



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

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

## AVAILABILITY

The school is now closed for the Christmas break. We reopen on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## END OF TERM

As we come to the end of the autumn term, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for all your help and support over this term, and both myself and staff teams from both schools look forward to working with you again in 2018.

## TABLE TROOPERS

Well done to all the children who have succeeded in achieving their end of year times table target already. Their names were placed in a tin and a winner picked out. Each term, we will add more names we hope and those who have already achieved their target will have another ticket with their name in giving them more chances to win. However, they will also get promoted up onto the next rank.

The ranks are as follows: Private (Y1), Corporal (Y2), Sergeant (Y3), Captain (Y4), Major (Y5), Colonel (Y6)

Well done to the following children whose names were picked out of this term: Middleham – Joseph Brown, and Spennithorne – Jasmine Hall.

## BEAR AND BUTTERFLY

The Old School House is showing a production of **Bear and Butterfly** on 18<sup>th</sup> 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*

## 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:

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

## CAROL SERVICE

We hope you enjoyed our carol service today. It was lovely to hear the carols being sung by us all and remembering the real reason for all of these festivities.

## 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%.



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## LEYBURN ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

## Youth Projects



### Exhibit your work!

Calling out to all the creative **10 to 24 year olds!** We want your work in our 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.



### INTO FILM CLUB

#### Starts February 2018!

Free films for 5 to 19 year olds. Recruiting members now!



### 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:** [rachael.leyburnarts@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.leyburnarts@gmail.com)



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WATCH THIS SPACE... OUR CAFÉ WILL BE OPENING ON CERTAIN EVENINGS SOON FOR 11 – 17 YEAR OLDS



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**MIDDLEHAM NEWS.**

**CHANGE TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY – Important announcement**

We received one response to our proposal to change the start time of the school day, in favour of the proposal.. Therefore, as from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018, the school doors will be open from 8.35am and school will start at 8.45am. Every morning, we will be starting a maths workshop and a variety of games/activities to support the development of arithmetic for all children.

**FOMS**

A huge thank you to Friends of Middleham School who were raising money over the festive period which will pay for extra 'bits' for our children.

They raised:

- Raffle - £384.00
- Quiz Sheets - £104.00
- Racing Welfare Retirees Raffle - £45.00

Impressive, I am sure you will agree.

**SPORTS CLUB**

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

**TREKKERS**

Trekkers will restart in the New Year, we will advise about dates when school re-opens.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

|                                    |  |                        |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 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 |



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| 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       |                        |