their school uniform. Thank you for upholding our school uniform policy. I have enjoyed hearing about people's holidays and their adventures and welcome our new starters to school. At Spennithorne, we welcome, Daisy, Maia, Kaitlin, Monty, Alfie, Poppy, Shay, Holly, Magda and Jake and at Middleham, we welcome Eoghan and Ollie to our school families.

We also welcome Mrs Shepherd at Spennithorne teaching in the Foxes class and Miss Wilson covering for Mrs Roberts' absence at Middleham.

DIARY DATES SHEET

With this newsletter, you should also receive a diary sheet. We hope these dates will help you plan to attend key events. As a collaboration, we are intending to hold a joint Harvest festival at East Witton church with vicars from both Spennithorne and Middleham churches in attendance. We have decided on a middle ground to hold our festival so one school doesn't feel unfairly treated. In the future, we will hold events in alternate churches to keep this fair.

STAFF TRAINING

During our training day this week, all staff from both schools explored using GoogleDrive so that both staff and children can work collaboratively. One thing we will be trialling is using Google Hangout which is like Facetime or Skype so that staff can hold face to face meetings together and also children can work collaboratively together without the need for leaving the classroom.

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%.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The holiday club also has another week's funding for us to run. It wasn't as popular as we hoped. This could have been because of the short notice and for that I apologise but we only received confirmation of funding at the end of term. Would anyone like the club running at half term? Please let me know.

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/>



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SPENNITHORNE NEWS

SCHOOL COOK

We are very sad to inform you that our lovely school cook, Mrs. Ingram, will be leaving us at the end of September. We wish her well in her new job and thank her for all the wonderful food she has provided for our children whilst she's been here.

If anyone is interested the post is now vacant and advertised as follows:

School cook required 18.75 hours per week term time only. £8.69 per hour. Apply NYCC jobs website. Training will be given. For further details contact Area Manager, Vivienne Sadler 07779 788585.

PURPLE MASH

If your new Purple Mash account doesn't work, please let your class teacher know.

READING AND SUMMER WORK CHALLENGE

Having gone through the reading records and purple mash and SPAG activities, I can confirm that the winners of the Reading Challenge are Matthew H, Aimee S, Evie H and Jasmine H. I will be speaking to them so that we can decide what their treat might be.

Well done to all those who took part.

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.

PATH

As you may have noticed, we have a new path to help us to support Harmby Under 5's access their facility so that no one needs to park on the road and it keeps our younger members and their parents safe and off the road. This was funded by Yorvik and the Elm House Trust. Huge thanks to go both parties.

We have also had work done on the field to prevent the flooding in the centre.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Film club will start in Tuesday 12th September 3.15 to 4.15pm. It's free and open to all. Please complete the slip below.

Basketball will start on Thursday 14th September 3.15 to 4.15pm. It is open to years 1 to 6 at a cost of £2 per session for 6 weeks, a total cost of £12 payable in advance through Teachers 2 Parents. Please complete the consent slip below if your child would like to take part.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Aimee S. for great use of connectives and writing in extended sentences.



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Rabbits: - Abbie S. for writing a lovely recount of her summer holiday.

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Henry F. for multiplying by 20 really well.

Rabbits: - Kaitlin C. for great counting up to 20 and beyond.

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.

I give consent for my child _____ to take part in the after school Film club commencing on Tuesday 12th September and running during term time until Tuesday 28th November.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

I give consent for my child _____ to take part in the after school Basketball club commencing on Thursday 14th September for 6 weeks and finishing on Thursday 19th October. I agree to pay £12 for the whole course payable through Teachers 2 parents.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian