



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

## SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

### AVAILABILITY

Next week, I will be in Middleham on Tuesday and Wednesday and Spennithorne on Monday and Thursday.

### BITE SIZE FRACTIONS

We look forward to welcoming you to either school next week for a bite size fractions information session straight after school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Spennithorne and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Middleham. Parents are welcome to attend either session.

It will be great to see you - 3.30pm till 4pm.

**However, from our Facebook poll on our page, only 1 person is coming to Middleham. It would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know if you are coming or not as we have 4 teachers at each venue on hand and if there is limited interest, we might have to amalgamate the sessions.**

### THE JESSICA BETHELL FOUNDATION

This week, both schools were very proud to accept 2 cheques for £3000 each which has been donated by the Jessica Bethell Foundation to fund the purchase of iPads which will help both schools with greater collaborative opportunities. A photo was posted on our school Facebook page of the cheque presentation.

### LEYBURN STAGE SCHOOL



I have been told that this is a great local resource, advertised here, but it's struggling for numbers. Why not give it a go?

### CROSS COUNTRY

4 of our children from both schools headed off to Dalby Forest yesterday for the Cross Country County Final competition. They ran a tough course in muddy conditions and up a steep hill, and did themselves proud. Jamie D came 4<sup>th</sup> in his age group, Chloe L came 7<sup>th</sup>, Ellie R came 27<sup>th</sup>, and Jack V came 11<sup>th</sup>. Well done to you all.

### EASTER EGG CHALLENGE

The deadline has passed and next week, myself with Mrs Martin and Mrs Ramsay will be looking for the winner for the competition as there is a large (chocolate) egg waiting for the winner.

### SCIENCE GOLDEN DAY

On the last day of term, to celebrate good behaviour from the children for this half term, we are going to be enjoying a science day at Spennithorne. There will be exploding bottles. green snot, spinning buckets and invisible writing. Should be a

pretty good morning!

### EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

We have 6 participants so far. We need 10 to run. Please sign up at your earliest opportunity if you intend to use this holiday facility.



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### WENSLEYDALE TOURNAMENT OF SONG

Both schools took part in the tournament this week; Spennithorne on Thursday and Middleham on Friday. Both schools performed brilliantly and we are all very proud of them. Middleham came joint second which is a fantastic result.

### 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:

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.

### CHOCOLATE BINGO - TONIGHT

Our Friends of Middleham are hosting their annual Chocolate Bingo night at school TONIGHT. Eyes down at 6.30pm. You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks to make it more of an evening.

It's a fun evening open to all, including children and local residents so please spread the word and we look forward to seeing you this evening.

### TREKKERS

Trekkers dates for next half term are as follows: April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Eastertingle	More details to follow
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Bite Size Fractions	3.30-4pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Morning at Spennithorne	Letter has gone home
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term	



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Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Islam Day	Letter has gone home
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS Multiskills	More details to follow
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY	
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	FOMS meeting	6pm in school
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bags to School collection	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Level 2 girls football	More details to follow
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council sponsored walk	More details to follow
28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens	
4-8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 trip to Edinburgh	Information has been sent home
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1/2 Multiskills	More details to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 3/4 trip to Cote Ghyll	Information has been sent home
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Wensleydale School transition days	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Cluster Sports day	More details to follow
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Richard III Day	More details to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	St Francis Xavier induction day	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Teddy Bears Picnic	More details to follow
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Staff training day	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens	