



# SPENNITHORNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

## AVAILABILITY

As it currently stands, I will be in school all day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

As parents, I do not know how you cope. I get extremely emotional watching our children on stage and am flushed with pride. So for you, it must be doubly difficult. Having the important job of doing the music, I was able to sneakily look around at parents' faces and watch them as they watched their child. To be honest, that's the bit that makes my Christmas.

On that stage was every child in the school. As I said on Wednesday night, we may be small but I prefer to say it is a selective and exclusive gathering. Each child stood up on that stage and for some, it probably was their worst nightmare.

So, I wanted to say congratulations to every child.

## ROAD CLOSURE – NEXT WEEK

We have been informed by Yorkshire Water that between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Main Street in Spennithorne will be closed. This is the road further down the village over the beck.

If you require more information about this, please contact 0345 124242 with the reference number 18764749

## THE MEADOWS

Richmondshire Council have suggested names for the three roads which will form part of the new housing development outside the school but have asked local residents for their suggestions.

If you would like to contribute ideas and I encourage you to do so, there is a clipboard at the back of the church to write down your suggestions.

## MRS BOWKETT

Mrs Bowkett returns to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and we say goodbye to Mrs Kirkpatrick. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kirkpatrick for her hard work with our KS2 class and wish her well as she heads off on another adventure.

However, last week, I found out that Mrs Forrest who was coming to job share with Mrs Bowkett now is not able to start her contract. This left me with a huge concern - getting a high

quality teacher in our school who has experience of teaching mixed year groups.

I have been lucky enough to acquire the teaching services of Mrs. Dooley, who will be teaching KS2 from Wednesday afternoons through to Friday, although she will not be starting until the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January due to a prior commitment. In those first 2 weeks, Mrs. Bowkett will work full time.

Mrs. Dooley will be in next week to meet the children and chat with Mrs. Bowkett.

Due to teaching staff changes, we also have to say goodbye to Mrs. Postlethwaite. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for the time and effort she has put into our lessons. She will be replaced, on a Wednesday, by Mr. Chris Bullock, a qualified sports coach who works in many local primary schools and ran our KS1 Sport Relief cluster day at Catterick Garrison.

## PIANO FOR SALE

A Hupfeld piano is for sale. It is in good condition and has recently been tuned. £700 or reasonable offer. If interested, please ring Grace on 01677 423260 or 07581021122. Buyer to collect

## FRIENDS OF SPENNITHORNE SCHOOL

Catherine Hanson is retiring from her role as Treasurer and FOSS are asking for another parent to take over from her please in the new year.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

Just to remind you, Mrs Ramsay is not in the office on Wednesday afternoons. Unless I am in school that afternoon, there is no one available to answer the door or phone.

## TESCO UNIFORM

You can purchase school uniform by using the link on the website or visiting [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues).

We have meet with Schools Trends and will update you with information as soon as possible.

## END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please can I ask that if there is any change of arrangements about who is collecting your child from school that you contact school with the information. It is especially important when even your child doesn't know of the change.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch/ Christmas jumper day  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas party  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas treat (am) and Christmas service  
2.30pm

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Sarah M. for an excellent Birdman story.

Rabbits: - Abbie S. for writing super sentences with neat handwriting.

## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Evie F. for excellent progress all term.

Rabbits: - Jack C. for a good understanding of multiplication.

## 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.

## 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:

Christmas Party letter