



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

15th December 2017

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Dear Parent, Carers and Friends

AVAILABILITY

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

PROPERTY MARKING

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

In addition, on Friday 15th December, Police Community Support Officers will be at Mainsgill Farm Shop between 10am and 2pm. PCSO Helen Sutherland and PCSO Vincent Long will be there to offer advice on keeping safe this Christmas.

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE YOUTH PROJECT

Calling out to all the creative 10 to 24 year olds! TOSH wants your work in their exhibition celebrating young talent in January. It's all free and includes expert advice, a launch party, press and the chance to make a sale!

Deadline for interest 20th December 2017. If you are interested, or want more information, contact Rachael Alderson – Youth Leader: rachael.leyburnarts@gmail.com

BEAR & BUTTERFLY

The Old School House is showing a production of **Bear and Butterfly** on 18th January 2018. We are taking our Class 1 children to see this lovely play, however tickets are still available - **£6.50 each or family of 4 £20.00**

"Bear likes peace and quiet, sitting comfortably sipping his tea, deep in the branches of his tree. Then Caterpillar arrives, munching and crunching. They become the best of friends, until one day Caterpillar stops munching and looks sick. Bear fears he will lose his friend. And then something magical happens...! Puppetry, live music and beautiful storytelling combine in this charming tale about love, loss and friendship."

'High production values and meticulous direction from Dani Parr - a show which audiences young and old will love.' *British Theatre Guide*

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION EVENT

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

- **Spennithorne Monday 18th December at 5pm (Hall)**
- **Middleham Wednesday 20th December at 5pm (Hall)**
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I now have confirmed numbers; the cost of the trip will be £200 per person. This cost, minus the deposit, will be added onto each schools electronic payment system so you are able to pay as and when.

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:

10th Jan 18, 7th March 18, 9th May 18, 11th July 18, 12th Sept 18 and 7th Nov 18.



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CHRISTMAS PLAYS

What a great week we have had! I had the privilege of being involved in two amazing plays with I think, some stars of the future. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

However, I also wanted to extend my thanks to the teachers, Miss Williams and Mrs Shepherd at Spennithorne and Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Brown at Middleham, for the hard work and effort which goes in to pulling together such a performance.

GOLDEN MORNING

As part of our behaviour policy, we celebrate good behaviour and each half term, we have special themed mornings to thank children.

This term our golden morning is on Friday 22nd December and we have Dave Gibson coming in who runs the company 'Skip2Bfit' and 'Box2Bfit'. Our EYFS/KS1 classes will be skipping and our KS2 will be boxing. Boxing is using pads and there is no contact with the body. It is just another opportunity to access a different sport which children may not have tried before.

All children will need both indoor PE kit and outdoor warm kit as we are finishing off with a run around the school.

Children will need to change into their PE on arrival at school as they need to be in school uniform for the carol service in the afternoon. Children will also be making Christingles in the morning to take to the church.

CAROL SERVICE

We are looking forward to our carol service at St John the Evangelist church in East Witton on Friday 22nd December at 2pm. Please bring your singing voices!

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

Please respond by Friday 15th December

As advised in the newsletter a few weeks ago, we are intending to start the school day 10 minutes earlier as from 9th 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 15th 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.



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SPORTS CLUB

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

TREKKERS

Trekkers has now finished for the year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Diary dates

Wednesday 20 th December	Panto	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 20 th December	Year 5/6 residential information evening	5pm in school
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Parties	Letter has gone home
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	
Friday 12 th January	Swimming lessons start for Y3/4/5	Letter has gone home
Thursday 18 th January	Year 5/6 science event at the Wensleydale School	More details to follow
Thursday 18 th January	Class 1 Theatre trip	More details to follow
Thursday 25 th January	Chinese New Year Lunch	Menu to follow
Thursday 1 st February	Yorkshire Pudding Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Friday 2 nd February	Y3/4 Dance	More details to follow
Monday 5 th February	Rotary Presentation	More details to follow
Monday 5 th February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	More details to follow
Wednesday 7 th February	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	More details to follow
Friday 9 th February	School Council Pyjama Day	More details to follow
12-16 th February	Half Term	
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day	More details to follow
Thursday 8 th March	KS2 Cross Country	More details to follow
Thursday 8 th March	Mothers Day Lunch	Menu to follow
Friday 23 rd March	Sport Relief	More details to follow
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term	
Monday 16 th April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 17 th April	School opens	



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Youth Projects

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TAKE ACTION

Do you want to make a difference to Leyburn? Got some ideas to improve the area? We can help you make it happen! Call in on a Wednesday 4pm to 5pm to discuss, send us an email or ask at Youth Club.



Do you want to volunteer but don't know how? Want to earn **UCAS points** and **receive an award**? Need hours towards your **Duke of Edinburgh Award** or just for fun we have lots of **exciting opportunities** here for you!



If you are 11 - 25 years old and interested in music, the arts and the creative industry then The Big Music Project is for you! Join us on Wednesday 4.00pm to 6.00pm



Interested? Or want more information? Contact **Rachael Alderson – Youth Leader:**
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WATCH THIS SPACE... OUR CAFÉ WILL BE OPENING ON CERTAIN EVENINGS SOON FOR 11 – 17 YEAR OLDS