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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

Next week, I will be in school on Monday afternoon and Tuesday (out on residential Thursday/Friday).

FATHERS DAY LUNCH

Many dads are coming to our Fathers' Day lunch but if you would like to attend, please let us know in the office and pay for your dinner costing £2.10 via School Money.

The menu for the day is Beef Lasagne or Cheese Baguette with potato wedges, mixed salad & garlic bread followed by Arctic roll & peaches.

Please come to the main office at 12 o'clock where your children will come and collect you.

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT ACTS OF TERRORISM

With the terrible news at the weekend of another attack in our country, I thought this might be useful. We have covered these attacks in collective worship talking about some unkind people doing unkind things but yet our country is filled with people who work hard to get along, regardless of religion, race and colour and through our PHSCE and teaching on British Values, we discuss tolerance and respect of other people's faiths and beliefs.

Advice for Parents

Take time to talk about terrorist attacks.

Children look to their parents for guidance and reassurance. Even if your children are reluctant to talk about it at first, take the lead. What you say matters.

Review what they understand.

As your children continue to deal with terrorist episodes, they may have misconceptions or misunderstandings about what took place, even if they have followed the news accounts. Talk about it in terms they can understand.

Identify your children's fears.

Children may have unrealistic fears that we do not anticipate. They might fear an attack on their home or loss of their parents. Take time to find out what your children are thinking about and reassure them.

Limit television exposure.

Television news presents highly disturbing images and victim accounts that can be too frightening for most children, particularly those under the age of 12.

Help your children express their feelings about the tragedy.

Share your feelings with your children, but set a good example by expressing your feelings in an appropriate and mature manner. Extreme expressions of anger and grief may not be helpful to your child's sense of security and self-control.

Express anger in an appropriate manner.

It is understandable that children feel angry, but the target of that anger should be the terrorists. Discourage stereotypes and prejudice which grow so easily from hate and fear. If a British citizen commits an act of terrorism, it does not represent all British citizens.



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Spend some family time in normal, reassuring activities.

Bake a cake. Go for a walk. Play a favourite game. Do something together as a family that helps your children feel comfortable and secure.

JUDO TASTER SESSION

All children today enjoyed a judo taster session. This is part of an opportunity to enjoy and experience a wide variety of different sports.

MIDDLEHAM CASTLE TRIP

You should have received a letter this week about our exciting trip to Middleham Castle. If you have not, please call into the school office for a copy.

SPORTS DAY AND THE FIELD

It is likely that the field will not be having work done on it until the summer holidays. Therefore, we are planning to hold our sports day and summer fayre at a different location. Details will follow.

FOSS SUMMER FAYRE

Friends of Spennithorne School are going to hold their Summer Fayre on the morning of Saturday 15th July at school. We are looking for volunteers to help with stalls, refreshments and general organising. Please contact Lucy Hall, Abi Parker, Dawn Fuller, Louise Webster or Marion Fairburn if you can help in any way.

HOLIDAY REQUEST

I have recently received a large number of requests for leave in exceptional circumstances. As I have made clear, attendance at school is important and we promote this in school through the weekly attendance awards as well as termly attendance certificates.

When requesting leave, as from September 2017, leave will only be authorised if it hits both the criteria on the form and that your child's attendance is above 95%.

I hope you are able to support me in this matter.

SPONSORED WALK

After receiving all the money in, our school councillors can now announce that we raised £212 for our chosen charity, The Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

COTE GHYLL RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Next week, our Year 3 and 4 children head off to Cote Ghyll Mill for our residential, therefore there will be no newsletter next week.

ZUMBA

Tuesdays- 6.00pm/7.20pm - in the school hall. Why not try it out?

USBORNE BOOKS

Usborne books and Phoenix cards will be at Middleham Key Centre on Thursday 15th June, 2.30-4.30pm. Activities for the children while you shop. If you can't make this event but would like to browse the catalogues please get in touch. O.clarkson@outlook.com



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KING'S CLUB

Below is a letter from Canon Michael Hepper, Area Dean of Wensley.

"Dear Headteacher

I am writing in support of The King's Club, a week-long Christian Holiday Club that has been taking place every year in Askrigg over the past quarter of a century. As a member of the team, I have witnessed first-hand how well this club is run. All the members of the team are DBS checked and are experienced in children's work. There is a good mix of Christian teaching and fun and games that are much enjoyed. The leaders are drawn from the local Anglican and Methodist churches as well as from a supporting church in Manchester. Over the years, hundreds of children from the Dale have benefitted from this Club and those who have experienced it often speak warmly of their experience in adulthood. I would be grateful if you would promote the Club in your school and encourage children to apply early as places are limited."

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

W/C 12th June – Phonics screening week

12th June – NSPCC talk 'Speak out, stay safe' for KS1 & KS2 separately

13th June – Fathers' Day Lunch

13th June – KS2 Rounders at Askrigg

13th June – Growing up talk for Y5 & 6

15-16th June – Cote Ghyll Residential

19th June – Year 5/6 Bikeability

20th June – EYFS Multi Skills at Hawes

23rd June – Grandparents' lunch

30th June – Middleham Castle Day

30th June – Reports out

3rd July – Sports Day

5th July – Optional parents evening

14th July – KS2 cluster sports

17th July – Teddy Bears' Picnic

21st July – Leavers service and last day of term

WRITER OF THE WEEK

This week, the following writers have been recognised:

Foxes: - Evie H. for really getting into the spirit of our campaign and using emotive language in her writing.

Rabbits: - Matilda C. for researching castles and writing a great report.



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MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

This week, the following mathematicians have been recognised:

Foxes: - Cara H. for correctly answering how many minutes are in 1 hour.

Rabbits: - Emilia S. for persevering when doing tricky maths.

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.

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/>