



# 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 and out of both schools, helping with the SATs. However, I will be in Spennithorne all day on Friday for the Royal Wedding.

## WEDDING

Please do not forget, you are all invited to the Royal Wedding on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at St Michael and All Angels Church at 1.15pm. Please dress to impress. You are all welcome to join us after for the wedding breakfast and dancing.

We ask that all children come into school in their uniform in the morning and we will then get them changed into their finery for the afternoon. We will be cooking/ sandwich making in the morning so do not want them to get dirty.

However, to make this a really special day, we are asking if each parent would contribute 50p per child to help us buy extra bits and bobs for the wedding breakfast.

A letter/note went out this week about it.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As from September 2018, Kidz Day Nursery will be offering before and after school wrap around care to all pupils from Middleham and Spennithorne from 7am to 6pm. Children who attend Spennithorne will need to be dropped at Middleham and will be transported to school at the beginning of the school day and in the evenings, will be collected from Spennithorne and transported to Middleham.

If you are interested in using this service regularly or on an ad hoc basis, please email [info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk](mailto:info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk)

## SPONSORED WALK

On the 25<sup>th</sup> May, both School Councils will be organising a sponsored walk to raise money for each school's chosen charity; Swaledale Mountain Rescue for Middleham and Guide Dogs for the Blind for Spennithorne. Your child will be coming home with a sponsor form, which explains how far we hope each child can walk.

We have stressed to the children that they only ask family members and not knock on strangers' doors. If every child can raise £1, we could raise over £30. The School Council at Middleham has already raised £80 and \_\_\_\_\_ at Spennithorne and this could push those totals up further.

## SATS

Next week is SATs for our Year 6 pupils. Rather than seeing it as a test, this is a chance to shine, to show what they know and for us to let them know how proud we are of them.

## EDINBURGH

PLEASE RETURN YOUR MEDICAL FORM AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY SO THAT I CAN COLLATE THIS INFORMATION.

## YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL 2019 (CURRENT Y4/5 PUPILS)

As part of our residential cycle, next year we will be attending an outdoor education centre but have struggled to find any availability for after mid May. Most places are all booked up and what is available is costing £300 excluding transport for the week. This is too much. However, we have found spaces at Peat Rigg Outdoor Centre from 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (4 days instead of 5) at an estimated cost of about £240. We will look at using various funding streams to reduce this cost.



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If you have any concerns about this cost (that it's too high), or that there is a reduction of one day, please come and tell me. I am trying to find the best solution and the best experience for the best price.

No one has come to see me about this – I am taking this as you think this is an acceptable solution to keep costs as low as possible.

## 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:

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%.

## MIDDLEHAM NEWS.

### SCHOOL DINNERS – for your information

At present, we are waiting for confirmation of the new price of school dinners as these are set to significantly increase as from September.



### TOUR DE YORKSHIRE

Middleham School – as seen on TV!

### KIDZ DAY NURSERY

If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in a nursery place for September, the new email address is [info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk](mailto:info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk). They



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have had a phone line installed and will shortly be starting advertising.

## BAGS2SCHOOL

Bags have gone out for this so please start collecting and bring all bags in by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

## TREKKERS

The next Trekkers will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	'Royal Wedding'	Letter has gone home
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	FOMS meeting	6pm in school
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Trekkers	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bags to School collection	Bags have been sent home
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Cote Ghyll Information Meeting	6pm in school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council sponsored walk	More details to follow
28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens	
4-8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 trip to Edinburgh	Information has been sent home
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics	Letter has gone home
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1/2 Multiskills	More details to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 3/4 trip to Cote Ghyll	Information has been sent home
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Rookie Lifeguard @ Richmond Pool	Letter has gone home
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports to Parents	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Wensleydale School transition days	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Rookie Lifeguard	Letter has gone home
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Cluster Sports day	More details to follow
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Richard III Day	More details to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	St Francis Xavier Induction Day	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Teddy Bears Picnic	More details to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Rookie Lifeguard	Letter has gone home
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Staff training day	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens	