



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



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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been lovely to have our schools filled with children again, albeit in very different circumstances.

Our first few days have been great. I have to say how impressed I have been with all our children, especially those pupils new to our school, those travelling on the bus for the first time and those starting in a new school building. Change is hard for us all and we have to remember that many of our children have not been in school for months.

So well done to every child for their first great week.

Could I please ask Spennithorne parents to come into the main playground and then follow the one-way system and not wait in the car park. There has been some confusion with this but as I am sure you will appreciate, we are all adapting to new systems.

## **ALLERGIES**

Can I please remind parents that we have pupils with allergies and could you please refrain from bringing in the following for snack or lunch – nut products and bananas. We will politely request the child puts this food back in their lunch box to be returned home.

We now have our deliveries of school fruit so children can choose from the fruit bowl and we also have our tuck shop every Friday. Children need to bring in a small amount of change should they want anything e.g.40p.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

On Monday, we have the school photographer coming in. We have tried to see how we could accommodate sibling and group photos (even considering doing this outside) but we cannot. Therefore, we will only be able to offer individual photos this year.

We understand that many parents prefer to purchase sibling group photos as this keeps the cost down so to help with this, this year you will be able to mix and match photos so you can purchase a pack with photos of each child which should make it more accessible.

## **FACEBOOK**

To all new parents, please search for us on Facebook. We only post photos of events and reminders. Nothing goes on here that has not appeared in the newsletter or has been emailed to you. We do not respond to messenger (unless it is an emergency) but it is a great way of seeing what the children are up to. It is a closed site for parents only and once pupils leave the school, they will be removed.

Please send a friend request to our school site.

## **EYFS PARENTS**

This morning, you have been emailed a link from our online learning journal, Tapestry. We use this to share observations, photos and progress with you regarding your child. For your child to get the most out



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of their first year at school, engaging with their education and learning journey is vital. Please help us by engaging with these observations through 'liking' the post, posting comments or even posting your own observations with things your child has done at home.

Well done to the mum who was the first to accept her invitation – gold star for you!

If you have any issues with this, please let us know.

## **COVID 19 TIME CAPSULES**

During lockdown, we asked the children to fill in a COVID-19 time capsule. We would like all of these in please. We intend to place them in sealed boxes and bury them in both schools so that when it is uncovered in years to come, we can be a part of history for the new children attending Spennithorne and Middleham Primary Schools

## **START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

Thank you for all your help this week with our new school systems. You have socially distanced in the playground and children have come in to school in such a mature manner. In fact, we had more tears from parents than we did from the children!

As a reminder at Spennithorne, thank you for coming in through the cordoned off area of the car park. Please continue into the playground closest to school and then following the marking on the floor, leave using the one-way system. We do need to keep the car park clear.

At both schools, please wait in the playground at the end of the day and your child will be handed over to you.

## **PE KITS**

PE is on Wednesdays and Thursdays but please ensure PE kits are in school from Monday to Friday in case of changes.

We also intend to start up the daily mile so children will need plimsolls/trainers at all times.

Free school hoodies, which we have purchased for each child using our sports premium, are on order and will be with you soon.

## **SPORTS CLUB**

This started yesterday. It is every week for Badgers and alternate weeks for Foxes and Rabbits, starting yesterday with Foxes and next week with Rabbits.

We did realise quickly that if you have children attending both Spennithorne and Middleham after school sports club, you cannot be in 2 places at once to pick your children up. Therefore, the Middleham club will be extended and finish at 4.30pm. There will be no change in cost but I suppose it can make up for the fact that they will have less sessions than the Badgers pupils.



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At Spennithorne, please pick up from the playground and at Middleham, please pick up from the front entrance.

### MIDDLEHAM TOWN CLEAN UP

The Middleham Town Council is taking part in the Great British September Clean 2020, organised to replace the cancelled Spring Clean. Across the country, schools, councils and individuals will be tidying their communities. If you are free from 10am for a few hours on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September or the whole day, you will be most welcome!

Due to Covid19, the arrangements will be different this time. The event will follow government guidance on safe distancing and a thorough risk assessment is being undertaken.

This is open to adults and, under supervision, children of all ages. You may join as individuals or small groups of up to 6 people. Groups should be from the same family, or support bubble or have some other connection that allows you to work closely together.

You cannot just turn up on the day as before. You need to register that you will be taking part. Please email the Clerk [office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:office@middlehamtowncouncil.co.uk) with your name and that of any others who will form part of your group.

You will need to bring your own protective gloves and hand sanitisers. They shall provide hi viz jackets, litter pickers and black bags. Further details will be sent to those who register in due course.

### RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION

From September, 2020, this subject is now statutory although it is something we have been teaching for a number of years. Our policy is on the website and our long-term plan is differentiated for each class. Headings for the units we cover can be found here.

As you can see, it talks about friendships, relationships, families, kindness and differences. It also addresses healthy relationships, body changes and differences, puberty and utilises NSPCC material understanding that 'Pants are private'. Due to the class structure of Y2/3/4, we will not cover puberty until Y5.

If you would like further information about this, please contact the school.

	AUT 1	AUT 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
RABBITS YR A	FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIPS  Caring friendships	FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIPS  Caring friendships	GROWING AND CARING FOR OURSELVES  Different friends	GROWING AND CARING FOR OURSELVES  Different friends	FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIPS  Being kind	FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIPS  Being kind
RABBITS YR B	GROWING AND CARING FOR OURSELVES  Growing and changing	GROWING AND CARING FOR OURSELVES  Growing and changing	FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIPS  Families	FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIPS  Families	GROWING AND CARING FOR OURSELVES  Families and care	GROWING AND CARING FOR OURSELVES  Families and care



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BADGERS YR A	DIFFERENCES  Differences	DIFFERENCES  Differences	VALUING DIFFERENCES AND KEEPING SAFE  Help and support	VALUING DIFFERENCES AND KEEPING SAFE  Help and support	GROWING UP  Changes	GROWING UP  Changes
BADGERS YR B	VALUING DIFFERENCES AND KEEPING SAFE  Personal space	VALUING DIFFERENCES AND KEEPING SAFE  Personal space	THE QUEEN'S KNICKERS – pants are private	THE QUEEN'S KNICKERS – pants are private	DIFFERENCES  Male and female animals	DIFFERENCES  Male and female animals
BADGERS YR C	GROWING UP  Healthy relationships	GROWING UP  Healthy relationships	DIFFERENCES  Naming body parts	DIFFERENCES  Naming body parts	VALUING DIFFERENCES AND KEEPING SAFE  Body differences	VALUING DIFFERENCES AND KEEPING SAFE  Body differences
FOXES YR A	PUBERTY  Talk about puberty	PUBERTY  Talk about puberty	PUBERTY, RELATIONSHIP AND REPRODUCTION  Communication	PUBERTY, RELATIONSHIP AND REPRODUCTION  Communication	PUBERTY, RELATIONSHIP AND REPRODUCTION  Puberty	PUBERTY, RELATIONSHIP AND REPRODUCTION  Puberty
FOXES YR B	PUBERTY, RELATIONSHIP AND REPRODUCTION  Online relationships	PUBERTY, RELATIONSHIP AND REPRODUCTION  Online relationships	PUBERTY  Reproductive systems	PUBERTY  Reproductive systems	PUBERTY  Puberty help and support	PUBERTY  Puberty help and support