



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

## PROPERTY MARKING

NY Police will be offering free security marking for your property at Mole Country Stores, Leyburn on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 5-7pm.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

The school council are asking all children, staff and visitors to either come to school or attend the school Christmas dinner wearing a Christmas jumper/top etc. for a donation and really get into the swing of the Christmas dinner. Monies raised will go towards both school's chosen charities.

The chosen charities for the year are Swaledale Mountain Rescue for Middleham and in Spennithorne, they have chosen Guide Dogs for the Blind.

## RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION EVENT

I will be holding an information session at both schools on the following dates/times

- **Spennithorne Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm ( Hall)**
- **Middleham Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm (Hall)**

Can you please let Mrs Ramsay or Mrs Martin know if **you are or are not** intending to attend.

## WENSLEYDALE CUB GROUP

Wensleydale Cubs are organising the first of two *bring a friend* taster nights aimed at recruiting prospective new members to the pack.

On Tuesday December 12, from 6.15pm to 7.30pm, there will be Christmas by the campfire at Hill Top Farm Moor Road Leyburn with a little bit of bush craft skills and marshmallows thrown in for good measure. Dress warm and bring a torch.

The second is on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the scout hall for fun and games from 6.15pm to 7.30pm.

Cub scouts are for boys or girls aged 8 to 10 ½.

Contact Helen Sunter on 01969 624806, email at [helen@hilltopfarm.cc/](mailto:helen@hilltopfarm.cc/) for more information or just turn up.

## CHRISTMAS PLAYS

We look forward to seeing you at our performances of 'Are We Nearly There yet?' at Middleham and 'Superstar' at Spennithorne. Please can you bring your child to school to get changed at 5.30pm for the evening performance.

We are happy for you to take photos of your child during the performance but in return, ask you to keep clear of the central walkway and for these photos not to be posted on any social media sites. Thank you. Please let's enjoy the ability to keep these memories without abusing our request.

MIDDLEHAM	SPENNITHORNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Rehearsal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm</li> <li>• Evening performance Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</li> <li>• Day performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Rehearsal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</li> <li>• Day performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</li> <li>• Evening performance Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm</li> </ul>



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## CHRISTMAS HAMPER

If you have any items for the Christmas Hampers that are being made by The Friends of both Middleham School and Spennithorne School, we would appreciate them in school as your earliest convenience.

## 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%.

## PARENT VIEW

If you would like to share your views about our school with OFSTED, please use the following website:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## MIDDLEHAM NEWS.

### CHANGE TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

As advised in the newsletter a few weeks ago, we are intending to start the school day 10 minutes earlier as from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and we are in the consultation period now. We propose that the school opens at 8.35am and that the school day commences at 8.45am, 10 minutes earlier than we currently do. If you wish to express your views on this, please can you do so in writing by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. I will inform parents of the outcome in the last newsletter of the year.

### FOOTBALL

Linked to feedback from the children, for the rest of this term, Mr Bullock will be running a football club after lunch for ½ an hour. If your children would like to join in, they will need to bring in appropriate clothing and football boots.

### SPORTS CLUB

After Christmas, sports club will move to after school on a Wednesday.

### TREKKERS

The last Trekkers of the term is on Tuesday 12th December. Apologies for the error last week which said it had finished.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	6pm at Middleham School
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play	1.45pm at Middleham School
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Trekkers	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	Menu has gone home
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 residential information evening	5pm in school



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Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Parties	More details to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Carol Service & Christingle	1.30pm East Witton Church
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of Term	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff training day	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming lessons start for Y3/4/5	Letter has gone home
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5/6 science event at the Wensleydale School	More details to follow
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 Theatre trip	More details to follow
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year Lunch	Menu to follow
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Yorkshire Pudding Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y3/4 Dance	More details to follow
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Rotary Presentation	More details to follow
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	More details to follow
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	More details to follow
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School Council Pyjama Day	More details to follow
12-16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day	More details to follow
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Cross Country	More details to follow
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sport Relief	More details to follow
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens	