



The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools

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Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17: 7 - 8

Friday 24th June 2022 – Newsletter *This term our Christian Value is Service*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started with some unexpected visitors in our school garden, 5 baby hedgehogs, which unfortunately didn't look so well. Thank you to the amazing team at HAPPY – Hedgehog, Appreciation, Prickly Pals Yorkshire, who came and rescued them to aid their recovery. They are looking very comfortable in this photo having had some TLC, food and water.

Online Safety for parents

As a parent of two teenage boys who always seem one step ahead of me when it comes to technology, it can seem an alien world! It can sometimes be difficult to gauge what games are or are not suitable and I often hear the phrase, "But mum _____ is allowed that game and plays it all the time!"

I thought it might be helpful to share a few useful websites, please see links below:

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/online-safety/> This link gives some top tips and guidance
<https://www.common sense media.org/> I've used this website **as a guide** when purchasing games for my boys, it gives a useful insight.

Please do check your child's devices on a regular basis, a number of new games have a 'chat' function which can sometimes lead to children engaging in conversation with people that they do not know.

Year 3 & 4 Athletics

Owls class competed in the cluster athletics tournament on Thursday, at Askrigg School. The events were wellie hammer, triple jump, shot put, javelin, long distance running and sprint. As usual, we couldn't be prouder of the children for their perseverance, resilience and good sportsmanship! Their hard work in the heat paid off and we came away with the following awards:

- 1st place year 3 welly hammer - Summer
- 1st place year 3 shot put - Jamie
- 1st place year 3 javelin - Jamie
- 1st place year 3 long distance running - Sam



What a fantastic day! Well done everyone!



Results from the Parent Survey (results on the last page of the newsletter)

We are pleased with the responses given in the questionnaires and are working hard to improve all areas of school especially those where parents/carers would like to see particular improvements including: responses to concerns raised and ensuring that any incidents of bullying are dealt with quickly and effectively. We are also looking at ways to extend our offer of opportunities for children outside of the school day, especially for our younger children and also ways to improve communication between school and home.

Once again we would like to thank all of the parents and carers who responded to the questionnaire. If you have any queries or further comments to make, please do not hesitate to contact me at either school.

Summer Fair – Saturday 16th July 2022 12 – 3pm

Please check your child's bag for your raffle tickets. There are some fantastic prizes so please help our school by selling these tickets among your friends and family. More tickets are available from the School Office.

Well-being Week

Next week the children will be engaging in a range of activities to promote well-being and how to look after our mental health.

The children will need to be in school PE kit every day for the week starting from Monday 27th June 2022.

We will have a particular focus on keeping active including:

Monday – Drumba, Healthy Eating

Tuesday – Cycling

Wednesday – Forest Schools (Foxes and Owls only)

Thursday – Gymnastics

Friday – Golf



Please make sure your child has a sunhat, water bottle and that they are wearing sun cream.

Rabbits Class News

As a lovely end to our topic "Amazing Animals"; local friend of our school, Raye Wilkinson, kindly brought some moths into school to show the children. Ray explained the techniques and equipment needed to safely catch the moths and the children were amazed at the size and colours of the beautiful moths found.

The white/grey one is a Puss moth and the other 2 are both Elephant Hawk moths.



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Parent Survey Results Summer Term 2022 38 responses 97% of parents would recommend our school	Strongly agree or agree	Disagree or strongly disagree	Don't know or N/A
My child is happy at this school.	92%	5%	3%
My child feels safe at this school.	97%	3%	0%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	92%	5%	3%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	21%	5%	74%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	100%	0%	0%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	82%	2%	14%
The school has high expectations for my child.	84%	3%	13%
My child does well at this school.	97%	3%	0%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	82%	13%	5%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	94%	3%	3%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	63%	29%	8%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	82%	8%	10%
Communication between school and home is effective?	53%	34%	13%

A summary of positive comments:

"I find the reminders emails sent out the day before a particular event or special day helpful, this is a big improvement."

"The school is fantastic and has had 4 generations of my family there!"

"Extremely happy with both schools."

"It feels like the school is beginning to thrive under new leadership. My children are very happy there and I can see they are happier, their learning is improving and I am confident the school is heading in the right direction."

Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 27th June:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Middleham/Spennithorne	Middleham	Middleham/Spennithorne	Spennithorne	Spennithorne

Diary Dates

w/b Monday 27th June – FEDMAS well-being week (more information to follow soon)

Tuesday 28th June, 8.45am – Owls leading Collective Worship at Middleham

w/b Monday 4th July – Year 6 Transition week for pupils going to Wensleydale

Tuesday 5th July – Transition morning for all children – more information to follow

Wednesday 6th July – Year 6 Leavers' Service at Ripon Cathedral (Y6 children only)

Friday 8th July – Owls & Foxes trip to Grinton Moor (more information coming soon)

Monday 11th July – Year 6 transition day for Y6 pupils going to SFX

Thursday 14th July – Federation Sports Day – parents are invited to join us at Middleham for the afternoon

Saturday 16th July – School Summer Fair 12 – 3pm at Spennithorne

Friday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers' Service at 11am – all welcome

Friday 22nd July – Last day of term

A set of ladders, similar to the ones pictured below have been found on Middleham School Field. If you think they may be yours then please contact the school office.

