



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, Wednesday and Thursday morning and Spennithorne on Tuesday, Friday and Thursday afternoon.

FEDERATION

So, I am sure no one woke up on Tuesday morning feeling any different. Well, no, neither did I and I suppose that is the best way but on Monday night, it became official that our 2 fantastic schools joined together to federate. Nothing will change; it will be business as usual. The governing bodies of the 2 schools have joined together to form one governing body to look after both schools.

As mentioned last week, the only change you might have seen is from new emails which can be found above. The old email address will forward on any mail but responses will come from the new addresses.

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READING CHALLENGE

Well done to the following students who won the reading challenge and will be joining me for a trip to either KTeas or Brymor.

Spennithorne – Alice W, Jasmine H Matthew H and Evie H

Middleham – Caitlin H, Ellie R and Charlotte L

GRANDPARENTS' LUNCH

If any Grandparents would like to come and enjoy a school dinner with us next week, please let the office know. For Middleham, the dinner will be held on 20th Sept and on the 21st at Spennithorne.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding our joint Harvest Festival on Friday 28th September at St John the Evangelist Church in East Witton, starting at 10.30am.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could send your child in with some non-perishable food stuff which we can deliver to the Richmond Foodbank.

WORTH A CHAT

This week, I found out about an incident that made me very proud. One of our mums fell down the stairs on Friday night and knocked themselves out. This little one woke up when she heard the sound and saw mummy at the bottom of the stairs (and I am told there was a lot of blood). She checked her Mum was ok then she put on her shoes and in her nightie, unlocked the front door and went next door to get help.

Mum and daughter are doing fine but I was so proud of the actions of this little girl.

I suppose it got me thinking, does your son or daughter know what to do in an emergency. Always worth a 5 minute conversation, isn't it?

Well done to Holly J at Spennithorne – you made us all very proud.

SCHOOL MEALS

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



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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 the school's website or email 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 the following dates:

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

LIBRARY

With our push to improve reading, we are getting closer and closer to getting our library ready for the grand opening in a few weeks. Our librarians are doing an amazing job labelling our fiction books, picture books and guided reading books and have just moved on to putting bar codes into all of our fiction and non fiction books. This is ready for a scanning day to get every book onto the system so that we can work our school library like a proper library and hopefully open it up to children and parents to enjoy a book together after school.

The book scanning day is due to take place on Thursday 20th September and the more people we have scanning the books onto our system, the quicker we can get this great resource up and running in our school. If anyone is available to help, please let me know. I will ensure a constant supply of coffee, cake and biscuits and even a free school lunch.

TUCK SHOP

Don't forget that tuck shop is open every Friday

WEBSITE

Its been nearly a year getting it sorted but have you seen our new website? What do you think? We are really pleased and proud of it.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 20 th September	Library Cataloguing Day	
Thursday 20 th September	Grandparents Lunch	Menu has gone home
Thursday 20 th September	FOMS Meeting	6pm in school
Thursday 20 th September	Richmond School Open Evening 7-8.30pm	
Friday 21 st September	School Photographs	
Thursday 27 th September	KS2 Tom Palmer trip	Letter has gone home
Thursday 27 th September	St Francis Xavier Open Evening 7-9pm	
Friday 28 th September	Joint Harvest Festival	St John the Evangelist Church



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		10.30am
Tuesday 2 nd October	Trekkers	
Thursday 4 th October	TOSH Theatre Trip	More details to follow
Friday 12 th October	Year 5/6 Football	More details to follow
Friday 12 th October	Flu Vaccine YR-Y5	Letter has gone home
Tuesday 16 th October	Trekkers	
Friday 19 th October	KS2 Cross Country	More details to follow
Monday 22 nd October	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	More details to follow
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	Y5/6 High 5 Netball	More details to follow
Friday 16 th November	Children In Need Day	More details to follow
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	