



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

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

## **AVAILABILITY**

The school is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

## **SEASONS GREETINGS**

As we come to the end of our first term as a federation, I wanted to take the time to say thank you for all your help and support over the last term. I also wanted to thank publicly my staff who have come through a very difficult term smiling. Their hard work and dedication is integral to the school's success.

Thank you

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN IN EYFS (FIRST YEAR OF SCHOOL)**

### **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**

When a child is in the Reception class, teachers assess them throughout the year, to help them in planning for teaching activities and the "next steps" in learning.

Assessment is informal and often involves the adults observing the children in a variety of situations, taking photos and making notes of their achievements.

There are many ways parents can contribute evidence towards Early Learning Goals or ELGs. Please feel free to record them by uploading photographs and comments online through the Tapestry Learning Journal or jot learning moments down on paper and send them into school – your input is highly valued.

Two areas which you could contribute to over the Christmas holidays are - **ELG 13 - People and Communities** and **ELG 15 – Technology**.

### **ELG 13 - People and Communities**

Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

There are lots of easy ways you can help your child to learn more about people and communities. Christmas is a perfect time to take photos of the children with family and friends, celebrating family customs and traditions.

### **ELG 15 - Technology**

Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes.

## **VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEER READERS**

Do you have a spare few hours each week to help us with reading with the children on a regular basis? If anyone is interested, please see myself or our child's class teacher.

You would be required to submit a request for a DBS which the school would fund.

## **CHRISTMAS PLAYS**

I am sure you enjoyed the Christmas plays as much as I did.



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## DAILY FOLDER

You may have noticed that over this last week, the children have been bringing home a new folder. This 'Daily Folder' needs to be brought into school every day and should have in it your child's reading record and reading book. It can also keep their spelling book, homework folder etc.

Inside, children from Year 2 onwards, have also been given a times tables booklet to practise over the holidays. They will then be tested in school, achieving bronze, silver and gold awards in each times table.

Achieving the bronze award means being able to say the times table without long pauses, silver award means they can give the answer to a times table out of sequence and gold award means they are given the answer and have to think of the question or they need to recall the division fact.

We have decided to retire the table troopers as it wasn't as focused and this keeps the children on their toes.

We have also brought back at Spennithorne and sent home at Middleham the Mission Maths booklets. Your child has been told exactly which planet they are working on and it would be great if you could support them in learning these key facts to be tested and signed off in school. As they complete each stage of their mission, they get a certificate.

Also, the children have been sent home with an extra reading book but any reading counts. Please encourage them to read over the holidays and record it in their record. It can be a recipe, an annual, a newspaper report or just their plain old reading book. It all counts.

Thank you.

## THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, LEYBURN

### Friday 21st December 5PM ONLY - Arthur Christmas (U) 1hr 37M

At last the answer to every child's question: 'How does Santa deliver all those presents in one night?' The answer: 'Santa's ultra-high-tech operation hidden beneath the North Pole'. And Santa's son Arthur has an urgent mission that must be completed by dawn on Christmas morning.....

Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be available from our Cafe during the interval. And do come along in your most Christmassy outfits.....!

### Friday 28th December 5PM ONLY Duck Soup

Arguably the Marx Brothers' funniest film, this comedy masterpiece contains several famous scenes, including the hilarious mirror sequence. A wealthy widow offers financial aid to the bankrupt country of Freedonia on condition that Rufus T. Firefly be made leader. But his chaotic, inept regime bumbles into war with neighbouring Sylvania. *There will be complimentary mince pies and mulled wine/squash - so do come and join us for a bit of post-Christmas fun.*

### Art Exhibition - Various Local Artists at Leyburn Arts Centre to January 12th 2019

Nel Hume  
Eithne Henson - landscapes & seascapes, mixed media & acrylic  
Hilary Grisewood  
Catherine Jackson  
Alison Hill  
Heather Pearson  
Lousie Curnin  
Robert Austin  
Jenney Blakley

**Office Closure Monday December 24th 2018 reopening 10AM Wednesday 2nd January 2019**

## JUDAISM VISIT

Sadly, this was cancelled by the organiser as they had double booked us.



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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 Christmas jumper day raised £35.75 at Middleham school for the Racing Welfare charity and £43.00 at Spennithorne for the RSCPA.

## 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).

## 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

### OFSTED REPORT

The new OFSTED report was given out to you all yesterday and we have been very disappointed and disheartened by it and strongly feel that it does not reflect our school at all. Neither does the report reflect the opinions of the Local Authority Education Department or the Diocese.

We have lodged a complaint but very very rarely does this change the outcomes of the report and neither does it stop the publication of the report which will be placed on the OFSTED website on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Hopefully, the proof of the pudding is in the eating and we hope you see your child developing academically, socially, physically and emotionally. We hope you see the strong family ethos and values we represent and hold dear to us. We hope you see the experiences we provide which widen your child's educational experiences. We also hope you see a dedicated team of staff who work tirelessly to bring these events to life.

OFSTED is a snapshot. Of course, we always have areas to develop and improve but the school in this report has not been recognised on the journey it has come on.



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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 so 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 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
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 Bikeability	More details to follow
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Judo taster session	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	FOMS Meeting	6pm in school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Lunch	More details to follow
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3/4 Dance	More details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Disco	At Spennithorne School
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm	More details to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y3/4/5 Swimming lessons start	Letter has gone home
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School closes for half term	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	School opens	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Hockey	More details to follow
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Rugby Festival	More details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	More details to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	All Stars Cricket demo	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers Day Lunch	More details to follow
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2 Tennis	More details to follow
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Lunch	More details to follow



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Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service	More details to follow
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff training day	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed Bank Holiday	