



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

HEADLICE

We have had several outbreaks this week, please can you check your child's hair. This is very distressing for all concerned although unfortunately, a fact of school life. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR

At the end of term, our Year 6 pupils from both schools will be coming together to produce the first Middleham and Spennithorne calendar, celebrating the local area. Both schools will be pooling their money from the Rotary Enterprise Challenge, working out unit cost, seeing how many calendars they are able to produce in the first run linked to their funding and marketing their calendars to create a profit. This profit is then donated back to the Rotary who will in turn donate it to the clusters' chosen charity, Guide Dogs.

However, we would like help from all of our children to submit photos for our calendar which celebrate the beauty of our natural surroundings.

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

ADVICE ON COMMON ILLNESSES FOR PARENTS

As a reminder to all, please see the table below regarding how long your child needs to be off school after illness.

This is also posted on both school's websites.

Infection or complaint	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders
Athlete's foot	None
Chickenpox	Until all vesicles have crusted over
Cold sores, (Herpes simplex)	None
German measles (rubella)*	Four days from onset of rash
Hand, foot and mouth	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Measles*	Four days from onset of rash
Molluscum contagiosum	None
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required
Roseola (infantum)	None
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment
Scarlet fever*	Child can return 24 hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment
Slapped cheek/fifth disease. Parvovirus B19	None (once rash has developed)
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Warts and verrucae	None
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting



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<i>E. coli</i> O157 VTEC Typhoid* [and paratyphoid*] (enteric fever) Shigella (dysentery)	Should be excluded for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea. Further exclusion may be required for some children until they are no longer excreting
Cryptosporidiosis	Exclude for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered
Tuberculosis*	Always consult your local PHE centre
Whooping cough* (pertussis)	Five days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment
Conjunctivitis	None
Diphtheria *	Exclusion is essential. Always consult with your local HPT
Glandular fever	None
Head lice	None
Hepatitis A*	Exclude until seven days after onset of jaundice (or seven days after symptom onset if no jaundice)
Hepatitis B*, C*, HIV/AIDS	None
Meningococcal meningitis*/septicaemia*	Until recovered
Meningitis* due to other bacteria	Until recovered
Meningitis viral*	None
MRSA	None
Mumps*	Exclude child for five days after onset of swelling
Threadworms	None
Tonsillitis	None

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, we have been advised to let to you know about the admissions process which you need to complete in order to gain a place at your chosen school. You are advised to apply on line although paper copies of the form and information are available if requested. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2018**.

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

HOLIDAY CLUB

Flyers have gone out for this, it's a bargain at £3.50 per day for over 5 hours of fun for your child and child care for you! Preference is given to pupils at Spennithorne and Middleham schools. Leaflets and methods of payment are available from the school office.

PARENTS' EVENING

Appointment times have gone out for next week's parents evening. Please could you ensure that you arrive on time. Books will be available for you to view in the school hall and your child's class teacher will come to collect you at the given slot. Appointment times are 10 minutes long. If you require a longer slot, please could you

Keeping Safe Online

KEEP CALM AND STAY SAFE ONLINE

This workshop is for Key Stage 2 children and their parents who want to ensure that they can enjoy the internet and modern technology whilst making sure that they are aware of the dangers and know how to keep safe.

Richmondshire Prevention Hub
Wednesday 18th October, from 6:30—8:00pm
 Please let us know you're coming on 01609 532595

Children and Families' Service: Prevention
 Offering early help for children, young people and families.

Children and Young People's Service



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arrange an alternative time in which to discuss your concerns. We will aim to run on time but we do require your help and support.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Friends of Spennithorne School are holding their annual Halloween Disco at School on the last day of half term, Friday 20th October from 6.30-8pm. The cost of entry is £2.50 which includes drink and a hotdog. Children from Middleham are welcome to attend.

No tickets will be given but a list of children who have paid will be kept for entry. Please send your money into either school.

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

NURSERY

Many parents have been asking about the proposed nursery we are going to be opening, so I wished to share an update with you.

On my arrival, only draft plans were in place so an opening of January would definitely not be possible. However, things are now moving forwards and although I am unable to give you an opening date, I can say that significant steps of progress are being made.

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 so we need clarification from yourself. Your help with this important matter is very much appreciated.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Well done to the following pupils who have been duly elected onto the Student Council board.

Ellie R, Scarlett S, Charlotte L, Ewan B, Scarlet S, Ella W and Caitlin H.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Don't forget that we are running a holiday club at Spennithorne over the half term break, linked to funding from the Big Lottery Grant. This costs only £3.50 for the day. Leaflets and methods of payment are available from the school office.



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EXTREME READING

Over the next few months, I am looking at working to make our library more accessible so that it becomes a great resource for all the children in our school. To brighten up our library, we would love for you to take a picture of yourself reading in an extreme or strange place. Maybe it's on the football field or whilst helping mum or dad on the farm or maybe reading with your dog!!!

I would love to open this challenge up to all of our children and you can email your picture to school (admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk). You have until the end of the half term (30th October) so you have loads of time to think of some weird and wonderful places to take your picture!

TREKKERS

Trekkers' next session is on Tuesday 31st October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16 th October	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	Letter has gone home
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	Letter has gone home
Thursday 19 th October	Y5/6 Trip to Crucial Crew	Letter has gone home
Friday 20 th October	School closes	Half Term
Friday 20 th October	Halloween Disco @ Spennithorne School	6.30-8pm, £2.50 entry
23 rd - 27 th October	Simon Carson Holiday Club	£3.50 per child per day, letter has gone home
Monday 30 th October	School opens	
Tuesday 31 st October	Trekkers	
Thursday 2 nd November	Bags2school	Bags have been sent home
Friday 3 rd November	Bonfire Lunch	Menu to follow
Friday 3 rd November	Year 1 Audio Screening	
Friday 10 th November	Y5/6 High 5 Netball	More details to follow
Tuesday 14 th November	Trekkers	
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need Day	More details to follow
Wednesday 22 nd November	FOMS Meeting	6pm in school
Tuesday 29 th November	Trekkers	
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	More details to follow
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	More details to follow
Friday 22 nd December	End of Term	
Monday 8 th January	Staff training day	
Tuesday 9 th January	School opens	