



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

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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.

## FACEBOOK

As a set of schools, we are always looking at different ways of communicating with parents and we know that sometimes, messages in newsletters don't get out as well as we would have hoped. Therefore, I have put together a school Facebook page as a way of exploring new ways of communicating and celebrating our achievements both as individual schools and as a collaboration.

It will be a closed group so that only parents of children can request to join and see posts, photos etc. No posts from members will be published without admin approval and it will only be used as a positive page to celebrate what we do.

This will not replace the newsletter but will be an opportunity to instantly share events and activities that we do both together and as 2 individual schools.

More information will follow once I get this up and running.

## CO-OP CHRISTMAS BAUBLE COMPETITION

Before Christmas, pupils were asked by the Co-op in Leyburn to decorate Christmas baubles for a competition. Although there was some confusion about where to send these baubles, this week, we were visited by a representative from the store with a cheque for each school for their participation. Spennithorne won the competition and received £200 and Middleham received £100.

Well done to all children who took part and parents who helped with the baubles.

## THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

The Old School House is showing a production of **Bear and Butterfly** on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018. We are taking our Class 1 children to see this lovely play, however tickets are still available - **£6.50 each or family of 4 £20.00**

"Bear likes peace and quiet, sitting comfortably sipping his tea, deep in the branches of his tree. Then Caterpillar arrives, munching and crunching. They become the best of friends, until one day Caterpillar stops munching and looks sick. Bear fears he will lose his friend. And then something magical happens...! Puppetry, live music and beautiful storytelling combine in this charming tale about love, loss and friendship."

**'High production values and meticulous direction from Dani Parr - a show which audiences young and old will love.'** *British Theatre Guide*

## EVENTS

There are a number of events planned in for this half term including dance, science and a theatre trip.

## SCHOOL FOCUS

This term, the focus across both schools will be on presentation, working hard to develop their cursive script and ensuring that spelling of words which we feel they should know e.g. key words is being demonstrated.

## 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:



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7<sup>th</sup> March 18, 9<sup>th</sup> May 18, 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.

### CHANGE TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The changes we have made to the start of the school day have begun well and thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School opens its doors at 8.35am and schools starts at 8.45am. Children must come up to class straight away as we will be enjoying a variety of short maths games and activities and this also helps to get them in the right frame of mind for learning.

### MRS MULLARD

We have been sad to say goodbye to Mrs Mullard this week who has left Middleham Primary School after 10 years to pursue other avenues. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the best in her new ventures.

We have been lucky to acquire the services of Mrs Natalie MacKenzie to temporarily cover these hours and join our school family. She will be starting next week.

### SPORTS CLUB

After school sports club is now on a Wednesday.

### TREKKERS

Trekkers will restart on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. The dates for this term are: January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Trekkers	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5/6 science event at the Wensleydale School	Letter has gone home (not whole class)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 Theatre trip	Letter has gone home
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year Lunch	Menu to follow
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Trekkers	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Yorkshire Pudding Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y3/4 Dance	More details to follow
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Rotary Presentation	More details to follow
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	More details to follow
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	More details to follow
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School Council Pyjama Day	More details to follow



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12-16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Trekkers	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day	More details to follow
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Trekkers	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Cross Country	More details to follow
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Trekkers	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sport Relief	More details to follow
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens	