



# 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 morning, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and Spennithorne on Thursday morning and Friday. I will be out of school on Tuesday

## BITE SIZE FRACTIONS

In both schools, we are holding a 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 27<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30-4pm and for Middleham parents, this will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30-4pm although parents from either school are welcomed to attend either.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take an opportunity to complete the questionnaire and tell us what you think we are doing well and what we need to improve on. I will extend the closing date until Monday night so it gives you plenty of time to complete it.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHOSE THE RIGHT ONE FOR THE SCHOOL YOUR CHILD ATTENDS

MIDDLEHAM <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/mhamparent18/>

SPENNITHORNE <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/spennithorneparent18/>

## EASTER EGG CHALLENGE

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 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

The winner will received 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

At Middleham, we have organised a holiday sports/craft club on the 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March (the second week of the Easter holiday). This will run from 9am-3.15pm. It requires a minimum of 10 to run so we are opening it out to other local schools. However, Middleham and Spennithorne will have first refusal on places.

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.

A leaflet giving full details is being sent home today.

In additional, Leyburn will be running an Easter Club on Thursday and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March. Details of these are to follow.



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## **WORLD BOOK DAY (THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH)**

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite animal on Thursday.

## **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:

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.**

### **MOTHERS' DAY LUNCH – TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 12 O CLOCK**

We would like to welcome our mothers and grandmothers into school for a Mother's Day lunch.

The menu will be Roast Chicken with stuffing, vegetables and gravy, or a Tomato and Courgette pasta bake with salad, followed by Lemon Drizzle cake with custard. The menu will be sent home today, if you would like to attend, please return the order form or email the school before Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> (next week) as we need to put food orders in. Adult lunches are £2.90, please can this be paid for by cash or cheque to the office.

### **COTE GHYLL**

If you would like your child to attend the Cote Ghyll residential trip for Year 3 and 4, could you please pay your deposit by the end of February as I need to start booking and paying for places.

### **CHURCH NEWS**

St. Alkelda's Church, Middleham are launching a new family friendly communion service this Sunday 4th February at 11am. It will be a shorter, simpler, family friendly service with children's songs and refreshments before and after. Families from Middleham School are all welcome. These will be held on the first Sunday of every month.



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## CHOCOLATE BINGO

Our Friends of Middleham School are hosting their annual Chocolate Bingo night at school on the evening of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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?! Thank you for your support.

## NURSERY

Work has started on the nursery. Keep your eyes peeled for developments on our school Facebook page.

## TREKKERS

The next Trekkers club will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March (not the 6<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised)

The last Trekkers of the term will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day	See above
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	YR/Y6 Height/Weight Screening	Letter has gone home
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers Day Lunch	Menu has gone home
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Trip to Eureka!	Letter has gone home
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Cross Country	Letter has gone home to volunteers
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Trekkers <b>NEW DATE</b>	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Digital Leaders	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Quiz Night	More details to follow
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths Morning	Letter has gone home to Y5/6 selected children only
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Kit Day	More details to follow
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Trekkers	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sports morning	More details to follow
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Fayre & Chocolate Bingo	See above
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter tingle	More details to follow
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service	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	