



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

9th March 2018

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

Local support groups, Dyslexia Network Plus and Fun With Autism, have recently added over 250 books to Thirsk Community Library.

This group of resources to support families, schools and individuals is called **Solutions**

To hear more about these resources and other sources of support a special 'after hours' event is being held at the library:

**Special Educational Needs
Sources of Support
Saturday 24th March, 2-4 pm
Thirsk Community Library
Meadowfields, Chapel Street, YO7 1LU**

2-3pm Hear from a range of organisations which offer support for parents and children

3-4pm An opportunity to view and borrow books from **Solutions**

(NY Library card required) and talk with representatives of support organisations:

SENDIASS, NYPACT, British Dyslexia Association, North Yorkshire Enhanced Mainstream Provision, Dyslexia Network Plus, Fun with Autism

Suitable for parents, carers and professionals

Free

Seating is limited. If a seat is required, please phone 0845 22 60 240 or email Dnplus@aol.com

Once results have been collated, I will share them with you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Unfortunately, the weather prevented us from enjoying World Book Day so we have decided to reschedule this event, including, dressing up if they wish, on Thursday 15th March (next week).

CROSS COUNTRY

Due to the weather and a waterlogged course, the cross country has had to be postponed. It is now scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13th March.

BITE SIZE FRACTIONS

In both schools, we are holding a Bite Size Fractions Information session for parents and children to attend so that you can see how we teach fractions and then moving them on to percentages and decimals.

This area of the curriculum has become a lot harder under the revised 2014 curriculum and children find it challenging so if parents can see how we teach different concepts, you are also able to help and support them at home with greater confidence.

The teachers of both schools will be on hand on both nights and offer help and support.

For Spennithorne parent, this will be held Tuesday 27th March from 3.30-4pm and for Middleham parents, this will be held on Wednesday 28th March from 3.30-4pm although parents from either school are welcomed to attend either.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire.



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EASTER EGG CHALLENGE HAVE YOU GOT YOURS YET?

Friends of both Spennithorne and Middleham are this year organising an Easter Egg challenge. For a £1, you can buy an empty Easter Egg. The challenge is to fill the egg with as many different objects as you can – you can't put 2 of the same items in the egg. You will also need to write down the objects in your egg on a record sheet.

Send in a pound to school with your name and you will be sent home an egg and record sheet in a bag. Entries for the challenge need to be returned to school by Friday 23rd March.

The winner will receive a rather yummy Easter Egg and all monies raised will go towards additional treats for the children funded by the Friends of Spennithorne and Middleham.

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

You should have received the flyer for the holiday club being held at Middleham School. If you haven't, please contact the office for a copy. The sports/craft club will be held on the 9th 10th and 11th April (the second week of the Easter holiday). This will run from 9-3.15. It requires a minimum of 10 to run each day.

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 complete the form attached to the flyer

In addition, Leyburn will be running an Easter Club on Thursday and Friday 5th and 6th April. Details of these are to follow.

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.

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

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:

9th May 18, 11th July 18, 12th Sept 18 and 7th 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%.

EUREKA

We had a wonderful day at Eureka Science Museum on Wednesday and our children were a credit to us. Thank you to the parents who were able to accompany us to make the trip happen: Mr Tyrala, Mr Parker, Mr Hall, Mrs Harrington and Mrs Kay.



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SPENNITHORNE NEWS

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

We have noticed that there are many outstanding balances for our residential trips and many have only paid the deposit. It would be beneficial if you could keep paying off amounts on a regular basis so that you are not left with a large amount in June.

As these trips are out of school hours, they are not considered as a voluntary contribution and are required to be paid prior to the trip taking place.

WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG

We have received notification that our performance at the tournament this year will be on Thursday 22nd March at 10.00am. This will be held at Tennants Garden Rooms and we hope that if you are available, you are able to come and watch our performance. Please note you must arrive before the class starts.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Our Friends of Spennithorne are hosting their annual Chocolate Bingo night at school on the evening of 29th March (the last day of term).

It is always so well attended with both parents and children but we need your help with both raffle prizes and donations of both small and larger chocolate eggs.

Why not pop one in your trolley when you next go shopping?!

MOTHERS DAY LUNCH – TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 12 O CLOCK

We are looking forward to welcoming Mums (and Grandmas) to school on Tuesday for a slightly belated Mothers' Day lunch.

Please come to the front office at 12 o'clock and your child will come and collect you. We encourage the children to put the adult first and tidy away your tray. Please can you help us with this. Thank you.

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.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Freddie F. for writing a fantastic poem with beautiful handwriting.

Rabbits: - Holly J. for writing a super Beegu (alien) story.



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MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Jack V. for great addition of 5 digit numbers.

Rabbits: - Shay L. for trying very hard with number recognition.

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

Sport Relief – 23rd March

End of Term – 29th March