



# 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 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and in Spennithorne on Monday and Friday.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

The School Council did a great job of organising each school's toy and book sale and thank you for your kind donations. We made £129.50 at Spennithorne and thank you to Yorvik for donating cupcakes to sell. At Middleham, we raised £61.78.

Well done!

## CHOSEN CHARITIES

Our School Council have been out canvassing opinion and in Middleham, the chosen charity for the year which we intend to raise money for is Swaledale Mountain Rescue and in Spennithorne, they have chosen Guide Dogs for the Blind.

## POPPY APPEAL

At Middleham, we collected £43.80 and at Spennithorne, £70.20. Thank you for your support.

## CARETAKER REQUIRED 5 HRS PER WEEK

Middleham School is currently looking for a keen and willing person to cover 5 hours a week to fulfil the caretaking role at the school. Roles would need to be discussed but primarily the suitable candidate would need to open the school each morning, undertake minor maintenance, check heating and lighting and carry out various checks. If you are interested, please contact Middleham School on the number above.

## JOINT EDUCATIONAL VISIT

Class 1 at Middleham joined Spennithorne on Monday to chat to the local author, Hannah Russell. This trip was linked to their science topic on caring for animals and also a literacy story writing unit.

A great morning was had by all and it has inspired some lovely writing and role play.

## YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL

Please could you pay a deposit of £25 if you wish your children to go on the Year 5/6 residential to Edinburgh. I do need to find out about numbers to decide whether the trip will go ahead and if so what the final cost will be. We pack so much into 5 days and not only is it a cultural experience, but a social one too, and I would ask you to encourage and support your children to take part.

I hope you feel it is a worthy trip. Costs are as low as possible with a kind donation from the Friends of both schools and I organise it all myself rather than going through a company so you get the best value for money.

## CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Christmas plays will be performed on the following dates and times:

MIDDLEHAM	SPENNITHORNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Rehearsal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm</li> <li>Evening performance Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</li> <li>Day performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Rehearsal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</li> <li>Day performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</li> <li>Evening performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</li> </ul>



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## CHRISTMAS HAMPER

If you have any items for the Christmas Hampers that are being made by The Friends of both Middleham School and Spennithorne School, we would appreciate them in school at your earliest convenience.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards should be back in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

The deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

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

## 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.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm, a menu is being sent home today. This year we would like to invite parents, grandparents and friends to come and have lunch with us; Mrs Carr cooks a fantastic Christmas lunch with all the trimmings so please do join us for this lovely festive get together with paper hats, crackers and music! Children's meals cost £2.20 (free in YR/1/2) and adults are £2.90, payment can be made by cash, cheque or on ParentPay.

**Please can all lunch orders be given to the office by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the latest and please confirm if you are having the vegetarian option. We cannot accept late orders nor change of choice on the day!**

Also, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day so children are invited to come into school in their best Christmassy outfit for a small donation of say £1, all money raised will go to the Swaledale Mountain Rescue, a charity chosen by the School Council.

## FOOTBALL

Linked to feedback from the children, for the rest of this term, Mr Bullock will be running a football club after lunch for ½ an hour. If your children would like to join in, they will need to bring in appropriate clothing and football boots.

## SPORTS CLUB

After Christmas, sports club will move to after school on a Wednesday.

## TREKKERS

Trekkers' next session is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Trekkers	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1/2 Skipping	Letter has gone home
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Jabs YR/1/2/3/4	Email has been sent
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	6pm at Middleham School
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	1.45pm at Middleham School
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Trekkers	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	Menu has gone home
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto	Letter has gone home
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Parties	More details to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Carol Service & Christingle	1.30pm East Witton Church
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of Term	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff training day	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming lessons start for Y3/4/5	Letter has gone home
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5/6 science event at the Wensleydale School	More details to follow
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year Lunch	Menu to follow