



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

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

## AVAILABILITY

Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February, I will be in Middleham on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Spennithorne on Wednesday and Friday.

## HALF TERM

School is closed next week and reopens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

It's that time of year again. We are asking for your opinions about what we do and we would greatly appreciate as many people as possible filling in the questionnaire too.

This will be new to Middleham parents but not to Spennithorne parents but we will send you a link to an online questionnaire which means the information can be collated very quickly and presented back to you in an easy to read format. The formats are phone and tablet friendly so you could do it on your phone.

If you need the links now, please find them below. PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHOOSE THE RIGHT ONE FOR THE SCHOOL YOUR CHILD ATTENDS.

MIDDLEHAM <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/mhamparent18/>

SPENNITHORNE <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/spennithorneparent18/>

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

At Middleham, we have organised a holiday sports/craft club on the 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March (the second week of the Easter holiday). This will run from 9-3.15. It requires a minimum of 10 to run so we are opening it out to other local schools. However, Middleham and Spennithorne will have first refusal on places.

The cost is £12 per day for all other attendees but as we feel this is an important facility to offer to parents, the school will be using its Sports Premium funding for children from our collaboration so that it only costs £8 per day.

If you would like to attend, please contact the office at your earliest convenience and we can set up a payment group on each school's electronic payment system. Discount on the daily rate only applies to those paying online.

More details will follow nearer the time.

## WORLD BOOK DAY (THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH)

After chatting to a few parents, the staff and I have got together and had a think and our theme of this year is 'Animals' and in particular bears as we are going to be looking at the books (yes children, the books came before the film and the cartoons!) about Paddington Bear.

Children can dress up for the day as any animal they choose. Many have animal onesies so we wanted to make it as easy as possible.

We hope this early notice helps you all.

## KS2 CROSS COUNTRY

This activity falls on 8<sup>th</sup> March and this year, we have decided not to attend. The reason for this is that the start time is 12 o'clock which means children would be having lunch at 11.00. We also wouldn't return until after 4 which would make it difficult for the children who are transported by bus/taxi.



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However, I am aware that some children would really like to go. If I have a handful who would like to attend and can be picked up from school late, we can sort something out so that they do not miss out. Please email the school before the 20<sup>th</sup> February and I can look at sorting something out.

It is intended that next year, we all attend as we have done in previous years.

## **WENSLEY DEANARY VISION**

Wensley Deanery Vision 2030

Open Meeting – Saturday 24 February 2018

Newton-le-Willows Village Hall, Station Road, Newton-le-Willows, Bedale DL8 1SP

This meeting is open to members of the congregations in chapels and churches across Wensleydale. If you want to find out about the challenges faced by and the opportunities for growth and innovation for the Christian community in the Dale over the next few decades and influence the response to these please do come along. Coffees, teas, water and light refreshments will be available but please bring your own lunch with you.

9.30am	Doors open, light refreshments available
10.00am	Welcome and opening worship
10.30am	Introduction from Area Dean
10.35am	Current examples of lay-led ministry in the Dale
10.45am	The 2030 challenge and three possible responses
11.15am	Break for refreshments
11.30am	Group discussions
12.30pm	Break for lunch
12.30pm - 1.15pm	Archdeacon Beverley Mason and Bishop Helen-Ann join meeting
1.15pm	Feedback on group discussions
2.15pm	Response by Archdeacon Beverley
2.45pm	Ecumenical Service of Blessing
3.15pm	Close of meeting

## **PUPIL PREMIUM – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**

Pupil Premium is an additional amount of funding allocated to schools by the government to support the learning and progress of children in receipt of free school meals, those looked after by the local authority or those whose parent/s serve in the armed forces.

If you feel you might qualify from the list above, you can help us by asking us for an advice leaflet regarding entitlement to Free School Meals or letting us know in your enrolment form about whether your child is looked after or whether a parent is a serving member of the armed forces.



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NB: Free School Meals is not the same as the Universal Entitlement Free School Meal given to every child in Rabbits/Class 1



## Cycling for All

**Dates:**  
 Thursday, 26th April 2018  
 Thursday, 3rd May 2018  
 Thursday, 10th May 2018  
 Thursday, 17th May 2018  
 Thursday, 24th May 2018

**Time:** 4.15pm—5.15pm

**Venue:** Richmond School

**Audience:** Personalised lessons for all abilities

**Standard price:** £30 / pupil  
 Includes bike hire and a water bottle

**To book your place please** register via our website:  
[www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events](http://www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events)  
 or email  
[yes@richmondschool.net](mailto:yes@richmondschool.net)

In conjunction with Stage 1 Cycles Hawes, YES @ Richmond School are hosting a five session cycling training event for **all abilities**.

These sessions will be fun, game led and skilled based, and will be tailored to meet individual needs.

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

**Closing date: Friday, 2nd March 2018**

For further information contact Steffy Cappleman ([yes@richmondschool.net](mailto:yes@richmondschool.net)) or Hellen Pollard ([ride@stage1cycles.co.uk](mailto:ride@stage1cycles.co.uk))

**Training led by:**

**Stage 1 Cycles**  
 Stage 1 Cycles is the leading provider of cycling activities in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire.

As a registered Adventurous Activities provider you can be confident in the safety and quality of their activities.

All sessions are led by an appropriately qualified cycling instructor who is subject to disclosure and barring checks. Stage 1 Cycles is an Adventurous Activity Licensed Company.

### YEAR 3/4 RESIDENTIAL TO COTE GHYLL

If you would like your child to join in with this, please ensure you pay your £20 non-refundable deposit at your earliest opportunity. We do need to ensure a significant uptake to make the trip viable. Once I have firmed up the timetable of activities, I will be organising an information evening.

### NORTHALLERTON LIBRARY – THE WONDERS OF SPACE

Selby and Northallerton libraries are working with University of York’s Astrocampus and bringing Space to our fingertips on 13 and 14 February 2018, during half-term.

At Northallerton Library, visitors will be able to explore the wonders of space in the Cosmodome: an inflatable planetarium. They can discover the stories behind the constellations and take a tour of the night skies; fly past the planets and find out about stars exploding! Shows last for 20 minutes and are suitable for all ages, children must

be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library. Advanced booking is essential as spaces are limited.

For more information and to book your tickets, please contact Northallerton Library

If you are not a member of the library, join now. It is FREE. Visit your local branch or log on to [www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries)

To find out more about University of York’s Astrocampus please visit: [www.astrocampus.org.uk](http://www.astrocampus.org.uk)

To book, please contact Greg Kubas (01609 79 8402)

Wednesday 14 February		
Northallerton Library 1 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, DL6 1PT	10.30am	Cosmodome – 1 <sup>st</sup> session*
	11am	Cosmodome – 2 <sup>nd</sup> session*
	11.30am	Cosmodome – 3 <sup>rd</sup> session*
	12noon	Cosmodome – 4 <sup>th</sup> session*



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<b>Tel: 01609 53 3832</b>		
*Spaces limited. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library	1pm	Cosmodome – 5 <sup>th</sup> session*
	1.30pm	Cosmodome – 6 <sup>th</sup> session*
	2pm	Cosmodome – 7 <sup>th</sup> session*
	2.30pm	Cosmodome – 8 <sup>th</sup> session*

## 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:

7<sup>th</sup> March 18, 9<sup>th</sup> May 18, 11<sup>th</sup> July 18, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 18 and 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 18.

## 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%.

# SPENNITHORNE NEWS

## SPORTS KIT DAY

Thank you for supporting our Sports Kit day. All this money is going towards our chosen charity, which is Guide Dogs for the Blind,

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Mrs Heap, a local lady who trains Guide Dog puppies and she brought in with her Daisy, a 5 month old guide dog in training.

It brought the school (or should I say the staff) to a stand still.

## SNOW DAY

Due to the school closure on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January the planned Rabbits theatre trip and the after school sports club could not take place. All the children who had paid in advance for these events will be credited through teachers 2 parents school money.

## 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> (This is a new link and will offer all users a 10% discount between April and June 2018).

[www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues).

## 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



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

HALF TERM – 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day – 1<sup>st</sup> March

Mothers' Day Lunch – 13<sup>th</sup> March

Sport Relief – 23<sup>rd</sup> March

End of Term – 29<sup>th</sup> March