



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

10th November 2017

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

CO-OPERATIVE BAUBLE COMPETITION

The Co-op in Leyburn is running a 'Decorate a Christmas Bauble Competition' and children are invited to take part. All decorated baubles will be displayed on a Christmas tree in store and customers would then vote for their favourite. Prizes will be issued for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

To ensure that customers have plenty of time to vote, entries would need to be delivered to the store by Friday 8th December. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Annette or Jonathan on 01969 622140

CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday is Children In Need day. It is a non-uniform day so children may come into school in their own clothes for a donation.

We are also holding a toy and book sale. If you have any spare toys and games, could you bring them into school on the morning of Children in Need day, Friday 17th November and our school councillors will then organise the sale during school time.

Children will then have an opportunity to buy in the sale and all monies raised will be donated to this charity. Children may bring in some money to purchase these goods.

Also, if you have any old round pounds, we are collecting these which will be accepted by the charity.

In addition, children at Spennithorne will have the opportunity to buy a cupcake made by KTeas and donated by Yorvik for £1. We have been donated 50 cupcakes so parents, don't forget to bring some money too at the end of the day as I am sure we will have spares!

PACKED LUNCHES

Can we please ask parents not to send their child into school with nut based products. We have children in both schools with nut allergies and would ask for your help in this matter. Thank you.

PE

As the colder weather draws in, please ensure all children in KS2 (Y3-6) have a warm PE kit for outside PE. This includes an old hoody or warm top and joggers.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Last week, after careful deliberation and both Mrs Martin and Mrs Ramsay ringing around a lot of people, I announced that both schools would be joining together to perform the Christmas play. However, I have underestimated the importance that Spennithorne parents place on their Christmas play, more than any other service. I have spoken to a variety of parents about this. I always greatly appreciate parents who come to see me as I hope you find me accessible and open to suggestions. A comment from a parent about the importance of the Christmas play mentioned a child 4 years ago who wasn't hers but she recalled her performance because she sees the school as a family

A federation is about joining schools together for the benefit of our children but keeping each school's own individual special ethos at its heart. Parents at Spennithorne felt that the special ethos of their school involves a Christmas play in their school with their children.

Therefore, after listening to many opinions, the Christmas play for each school will now be held in both schools with Middleham children putting on their performance at their school and the children at Spennithorne doing the same at their school. The Carol service and Christingle will be held at East Witton church at 1.30pm on 22nd December.



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CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The Friends of both Middleham School and Spennithorne School are requesting donations for hampers which they are hoping to raffle off during the Christmas plays.

The Friends of Middleham are looking for coloured food donations to create 2 food hampers. They are requesting donations that are either green, red, gold or silver.

The Spennithorne School Council will also be producing a hamper – any chocolate items which could be donated would be greatly appreciated – they are not concerned about the colour as long as it's chocolate!

Please could you bring any items into school before 1st December.

EVENTS AT THE LEYBURN ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE)

MUSIC & THEATRE EVENT

Remembrance Event Saturday November 11th at 6.30pm (for an hour)

All Tickets £5.00 online from the website: oldschoolhouseleyburn.com

By phone at 01969 624510 or in person from Leyburn Arts & Community Centre (The Old School House)

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES & FUNDRAISING

Race Night Saturday 18th NOVEMBER 7pm. Enjoy the thrill of the race at The Old School House.

Tickets £7.50 (includes Pie & Peas Supper)

Book Now! by phone at 01969 624510 or in person from Leyburn Arts & Community Centre (The Old School House)

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards have been collected and should be back in school on Monday 4th December. However, if you sent your cards back to school to be scanned, you can update your order by 20th November.

CALENDAR

If you have a photo you have taken or would like to submit one you have taken for our calendar, please email it to either admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk or admin@spennithorne.n-yorks.sch.uk.

We will start making the calendars on Friday 1st December.

USBORNE BOOKS

Usborne Books and Phoenix Cards will be in the foyer of Middleham Key Centre on 15th, 22nd & 29th Nov 11:15am-12:15. Come along and have a look at some of the amazing books and cards available to buy. There are 2 more order dates for Usborne books before Christmas, Fri 17 Nov & Thurs 14th Dec. For more information chat to Olivia Clarkson in Spennithorne school playground or visit www.facebook.com/livclarksonusbormebooks

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

The deadline for applications is **15th January 2018**.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>



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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%.

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.

FOOTBALL

After listening 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.

CHILDREN ON BUSES

It has come to my attention that when the bus arrives in the morning, many children from our school are already unbelted and standing whilst the bus is still moving. When the doors are open, they are already on the steps of the bus ready to descend.

If your child travels on the bus, could you please remind them about their safety whilst travelling. The driver's focus is obviously the road and should not be on whether children are following safety guidelines.

CHANGE OF ARRANGEMENT

If there is a change of arrangement regarding who your child is going home with or how, please can you let us know via by email or writing. We are unable to take a child's word in case they get confused and need clarification from yourself. Your help in this important matter is very much appreciated.

EXTREME READING

If you have any more pictures for us, please email them to school at your earliest convenience.

TREKKERS

Trekkers' next session is on Tuesday 14th November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 14 th November	Trekkers	
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need Day	See newsletter
Wednesday 22 nd November	FOMS Meeting	6pm in school
Tuesday 29 th November	Trekkers	



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Thursday 30 th November	Y1/2 Skipping	More details to follow
Friday 8 th December	Flu Jabs YR/1/2/3/4	Email has been sent
Monday 11 th /Tuesday 12 th Dec	Christmas Play	To be held at Middleham School
Tuesday 12 th December	Trekkers	
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch	Menu to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	Panto	More details to follow
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Parties	More details to follow
Friday 22 nd December	Carol Service & Christingle	1.30pm East Witton Church
Friday 22 nd December	End of Term	
Monday 8 th January	Staff training day	
Tuesday 9 th January	School opens	