



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

Executive Headteacher – Mrs Marie Mann

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

**A PLACE TO LEARN, LOVE & GROW**

**Friday 29th April 2022 – Newsletter**

***This term our Christian Value, chosen by the Collective Worship leaders is: Friendship***

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you had a restful Easter holiday. It has been a great start to the Summer Term in all our classes. The children have been excited to start finding out about their new topics this term. Please take a few minutes to read the relevant curriculum letter which tells you what your child will be learning about this term. These can also be found on the Class page of the school website.

### **School Vision Logo**

I am very excited to reveal our new school logo which was designed by the Lambert Family and the Barnard Family. A huge thank you to Mr Brown who has very kindly dedicated time to carefully put together the two designs.

### **Class Structure from September 2022**

We are delighted to inform you that from September 2022 we will be moving to 5 classes due to increased numbers. We will have separate classes for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children and are in the process of recruiting for a new teacher and teaching assistant to join our team. These children will be taught at Spennithorne. The class structure will remain the same for this academic year at Middleham.

### **NSPCC Pants Programme**

All the children at The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary School will be completing the NSPCC PANTS programme this term. Information for parents/carers can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

### **Attendance**

I am sure that as a parent/carer you will agree with me that attendance at school is vital. Over the last two years, the pandemic has caused a lot of disruption to pupils' education.

Myself and governors will continue to carefully monitor pupil attendance this term. A pupil with attendance below 90% is classed as a persistent absentee and government research has found that this impacts a young person throughout their life. You can read about it on page 24:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1063602/Opportunity\\_for\\_all\\_strong\\_schools\\_with\\_great\\_teachers\\_for\\_your\\_child\\_print\\_version.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063602/Opportunity_for_all_strong_schools_with_great_teachers_for_your_child_print_version.pdf)

Please can I request that, wherever possible, medical appointments are made outside the school day. I appreciate that this is not always possible, if your child does have a medical appointment in the school day, for safeguarding reasons we are required to sight a copy of the appointment letter/email. Holidays should be taken during the school holidays and in the exceptional circumstances that these need to be taken during term time a holiday request form must be completed (available from the school office).

### **Ukraine Appeal**

In March you will recall the School Council organised a fundraising event and appeal for Ukraine. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances one of the vans did not depart on Trip 2. However, this week Ukraine Trip 3 took place and our rabbit made its journey across Europe. Thank you again for all your generous donations and also to the amazing team at Colburn who have made it possible for us to play our part!



## Friends of Middleham & Spennithorne (FOMAS)


Thank you to the Friends of School for organising the community litter pick during the Easter holidays. The children did an amazing job serving our community – well done to all who took part. We also took the opportunity to release the butterflies that had been resident in Badgers Class.



This week PE days will be:

<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>
<b>Badgers</b>	<b>Tuesday (swimming) &amp; Thursday</b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>
<b>Foxes</b>	<b>Thursday</b>

**Governor Update – meet the governors**

<p><b>Lucy Hall Parent Governor</b></p>	<p>I have been a parent governor at the school for almost 4 years. My son attended Spennithorne and my two daughters are currently in year 5 and 6. I have always been a willing volunteer to support the school, assisting on school trips and swimming, listening to readers and raising funds with the Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne School. I have always been passionate about both our schools, the wonderful staff who work in them, the children, parents and the wider community. I am currently the safeguarding governor and attend regular updates to support my role.</p>
	<p>In September I started my role as a GTA in the Badgers class at Spennithorne, which I love! Prior to this I worked at Leyburn Primary School for 20 years as Deputy Headteacher, teaching all year groups from nursery to year 6. I was on the governing body for about 12 years as the staff representative. My decision to take a step back from teaching and school leadership has allowed me the time and energy to focus on other aspects of my life.</p>
	<p>In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family and friends, watching my children play football in all weathers, baking, walking my dog and riding my bike.</p>

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.



Mrs Marie Mann  
Executive Headteacher



## Class News

### Rabbits

The children in Rabbits class had a lovely surprise when they returned to school this week. Mr Mann and Mr Brown had kindly built a new construction zone and a pallet bus in our outdoor area. The children have loved the new spaces and have been pretending to drive the bus to Africa to search for amazing wild animals and to the seaside to spot sea creatures. The children also worked as a team in the gravel area and built inventions inspired by the story Rosie Revere Engineer.



### Badgers

We were sewing puppets of characters from the books that we have read so far in class. Badgers worked really hard to thread their needles and unpick their stitches if they made a mistake. Great team work too!



### Diary Dates

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday – school closed  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School open  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Rabbits & Badgers Parents Evenings  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week (letters issued to Y6 parents)  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 SATs (letters issued to Y2 parents)  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half term  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – School closed for staff training day  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School open  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – FOMAS meeting at Cover Bridge Inn, 7.30pm  
 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Save the date School Summer Fair  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of term

### Mrs Mann's availability next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Am – Middleham Pm - Spennithorne	Am – Middleham Pm - Spennithorne	Spennithorne	Middleham

