



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

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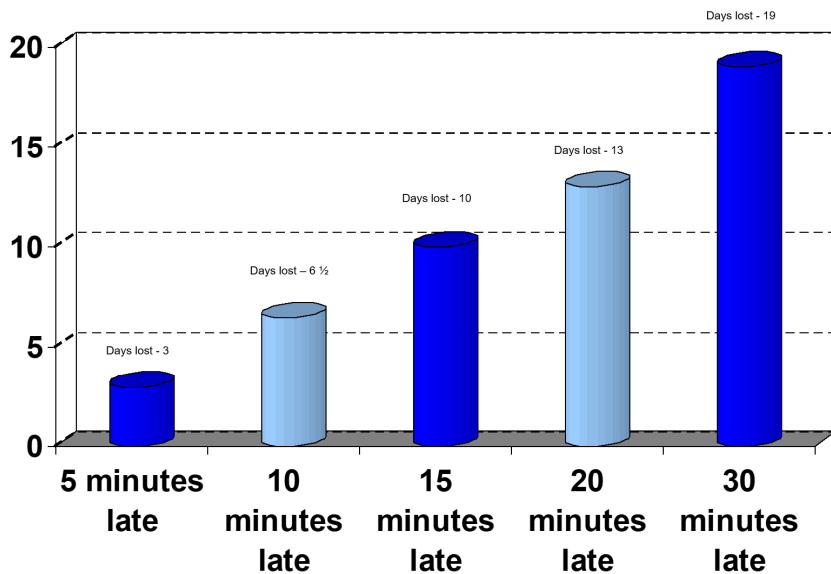
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

## AVAILABILITY

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

The following week, I will be in Middleham on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning and Spennithorne on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon.

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



## PUNCTUALITY

Can I please politely request that your child is in school and ready to start at 8.45am. In both schools, we start learning straight away and it is disruptive for both the child and the class if your child is late. It also has an impact on your child's learning and as you can see, being late every day, adds up significantly to lost learning time.

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

These boxes can be found in the cloakroom in Spennithorne and the office reception at Middleham. Please donate if you can.

**Stage 1 Cycles**  
**Indoor Cycle Sessions**  
**Richmond High School**  
 Saturdays from 12<sup>th</sup> Jan - 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

£10 For 5 sessions  
[helen@stage1cycles.co.uk](mailto:helen@stage1cycles.co.uk)  
 01969 666873

1.15-2.00 Balance & Starters  
 2.15-3.00 Under 10s Improvers

On behalf of Richmondshire Prevention Service



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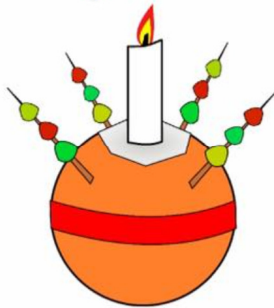
**Middleham Church**



**Warmly invites you to their family**



## Christingle Service



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**5.40pm Make your own Christingle (Materials provided!)**

**6 – 6.30pm Christingle Service**



**Followed by mulled wine & mince pies**



### CHRISTMAS PLAYS

Next week, sees the start of our Christmas plays. Middleham will be performing 'Superstar' on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm and at Spennithorne, they will be performing 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

For the evening performance, can you please bring your child back into school at 5.30pm so that they can get changed, ready for a 6pm start.

As I state every year, I am happy for people to take photos but please do not post any on social media which shows other children as I do not have permission from all parents regarding consent for photos.

There will be a raffle drawn on both evenings, organised by the Friends committees. In addition, the children will be selling some handmade items; tea light holders at Middleham and handmade candles at Spennithorne so don't forget to bring your pennies!

Children can go straight home with their parents after the performance once they have picked up their belongings.

### CO-OP TREE DECORATING

On Monday, our prefects visited the Co-op in Leyburn as we were asked if we would like to

decorate their Christmas tree. I had the privilege of taking the prefects from both schools. I hope you like them.

The Co-op is supporting both schools to raise money to further improve our libraries. Every time you shop in the Co-op with your membership card, 1% of the cost of your purchase is donated to one of three chosen charities with each of our schools being one of these three. If you choose not to elect a school, your 1% donation isn't split three ways but goes to the Co-op's Foundation and sadly, we all miss out.

All you have to do is go online at <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>, log in and select which good cause you would like to support which hopefully is one of our schools.

### JUDAISM VISIT

To mark the end of KS2's study of Judaism, we have a visitor coming to Spennithorne on Wednesday afternoon to talk about Judaism, their special festivals and show artefacts. We will post some pictures online.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas party for both schools is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Children may come into school in their party clothes instead of uniform but we suggest that if children wish to wear special heeled shoes, another pair to run about in would be a good idea for the morning.

A letter is coming out next week about food contributions.



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## PEAT RIGG

We have now had confirmation of numbers and this trip is going ahead. Please ensure the £25 deposit has been paid before the end of term.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Our school councillors have been busy making posters to advertise Christmas Jumper Day. This ties in with our Christmas lunch which is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at Middleham and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Spennithorne. Children and our invited guests can wear their Christmas jumper (for a donation of a £1) and the monies raised will be going towards each school's chosen charity. At Middleham, this is Racing Welfare and at Spennithorne, it is the RSPCA.

Children need to wear school uniform (excluding their sweatshirt) under their Christmas jumper.

## KINGS CLUB

Book the date now!.....August 2019

King's Club aims to introduce children and young people to Jesus in an atmosphere of fun and security. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that King's Club 2019 will take place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019, using the same site as in previous years- Askrigg School, with Low Mill for the Extras. This Christian holiday club will be open to any 6-16 year old in the Dales and transport, to and from the venue, will be available in Wensleydale and Coverdale. Fees remain the same, for the week, as for KC 2017: £32 per child aged 6-10yrs, and £37 per child aged 11-16 yrs old. Further details, including registration forms are available from Heather Sowerby: Tel- 01969 650412 or email- [heathersowerby77@gmail.com](mailto:heathersowerby77@gmail.com).

## SPELLING, READING AND OTHER BOOKS/PACKS

It is important that every day, the children bring in all the equipment they need. This includes their reading book, dictation book, word pack, daily spelling book etc.

A dictation book will be coming home every Friday in KS2 to show you their spelling scores. Please can you sign and date this to show that you have seen it and return every Monday. Thank you .

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you would like to access before or after school care from Kidz Day Nursery, you need to fill in registration form which can be found on each school's website or by emailing [info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk](mailto:info@kidzdaynurserymiddleham.co.uk)

## 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

### CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR MIDDLEHAM CHILDREN UNDER 9

A free Christmas party has been arranged for all Middleham children (up to the age of nine) on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 2pm to 4pm at the Key Centre. There will be a party tea and bouncy castle and every child will receive a free gift.

It is asked that parents stay with their children and no child can come alone.



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## RESOURCES

We are often finding that children are coming to school without bringing the right equipment and resources to support their learning. Can I please remind you of the following so that you can help your child. In addition the new dictation book will be coming home every Friday for children in Year 2 upwards.

We have been busy updating and recorrecting book bands so please don't be alarmed if you think your child's book level has changed.

EVERYDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Reading book and record	Spelling book		PE kit	PE kit	Dictation book sent home  Homework brought in and given out

## TUCK SHOP

Don't forget that tuck shop is open every Friday.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	2pm and 6pm performances
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Trekkers (last one)	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers	Menu has gone home. £1 donation for wearing a Christmas jumper
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols for Racing Welfare	2pm in school
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties	More details to follow
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto	Letter has gone home
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Carol Service	10.30am at St Alkeldas Church
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of Term	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff training day	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 Swimming lessons start	Letter has gone home
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1/2 Skipping	More details to follow
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	FOMS Meeting	6pm in school