



# 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 in Spennithorne on Tuesday and Thursday.

## SPORTING EVENTS

Please remember that the main reason we organise and attend sporting events is to facilitate a healthy lifestyle and promote interaction with our children’s peers. Please ensure your comments are positive for all children and respect is shown to all officials. If the children see adults doing it, they will follow suit.

## FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

Richmond School are running a free parents workshop for pupils in Year 5 and 6 to offer them the opportunity to learn about a piece of software to support learning called Read&Write.

If you would like to attend, please email [yes@richmondschool.net](mailto:yes@richmondschool.net) to secure your place.

## CARETAKER REQUIRED 5 HRS PER WEEK

Middleham School is currently looking for a keen and willing person to cover 5 hours a week to fulfil the caretaking role at the school. Roles would need to be discussed but primarily the suitable candidate would need to open the school each morning, undertake minor maintenance, check heating and lighting and carry out various checks. If you are interested, please contact Middleham School on the number above.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to all children for their contributions to Children in Need. The book and toy sales in both schools went really well and we will let you know how much we have raised in next week’s newsletter. Well done to both school councils for organising this.

## 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.

## 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

The Christmas plays will be performed on the following dates and times:

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>

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER

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



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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 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## **EVENTS AT THE LEYBURN ARTS AND 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**

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

## **PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**

The deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

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

## **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.

### **STANDING CHILDREN ON BUSES**

Thank you for your help in this matter. It has been reported that this has improved significantly. It is still something we need to monitor but we have seen great strides of improvement.



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## START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

After consulting with governors, our school would like to open a 4 week consultation period regarding changing the start time of the school day. We propose that school starts at 8.45am instead of 8.55am and school will be open from 8.35am. The end of the school day will remain unchanged at 3.15pm. The reason behind this proposed change is that children who arrive on the bus are getting to school for about 8.35am, and for safeguarding reasons we bring them inside, therefore staff already working at this time. We will also gain an additional 10 minutes teaching time every day which is nearly an hour a week. If you have any comments or concerns please send them to [admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk) by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

## TREKKERS

Trekkers' next session is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	FOMS Meeting	6pm in school
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Trekkers	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1/2 Skipping	Letter has gone home
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Jabs YR/1/2/3/4	Email has been sent
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 to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto	Letter has gone home
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 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year Lunch	Menu to follow