



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 Middleham on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Spennithorne on Tuesday and Thursday.

SOCIAL MEDIA EVENT



WHAT DO CHILDREN DO ON SOCIAL MEDIA?



a presentation for parents
of school children
both secondary and primary

Come to our presentation by North Yorkshire Police which explains how and why children use social media and how to keep them safe. The presentation will last for about an hour in the school hall and is open to all parents with children at primary and secondary schools.

Children are welcome but please be aware that some of the content is hard hitting and may not be suitable for younger children.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6th 2018 AT 6.30 PM

The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form, Richmond Road, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5HY
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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 Class 1

COLLABORATION AND FEDERATION

When our two schools joined together, there was always a view to make this a more permanent arrangement and talks have been taking place about moving towards this.

Both schools would retain their separate identities and ethos but work together more closely through trips, planning and other activities.

YEAR 3/4 RESIDENTIAL TO COTE GHYLL

You should have received a letter this week about our proposed residential to Cote Ghyll for our Year 3 and 4 pupils. I will be holding an evening after half term to share information with you about what we will be doing.

CROSS COUNTRY

This event was due to be held on Thursday 8th March at Catterick Racecourse. The location has now changed to Richmond school and sadly, there are no spectators allowed. This is due to building work at the Racecourse.

NORTHALLERTON LIBRARY – THE WONDERS OF SPACE

Selby and Northallerton libraries are working with University of York’s Astrocampus and bringing Space to our fingertips on 13 and 14 February 2018, during half-term.

At Northallerton Library, visitors will be able to explore the wonders of space in the Cosmodome: an inflatable planetarium. They can discover the stories behind the constellations and take a tour of the night skies; fly past the planets and find out about stars exploding! Shows last for 20 minutes and are suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library. Advanced booking is essential as spaces are limited.

For more information and to book your tickets, please contact Northallerton Library

If you are not a member of the library, join now. It is FREE. Visit your local branch or log on to www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries

To find out more about University of York’s Astrocampus please visit: www.astrocampus.org.uk

To book, please contact Greg Kubas (01609 79 8402)

Wednesday 14 February		
Northallerton Library 1 Thirsk Road, Northallerton,	10.30am	Cosmodome – 1 st session*
	11am	Cosmodome – 2 nd session*
	11.30am	Cosmodome – 3 rd session*



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DL6 1PT Tel: 01609 53 3832	12noon	Cosmodome – 4 th session*
Spaces limited. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library	1pm	Cosmodome – 5 th session
	1.30pm	Cosmodome – 6 th session*
	2pm	Cosmodome – 7 th session*
	2.30pm	Cosmodome – 8 th session*

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop in sessions for children up to the age of 4yrs 11 months will be held at Bedale Health Clinic, Sussex Street, Bedale between 9.30-11.30 on the following dates:

7th March 18, 9th May 18, 11th July 18, 12th Sept 18 and 7th 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.

NURSERY

As a school and governing body, we have decided to move forward with the nursery by organising the works ourselves after being disappointed with the lack of progress by the contractors we were using. We have appointed a project manager, a contractor and have spoken to NYCC Early Years Team about putting the nursery out to tender as it will be run by a private provider and not school.

Work will be starting on the empty downstairs classroom next week and this is the room that Class 1 will be moving into, with the nursery using the room that Class 1 currently use. This decision was made for safeguarding reasons and to restrict access to the school by unknown parents.

Spread the word – change is happening (and it's all rather exciting)

PYJAMA DAY

As the School Council's ongoing fundraising for Swaledale Mountain Rescue continues, we will be holding a Pyjama Day on Friday 9th February. For a £1 donation, the children can come into school in their onesie or pyjamas. We promise to try to keep them awake all day!!

CRAFT CLUB

Mrs Alderson will be restarting craft club. If children would like to attend, the club runs each Tuesday from 12.35-1pm in the library. This term, the club will be open to any Year 5 and 6 children who wish to attend.

TREKKERS

The next Trekkers club will be on Tuesday 30th January.



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Following dates are February 20th, March 6th and March 20th.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 30 th January	Trekkers	
Friday 2 nd February	Y3/4 Dance Festival	Letter has gone home
Monday 5 th February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 7 th February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 7 th February	FOMS Meeting	6pm in School
Friday 9 th February	School Council Pyjama Day	See above
12-16 th February	Half Term	
Tuesday 20 th February	Trekkers	
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day	More details to follow
Tuesday 6 th March	Mothers Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Tuesday 6 th March	Trekkers	
Thursday 8 th March	KS2 Cross Country	More details to follow
Tuesday 20 th March	Trekkers	
Friday 23 rd March	Sport Relief	More details to follow
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term	
Monday 16 th April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 17 th April	School opens	