



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

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

Next week, it is half term and the school will be closed. We reopen on Monday 30th October. I will be in Middleham on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and in Spennithorne on Tuesday and Friday.

SIMON CARSON HOLIDAY CLUB

We still have some places left for our holiday club at Spennithorne, especially for the Friday. If you would like to attend, please email school at least the night before (as we will be picking up emails over the holiday) and we will let the organisers know. You can pay on the day but if not registered, you will be requested to fill out a registration form.

TABLE TROOPER CHALLENGE

After half term, we will be introducing a new competition for the children from Years 1 to 6; the Tables Trooper Challenge. Each year group has a target to achieve, working towards being either a private, corporal, sergeant, captain, major or colonel. We will be checking on the children's progress regularly. As soon as they achieve their ranking, their name is put into a raffle. Each half term, their name is added again meaning more chances of winning the half term prize. Children can also choose to move up the ladder and start learning harder tables.

You can practise these at home, in the car, over tea; anywhere really. A child confidently knowing their tables opens up so much of the maths curriculum and is a fun way to engage with them.

Children can also go online to practise their skills. There is a great site which we use a lot in schools called www.topmarks.co.uk and also every child has a Purple Mash log in. Click on the maths site and the times table toons and there are loads of games to practise.

| YEAR 1 PRIVATE | YEAR 3 SERGEANT | YEAR 4 CAPTAIN | YEAR 5 MAJOR | YEAR 6 COLONEL |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Count in 1's | Say your 2 times table | Say your 2 times table | Say your 2 times table and related division facts | Say your 2 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |
| Count in 2's | Say your 3 times table | Say your 3 times table | Say your 3 times table and related division facts | Say your 3 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |
| Count in 5s | Say your 4 times table | Say your 4 times table | Say your 4 times table and related division facts | Say your 4 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |
| Count in 10's | Say your 5 times table | Say your 5 times table | Say your 5 times table and related division facts | Say your 5 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |
| YEAR 2 CORPORAL | Say your 8 times table | Say your 6 times table | Say your 6 times table and related division facts | Say your 6 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |
| Say your 2 times table | Say your 10 times table | Say your 7 times table | Say your 7 times table and related division | Say your 7 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division |



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| | | | facts | facts |
| Say your 5 times table | | Say your 8 times table | Say your 8 times table and related division facts | Say your 8 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |
| Say your 10 times table | | Say your 9 times table | Say your 9 times table and related division facts | Say your 9 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |
| Count in 3's | | Say your 10 times table | Say your 10 times table and related division facts | Say your 10 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |
| | | Say your 11 times table | Say your 11 times table and related division facts | Say your 11 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |
| | | Say your 12 times table | Say your 12 times table and related division facts | Say your 12 times table, recall it out of sequence and related division facts |

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Today, your child has brought home some artwork which, if you wish, could be made into a personalised Christmas card. There will also be an information card with this about how to sign up and register for cards with Chameleon Create. This has to be done by you online.

Every pack sold will raise money for FOMS (Friends of Middleham School) or FOSS (Friends of Spennithorne School) who fund the 'extra' bits in our schools.

Below please find the deadline of dates to ensure you get your Christmas cards in time.

CLOSING REGISTRATION DATE Friday 03 Nov 2017
 ARTWORK COLLECTION Monday 06 Nov 2017
 CHAMELEON SCAN BY Monday 13 Nov 2017
 ORDER CUT OFF DATE Monday 20 Nov 2017
 DELIVERY DATE Monday 04 Dec 2017

We hope you like the card designs and that you feel you could support this venture.

SEND REVIEW AND PARENT, CARER AND PROFESSIONAL FEEDBACK EVENT

North Yorkshire County Council is responsible under the Children and Families Act 2014 for reviewing how special education is provided in North Yorkshire, and for making sure there are enough places in education for children and young people with SEND. We work closely with parents, carers, young people, local groups, education providers and professionals so we can meet this responsibility in the best possible way.

We want to hear from parents, carers and professionals about your views on special education - this will help us to shape future services. Your input will help form a strategic plan for how we will provide support for young people with SEND in North Yorkshire in future.

For example, if you are a parent we'd like to know about:



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- services you use now and how they could be better;
- services you want or need, but can't find; or
- how you found the service(s) you need, what helped you to find them and any improvements we could make.

To build on feedback and ideas on future SEND provision, we have planned some events for parents and carers during November 2017. These events will provide an update on progress, which has been informed by feedback from across the county. They will also include information about proposals being suggested for the strategic plan. This is a further opportunity to be involved and provide feedback before formal consultation begins in early 2018.

You don't need to register for the parent and carer events below, please just join us at:

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| 13 November | 12.30pm to 2.30pm | Rural Arts Centre, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS |
| 14 November | 12.30pm to 2.30pm | Newby and Scaly Community Hall, Scaly Road, Scaly, Scarborough |
| 15 November | 12.30pm to 2.30pm | 60 Chain Lane, Knaresborough HG5 0AS |
| 20 November | 12.30pm to 2.30pm | Selby Town Hall, York Street, Selby YO8 4AJ |
| 21 November | 12.30pm to 2.30pm | Skipton Town Hall, High Street, Skipton BD23 1AH |

CALENDAR

At the end of term, our Year 6 pupils from both schools will be coming together to produce the first Middleham and Spennithorne calendar, celebrating the local area. Both schools will be pooling their money from the Rotary Enterprise Challenge, working out unit cost, seeing how many calendars they are able to produce in the first run linked to their funding and marketing their calendars to create a profit. This profit is then donated back to the Rotary who will in turn donate it to the clusters' chosen charity, Guide Dogs.

However, we would like help from all of our children to submit photos for our calendar which celebrate the beauty of our natural surroundings.

If you have a photo you have taken or would like to submit one you have taken, please email it to either admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk or admin@spennithorne.n-yorks.sch.uk

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year, Children in Need falls on Friday 17th November. To raise money, we invite every child to pay £1 to come in their own clothes.

In addition, the school council will be organising a book and toy sale to raise money too.

It would be great if over the half term holiday, you could encourage your children to have a clear out of old books, toys and games they don't play with. Please can they can bring them into school week beginning 13th November and we will sell things throughout the week.

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, we have been advised to let to you know about the admissions process which you need to complete in order to gain a place at your chosen school. You are advised to apply on line although paper copies of the form and information are available if requested. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2018**.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>



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HALLOWEEN DISCO

The disco starts at Spennithorne School tonight from 6.30pm-8pm. Please do not come any earlier! There will be extra hotdogs, crisps and sweets to buy. There will also be prizes for the best dressed, best dancer and many fun competitions.

We ask that if you are not coming to the disco, you are not on school premises.

At the end of the disco, we request that **ALL** parents wait outside and we will deliver your child to you. This ensures that we know that every child has been collected by the correct person.

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%.

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/>

MIDDLEHAM NEWS

SWIMMING

In the Spring term, we will be taking some of our KS2 children swimming to Catterick Leisure Centre and going alongside Spennithorne. However, this gives us a perfect opportunity to support our Year 6 pupils in preparation for their SATS.

We are considering keeping the Year 6 children in school to allow them access to small group work alongside Mrs Bradbury.

I have spoken to a few parents about this but if you feel strongly about this and your child is in Year 6, please can you contact the school so we could discuss this further.

CHANGE OF ARRANGEMENT

If there is a change of arrangement regarding who your child is going home with or how, please can you let us know via by email or writing. We are unable to take a child's word in case they get confused and need clarification from yourself. Your help in this important matter is very much appreciated.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Don't forget that we are running a holiday club at Spennithorne over the half term break, linked to funding from the Big Lottery Grant. This costs only £3.50 for the day. Leaflets and methods of payment are available from the school office.

EXTREME READING

Over the next few months, I am looking at working to make our library more accessible so that it becomes a great resource for all the children in our school.



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To brighten up our library, we would love for you to take a picture of yourself reading in an extreme or strange place. Maybe it's on the football field or whilst helping mum or dad on the farm or maybe reading with your dog!!!

I would love to open this challenge up to all of our children and you can email your picture to school (admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk). You have until the end of the half term (30th October) so you have loads of time to think of some weird and wonderful places to take your picture!

TREKKERS

Trekkers' next session is on Tuesday 31st October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 23 rd - 27 th October | Simon Carson Holiday Club | £3.50 per child per day, letter has gone home |
| Monday 30 th October | School opens | |
| Tuesday 31 st October | Trekkers | |
| Thursday 2 nd November | Bags2school | Bags have been sent home |
| Friday 3 rd November | Bonfire Lunch | Menu to follow |
| Friday 3 rd November | Year 1 Audio Screening | |
| Friday 10 th November | Y5/6 High 5 Netball | More details to follow |
| Tuesday 14 th November | Trekkers | |
| Friday 17 th November | Children In Need Day | See newsletter |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | FOMS Meeting | 6pm in school |
| Tuesday 29 th November | Trekkers | |
| Thursday 30 th November | Y1/2 Skipping | More details to follow |
| Friday 8 th December | Flu Jabs YR/1/2/3/4 | Email has been sent |
| Monday 11 th /Tuesday 12 th Dec | Christmas Play | More details to follow |
| Tuesday 12 th December | Trekkers | |
| Friday 15 th December | Christmas Lunch | Menu to follow |
| Wednesday 20 th December | Panto | More details to follow |
| Thursday 21 st December | Christmas Parties | More details to follow |
| Friday 22 nd December | Carol Service | More details to follow |
| Friday 22 nd December | End of Term | |
| Monday 8 th January | Staff training day | |
| Tuesday 9 th January | School opens | |