



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

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

For your child to continue to grow and develop academically, it is vital that you are supporting them at home with homework, spelling and importantly, reading. In both schools, we hold competitions to encourage reading. We don't want it to become a bind but an enjoyable experience which helps to develop a love of the written word as they move through life.

We have dedicated teachers in both schools but the fact is **13.36 percent** of waking hours are spent in school by age 18. That means **86.64 percent** of children's time is spent out of school, mainly at home. We need your help.

Both schools do set homework on Purple Mash, with Middleham starting to do this more now. If this is a problem for you, let us know so we can make other arrangements to support you and your child.

WENSLEY DEANARY VISION

Wensley Deanery Vision 2030

Open Meeting – Saturday 24 February 2018

Newton-le-Willows Village Hall, Station Road, Newton-le-Willows, Bedale DL8 1SP

This meeting is open to members of the congregations in chapels and churches across Wensleydale. If you want to find out about the challenges faced by and the opportunities for growth and innovation for the Christian community in the Dale over the next few decades and influence the response to these please do come along. Coffees, teas, water and light refreshments will be available but please bring your own lunch with you.

9.30am	Doors open, light refreshments available
10.00am	Welcome and opening worship
10.30am	Introduction from Area Dean
10.35am	Current examples of lay-led ministry in the Dale
10.45am	The 2030 challenge and three possible responses
11.15am	Break for refreshments
11.30am	Group discussions
12.30pm	Break for lunch
12.30pm - 1.15pm	Archdeacon Beverley Mason and Bishop Helen-Ann join meeting
1.15pm	Feedback on group discussions
2.15pm	Response by Archdeacon Beverley
2.45pm	Ecumenical Service of Blessing
3.15pm	Close of meeting



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There is a car park behind the Village Hall and there is on-street parking in the village. If you do need to park on-street, do please show consideration to local residents.

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Cycling for All

Dates:

Thursday, 26th April 2018
Thursday, 3rd May 2018
Thursday, 10th May 2018
Thursday, 17th May 2018
Thursday, 24th May 2018

Time: 4.15pm—5.15pm

Venue: Richmond School

Audience: Personalised lessons for all abilities

Standard price: £30 / pupil
Includes bike hire and a water bottle

To book your place please register via our website:
www.yesatrichmondschool.net/Training-Events
or email yes@richmondschool.net

In conjunction with Stage 1 Cycles Hawes, YES @ Richmond School are hosting a five session cycling training event for **all abilities**.

These sessions will be fun, game led and skilled based, and will be tailored to meet individual needs.

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

Closing date: Friday, 2nd March 2018

For further information contact Steffy Cappleman (yes@richmondschool.net) or Hellen Pollard (ride@stage1cycles.co.uk)

Training led by:**Stage 1 Cycles**

Stage 1 Cycles is the leading provider of cycling activities in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire.

As a registered Adventurous Activities provider you can be confident in the safety and quality of their activities.

All sessions are led by an appropriately qualified cycling instructor who is subject to disclosure and barring checks. Stage 1 Cycles is an Adventurous Activity Licensed Company.

PUPIL PREMIUM – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Pupil Premium is an additional amount of funding allocated to schools by the government to support the learning and progress of children in receipt of free school meals, those looked after by the local authority or those whose parent/s serve in the armed forces.



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If you feel you might qualify from the list above, you can help us by asking us for an advice leaflet regarding entitlement to Free School Meals or letting us know in your enrolment form about whether your child is looked after or whether a parent is a serving member of the armed forces.

NB: Free School Meals is not the same as the Universal Entitlement Free School Meal given to every child in Rabbits/Class 1

YEAR 3/4 RESIDENTIAL TO COTE GHYLL

You should have received a letter this week about our proposed residential to Cote Ghyll for our Year 3 and 4 pupils. I will be holding an evening after half term to share information with you about what we will be doing.

NORTHALLERTON LIBRARY – THE WONDERS OF SPACE

Selby and Northallerton libraries are working with University of York’s Astrocampus and bringing Space to our fingertips on 13 and 14 February 2018, during half-term.

At Northallerton Library, visitors will be able to explore the wonders of space in the Cosmodome: an inflatable planetarium. They can discover the stories behind the constellations and take a tour of the night skies; fly past the planets and find out about stars exploding! Shows last for 20 minutes and are suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library. Advanced booking is essential as spaces are limited.

For more information and to book your tickets, please contact Northallerton Library

If you are not a member of the library, join now. It is FREE. Visit your local branch or log on to www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries

To find out more about University of York’s Astrocampus please visit: www.astrocampus.org.uk

To book, please contact Greg Kubas (01609 79 8402)

Wednesday 14 February		
Northallerton Library 1 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, DL6 1PT Tel: 01609 53 3832	10.30am	Cosmodome – 1 st session*
	11am	Cosmodome – 2 nd session*
	11.30am	Cosmodome – 3 rd session*
	12noon	Cosmodome – 4 th session*
Spaces limited. Tickets for the session are £1 per person, available in advance from Northallerton library	1pm	Cosmodome – 5 th session
	1.30pm	Cosmodome – 6 th session*
	2pm	Cosmodome – 7 th session*
	2.30pm	Cosmodome – 8 th session*

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:

7th March 18, 9th May 18, 11th July 18, 12th Sept 18 and 7th Nov 18.



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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.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Alkelda's Church, Middleham are launching a new family friendly communion service this Sunday 4th February at 11am. It will be a shorter, simpler, family friendly service with children's songs and refreshments before and after. Families from Middleham School are all welcome. These will be held on the first Sunday of every month.

CHRISTINGLE – MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

"All children deserve the right to a childhood. We are delighted that you have joined us to help the most vulnerable children across England experience a more secure and happy childhood. We would like to say a really big thank you for your online donation of £58.00, which has been successfully received. Our work could not happen without generous gifts like yours. It allows us to work directly with individual children up and down the country who are in desperate need of help."

NURSERY

As a school and governing body, we have decided to move forward with the nursery by organising the works ourselves after being disappointed with the lack of progress by the contractors we were using. We have appointed a project manager, a contractor and have spoken to NYCC Early Years Team about outing the nursery out to tender as it will be run by a private provider and not school.

Work will be starting on the empty downstairs classroom next week and this is the room that Class 1 will be moving into, with the nursery using the room that Class 1 currently use. This decision was made for safeguarding reasons and to restrict access to the school by unknown parents.

Spread the word – change is happening (and it's all rather exciting)

PYJAMA DAY

As the School Council's ongoing fundraising for Swaledale Mountain Rescue continues, we will be holding a Pyjama Day on Friday 9th February. For a £1 donation, the children can come into school in their onesie or pyjamas. We promise to try to keep them awake all day!!

CRAFT CLUB

Mrs Alderson will be restarting craft club. If children would like to attend, the club runs each Tuesday from 12.35-1pm in the library. This term, the club will be open to any Year 5 and 6 children who wish to attend.

TREKKERS

The next Trekkers club will be on Tuesday 20th February.

Following dates are March 6th and March 20th.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5 th February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 7 th February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 7 th February	FOMS Meeting	6pm in School
Friday 9 th February	School Council Pyjama Day	See above
12-16 th February	Half Term	
Tuesday 20 th February	Trekkers	
Wednesday 21 st February	Level 2 Girls Football	More details to follow
Thursday 22 nd February	Science Morning	Y5/6 selected children only
Wednesday 28 th February	Tag Rugby Level 2	More details to follow
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day	More details to follow
Monday 5 th March	YR/Y6 Height/Weight Screening	Letter has gone home
Tuesday 6 th March	Mothers Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Tuesday 6 th March	Trekkers	
Wednesday 7 th March	KS2 Trip to Eureka!	More details to follow
Thursday 8 th March	KS2 Cross Country	More details to follow
Friday 9 th March	Y5/6 Hockey	More details to follow
Thursday 15 th March	Year 5/6 Maths Day	More details to follow
Friday 16 th March	Sports Kit Day	More details to follow
Tuesday 20 th March	Trekkers	
Friday 23 rd March	Easter Fayre & Chocolate Bingo	More details to follow
Wednesday 28 th March	Eastertingle	More details to follow
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Service	More details to follow
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term	
Monday 16 th April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 17 th April	School opens	