



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 afternoon and Spennithorne on Tuesday, Friday and Thursday morning.

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 10.30.

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

FEDERATION

If you wish to contact school via email, please use the new addresses. The old email address will forward on any mail but responses will come from the new addresses.

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LIFTSHARE

Liftshare have been delivering a FREE safe journey matching services for 20 years, by now you may have heard about the Community Lift Sharing scheme initiated in Mashamshire Community Office in partnership with NYCC.

Simplistically this is a lift share matching scheme for people who are either able to offer a lift OR require a lift. This could either be adhoc or regular, there are **NO** barriers **OR** obligations. We do want to strengthen our community mobility and have a positive impact on reducing isolation. It's also environmentally friendly and can save money!

We can either feel great about offering a lift or relieved we can ask for a lift!... but let's do something and make the winter months ahead a little easier. And if you are already doing this, please let me know.

Once the children have been dropped off at school and you can breathe, phew! That bit of the day earns a big tick, you may have a regular journey you are going to drive and consider someone could benefit from a lift with you??. We hope so.

A passenger might be seeking a work interview, regular/part time work, a doctors appt, a trip to the super market, a ride to London or simple a pop to the shops request, collect a prescription, trip to the hairdressers, post office etc. etc. A driver might be a regular or adhoc traveller either one way or return, or have a regular visit to the shops, or just might like to go out for the day and have some company! The permutations are endless.

Please sign up to liftshare today, it's a simple process and be a part of National liftshare week 1-7th October

<https://liftshare.com/uk/community/masham>

GRANDPARENTS' LUNCH

Thank you to all of our grandparents who joined us on Thursday and Friday to have lunch with the children. It was a pleasure to welcome you into the school. Also, happy birthday to Mrs Holden who enjoyed lunch with us today at Spennithorne on her special birthday – 21st obviously!



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TOM PALMER VISIT

Thank you for those parents who have kindly paid the £1 trip to see the author, Tom Palmer. This money is going to be donated to Tom's chosen charity as he is offering this event for free. Please pay this voluntary contribution if you can.

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 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 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

A huge thanks to parents who came in (with cake) and helped us to catalogue over 1500 books on yesterday. The day was also ably assisted by our librarians who will be receiving training next week in preparation for opening the library to children on a lunchtime.

Children are able to borrow books from the librarians and then return them during library time. Any lost books will be charged so please look after them.

GRAND OPENING

On Wednesday, we welcome our local MP, Rishi Sunak to official open KIDZ day nursery, our new classroom and outdoor play area and our library as well as celebrating our recent federation.

We are sorry it can not be an open house event due to safeguarding within the nursery but we will put some pictures on our facebook page to share this with you.

FLU VACCINATIONS

If you do not sign up to the vaccinations request, your child will miss out. Please go online and sign up by next Friday, 28th September.

TUCK SHOP

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



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OFFICE

Next week, Mrs Martin will be in the office on Wednesday to help with the grand opening. Therefore, she will not be in the office on Monday. Although I will be in, I teach in the afternoon so the office will be unmanned.

WEBSITE

Have you seen our new website? What do you think? We are really pleased and proud of it. I have been told that some of the links don't work. Please let us know what didn't work so we can get it fixed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 10.30am
Tuesday 2 nd October	Trekkers	
Thursday 4 th October	TOSH Theatre Trip	Letter has gone home
Friday 12 th October	Diversity Day	More details to follow
Friday 12 th October	Flu Vaccine YR-Y5	PLEASE CONSENT ONLINE
Tuesday 16 th October	Y5/6 Crucial Crew	More details to follow
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	Year 5/6 Football	More details to follow NEW DATE
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
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



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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	