



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

SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, 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

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: Mrs Tyralla, Mr Parker, Mr Hall, Mrs Harrington and Mrs Kay.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire. Once results have been collated, I will share them with you.

BITE SIZE FRACTIONS

In both schools, we are holding Bite Size Fractions Information sessions 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 parents, 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 welcome to attend either.



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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 been postponed. It is now scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13th March.

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 your 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 9am-3.15pm. 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 11 months 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.



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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%.

MIDDLEHAM NEWS.

MOTHERS' DAY LUNCH

It was a pleasure to welcome our mothers and grandmas to school on Tuesday for a lovely dinner. We hope you enjoyed your lunch.

WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG

We have received notification that our performance at the tournament this year will be on Friday 23rd March at 9.50am. This will be held at Tennants and we hope that if you are available, you are able to come and watch our performance.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Our Friends of Middleham are hosting their annual Chocolate Bingo night at school on the evening of Friday 23rd March. It's a fun evening open to all, including children and local residents so please spread the word. Details will follow nearer the time. However, 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?!

TREKKERS

The next Trekkers will be on 13th March and the last one of the term will be on 20th March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 13 th March	KS2 Cross Country	Letter has gone home to volunteers
Tuesday 13 th March	Trekkers NEW DATE	
Wednesday 14 th March	Year 5 Digital Leaders	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 14 th March	Quiz Night	See above
Thursday 15 th March	World Book Day	See above
Thursday 15 th March	Maths Morning	Letter has gone home to Y5/6 selected children only
Tuesday 20 th March	Trekkers	Last session
Friday 23 rd March	Easter Fayre & Chocolate Bingo	See above
Wednesday 28 th March	Easter tingle	More details to follow
Wednesday 28 th March	Bite Size Fractions	3.30-4pm
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Service	More details to follow
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term	
Monday 16 th April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 17 th April	School opens	