



The Federation of
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Primary Schools

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Newsletter 27th September 2021

Wow! What a fantastic way to end a brilliant week. The federation day was a huge success and it was lovely to see the children interact with each other! The focus of the day was on wellbeing, the children took part in a range of activities, including Forest Schools (many thanks to Mrs Wheeler for her wonderful skills in making this happen) and a range of art and sporting activities. We look forward to having future federations days throughout the school year. Photo updates will be in our Friday newsletter.

House Teams and awards

As part of the day we introduced the children to their new house teams: Wensleydale, Swaledale, Nidderdale and Coverdale. The children will be earning dojo points to acknowledge their extra efforts and for following our school rules: Be safe, Be responsible, Be respectful. These points will be rewarded individually. For every 10 points a child receives they will be awarded a Headteacher's Award. When the children achieve 100 they will receive a Bronze Award, 200 a Silver Award & 300 a gold award (the Year 6 children are in negotiation with Mrs Mann to set achievable milestones for this year as the new system is introduced). The points will also count towards the house team score and these will be updated weekly, keep an eye out in the newsletter for updates.

Friends of School

The Friends committee have been busy thinking about fundraising and social events for the coming year. The Friends are a sociable group made up of parents, friends and school staff who always love to see new faces. They do an invaluable job of raising funds for the extra bits that school would love to provide for but can't really afford. If you would like to be involved, please do come along and join us at the AGM on Zoom!

Date Tuesday 28th Sept

Time 8.30pm

Zoom ID 2595321173

Passcode 524141

End of the School Day

Please can I remind parents that once you have collected your child(ren) you should leave promptly to enable staff to close the gates and secure the school site. Thank you for your support with this.



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Message from the school offices

If you need to make changes to the collection arrangements for your child during the school day, please can we request that these are made by telephone (please do not leave a message on the school answer phone) and not by email. We need to ensure that you have spoken to a member of staff, as a message or email may not get picked up in time. This is only if you are making a change **on the day**.

Hello Yellow

On Friday 8th of October we would like to ask the children to wear something yellow to school. They can either come dressed in yellow from head to foot, or wear casual dress with a tiny splash of yellow somewhere – or anything in between the two. Hello Yellow is a day to raise awareness and support for young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day. There are a number of activities planned throughout the day to link in to our PSHE (personal, social, health, and economic education) curriculum.

Have a super week!

Mrs Mann



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Mrs Mann's availability next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Middleham	Spennithorne	Middleham	Spennithorne	Spennithorne – am Middleham - pm

Diary Dates

Thursday 30th September 2021: Owls & Foxes - Cross Country at Richmond School – children should arrive in school PE kit, with a packed lunch and water bottle.

Friday 8th October 2021: Hello Yellow Day, World Mental Health

19th & 20th October 2021: Parents Evening – additional letter to follow

Friday 22nd October: Harvest Festival – we hope to be able to invite parents to this event, more information to follow soon

Friday 22nd October: Break up for Half term

Monday 1st November: School Opens

Keeping Children Safe Online

Whilst children are spending so much time online, we need to make sure we keep them as safe as possible. If you would like some advice on this, please see guidance for parents below:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?page=7>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/getting-to-know-what-your-child-is-doing-online/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/send-online-safety-hub/>



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