



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 Tuesday morning, Wednesday all day and Thursday all day and in Spennithorne on Monday all day and Tuesday afternoon.

RICHMOND SCHOOL

If you are interested, Richmond School is hosting an open evening for prospective parents on Tuesday 26th September at 7pm.

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 meets both the criteria on the form and that your child's attendance is above 95%.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The holiday sports club has now been confirmed.

Next week, a flyer will be coming out for you to hopefully sign up and take advantage of this extremely reasonable holiday sports club run by Simon Carson. The club will run during the October half term from Mon 23rd to Friday 27th October and will cost only £3.50 a day per child which is an absolute bargain for a day's child care, and a day of fun activities for the children. The offer will be open to Spennithorne and Middleham schools as first priority and also to Leyburn.

HARVEST

Our joint Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 6th October at East Witton Church at 9.30am. Could we please ask you to bring an item of in date food which the child can place at the altar as our Harvest donation. We can then donate these offerings to Storehouse, the foodbank in Richmond.

TAG RUGBY

Good luck to both schools attending the Wensleydale Cluster Tag Rugby event on Tuesday. You are welcome to come and spectate. The event starts at 9.30am and our children will be playing on pitch 2 and pitch 4.

Y5/6 GIRLS AND BOYS FOOTBALL

Next Friday, we are going to be sending a joint Spennithorne and Middleham team to Leyburn School for the annual football cluster festival. At least, this one will be easier to cheer on for me!

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/>

SEND REVIEW

NYCC are currently in the process of reviewing its SEND provision (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and invite parents to be involved in this review.

Please follow this link to register your interest. <https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=150530072978>



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MIDDLEHAM NEWS

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. Next week, I will be working with our new librarians, training them on the computer system and we hope we can then open up the library during one lunchtime for children to enjoy our books.

To brighten up our library, we would love for you to take a picture of your child 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!!!

You can email pictures to school (admin@middleham.n-yorks.sch.uk) and 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

Don't forget – Trekkers starts on Tuesday 26th September.

WORLD FOOD DAY

We are going to be celebrating World Food Day on Thursday 5th October in school with a change to the menu. It is also our school Census day, this is important as our lunch numbers in Class 1 partially determine how much funding we receive, so please can as many Class 1 children as possible have a school lunch that day?

The menu for that day will be a choice of Italian or Indian with an American style dessert. The full menu and order form is being sent home today, please complete and return to the office.

Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends are all invited to join us for this special lunch. Please come to the main front door at 12 o'clock and your children will come and collect you. Adult meals are £2.90, child meals are £2.20, and please can visitors pay by cash or cheque.

PLAYTIMES

The toys have arrived and the children will start using them on Monday. I am really looking forward to seeing how the children enjoy the games. We have loads of new skipping ropes, French skipping ropes, stilts, bats, balls, dominoes; the list is endless. We have managed to fill 3 large bins with toys and games that will be rotated through the week.

The Friday bin is filled with special toys including scooter boards, croquet sets and pogo sticks. I really hope the children enjoy them. I am sure they will and look after them too. As a school, we have reminded the children about our golden rules which we expect the children to strive towards. Here they are for your information:

- Be kind and helpful
- Work hard
- Always listen carefully
- Look after property
- Be honest and gentle
- Love your neighbour as you would yourself



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UNIFORM

It is great to see many of our children wearing their ties in all year groups mature enough to wear them. You all look super smart!

We have purchased a new set of ties for our Year 4 pupils but will monitor whether this uniform is being maintained and if it is, we will maintain this tradition.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 26 th September	Class 2 Tag Rugby	Letter has gone home
Tuesday 26 th September	Trekkers	3.30-4.30pm
Friday 29 th September	Y5/6 Football	Letter has gone home
Thursday 5 th October	World Food Day Lunch	Menu has gone home
Friday 6 th October	Harvest Festival	More details to follow
Tuesday 10 th October	Trekkers	
Thursday 12 th October	New to EYFS/Y6 Meeting	3.30-4.30pm in school
Monday 16 th October	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	More details to follow
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm	More details to follow
Friday 20 th October	School closes	Half Term
23 rd – 27 th October	Simon Carson Holiday Club	£3.50 per child per day, letter to follow
Monday 30 th October	School opens	
Tuesday 31 st October	Trekkers	
Thursday 2 nd November	Bags2school	More details to follow
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
Tuesday 29 th November	Trekkers	
Friday 1 st December	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	



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Friday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch	Please note change of date
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	