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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

KS2 CROSS COUNTRY

Next Friday, we shall be taking all of our KS2 children to Richmond school for the annual cross country event. There will be nearly 900 children and we have been asked to reiterate that due to numbers of children and safeguarding issues, parents **are unable to attend**.

PLASTIC BOTTLES AND 4 PINT MILK CARTONS

We are looking at doing some serious recycling on our golden day. Can you help?

We would like large plastic bottles to make poppies to commemorate the end of the World War I. We will also make tree decorations and use some for weaving. We also plan to use 4 pint plastic milk cartons for some recycled art.

Please start collecting them and bring them in on the last week before half term (washed please!) We need enough for each child to have one of each bottle.

Thank you in advance.

PARENTS EVENINGS

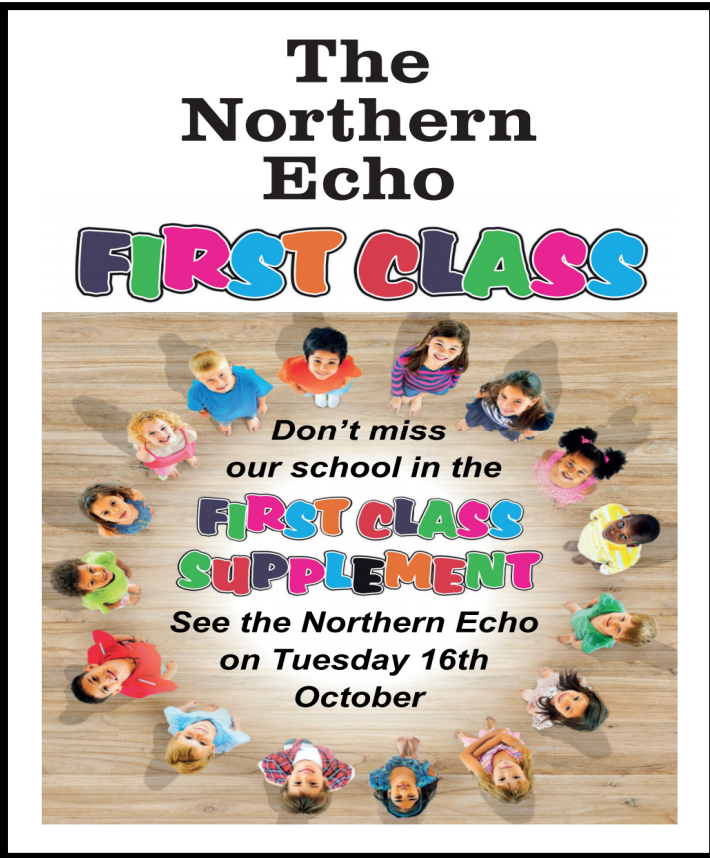

You will have received your parents evening letter this week. Please return this at your earliest convenience to get the appointment you require.

Please note, in Spennithorne, due to parent's evening, there will be no Film Club on that evening (23rd October)


AUTUMN DISCO

The Friends of Spennithorne School are holding an Autumn Disco on **Friday 19th October** from **6.30-8pm** (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME). The cost is £3.50 per child and names will be recorded at both school offices on cash payment. Price will include a hot dog and a drink.

The Friends are also looking for support setting up the disco too. Please help if you can.

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The next information session is being held on:
Tuesday 16th October 2018 from 6.00—7.00 p.m.
Leeming & Londonderry Primary School, Roman Road, Leeming, Northallerton, DL7 9SG.

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

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BEETLE DRIVE TONIGHT – FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

The Friends of Middleham School are holding a Beetle Drive at school on Friday 12th October at 6pm. All are welcome.

FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATION – MESSAGE FROM ALYSON DOWN, COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER (RICHMOND)

Your Child may have come home recently with lots of questions and information about your home Fire Safety. This is because North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service came into School to talk about the role of the service in the Community and also provided Fire Safety advice for the Children to follow up at home. Information was given about a number of common causes of fire and the Children were advised about things such as:

- Not cooking without Adult supervision.
- Not to play with matches or lighters and to ask an Adult to put them away safely.
- Turning off electrical equipment when not in use.
- Not to charge mobile phones or tablets overnight and turn off chargers when not in use.

They were also asked to check that there is at least one working smoke alarm per floor at home and to test them once a month. If you don't have smoke alarms, if they don't work when tested or are over 10 years old, the Fire Service offer a free home safety visit, during which they can test any alarms and fit extras or replacements if needed.

The motto, 'Get Out, Dial 999 and Stay Out' was also highlighted together with the recommendation that each home has an escape plan so that everyone knows what they should do in the event of an emergency. If you would like to request a visit you can telephone 01609 780150 or visit the website www.northyorksfire.gov.uk and fill in the form in the Community Safety section.

LIBRARY

Don't forget the library is open for one lunchtime each week for children.

We are also hoping to open after school on a few dates for some parent and child sessions. Watch this space.

Due to limited funds, any lost book will be charged for.

SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget, every Friday is now Pizza Friday!

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

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 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%.



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SHELVING UNIT

Spennithorne School has an oak coloured shelving unit they no longer require. It is in good condition with 4 to 5 movable shelves and approximately 1.8 metres in height. Available to a good home for a donation. Please contact Spennithorne if you are interested or to view the item.

MIDDLEHAM NEWS

TUCK SHOP

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 16 th October	Y5/6 Crucial Crew	Letter has gone home
Tuesday 16 th October	Trekkers	
Friday 19 th October	KS2 Cross Country	Letter has gone home
Friday 19 th October	Disco @ Spennithorne	Entry £3.50 per child
Monday 22 nd October	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm	Letter has gone home
Tuesday 23 rd October	Class 1 Victorians day	Letter has gone home
Friday 26 th October	Swing Dance Day	More details to follow
Friday 26 th October	Flu Vaccine R-Y5	PLEASE CONSENT ONLINE
Friday 26 th October	School closes	Half Term
Monday 5 th November	School CLOSED	Staff training day
Tuesday 6 th November	School opens	
Tuesday 6 th November	Bonfire Lunch	Menu to follow
Tuesday 6 th November	Trekkers	
Friday 9 th November	Bags2School collection	
Friday 9 th November	Y5/6 High 5 Netball	More details to follow
12-16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Friday 16 th November	Children In Need Day	More details to follow
Monday 19 th November	FOMS Meeting	6pm in school
Tuesday 20 th November	Trekkers	
Thursday 22 nd November	FOMS Meeting	6pm in school
Friday 30 th November	Y1/2 Skipping	More details to follow
Tuesday 4 th December	Trekkers (last one)	
Monday 10 th December	Christmas Play	More details to follow
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers	Menu to follow
Friday 14 th December	Carols for Racing Welfare	More details to follow
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Parties	More details to follow
Thursday 20 th December	Panto	More details to follow
Friday 22 nd December	Carol Service	More details to follow
Friday 22 nd December	End of Term	
Monday 7 th January	Staff training day	
Tuesday 8 th January	School opens	