



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 4th March 2022 – Newsletter
This term our Christian Value focus is: Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

There was a lot of excitement in school to celebrate 25 years of World Book Day. The children enjoyed sharing their favourite books, creating 'a book in a box' and sharing a love for reading.

Badgers Class enjoyed a special online workshop with award winning author and illustrator Catherine Rayner, who grew up in the countryside of Yorkshire. Catherine shared a number of her books with the children and then guided them to create their very own book illustrations. Owls Class joined a workshop with the hilarious Michael Rosen!

Mrs Ibbotson will be sharing photos of our celebrations in our March newsletters, later this month. She will also announce the winner of the extreme read (if you haven't sent photos in, we have extended the deadline to Monday 7th March).

Amazon Wish list

We are regularly asked by parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school as to how you can support the school to continue to provide a rich, wide-ranging curriculum and a high standard of education. If you would like, and are able, to support the school and your child's education, please buy one of the books on our Amazon wish lists. This will arrive at school a few days later and be added to the children's class library. There are separate lists for EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

If you choose to donate a book to our schools, your donation will be acknowledged with a bookplate, designed by the children, placed inside the book that you have gifted.

EYFS: <https://amzn.eu/btil3OH>

KS1: <https://amzn.eu/0ini6z2>

KS2: <https://amzn.eu/a0gQh2f>

A Journey for Lent: Relationships

The Church of England Diocese of Leeds have created some wonderful resources to help our school community journey through Lent. The Rhythm of Life resources, which the children will be using during Collective Worship, focus on the theme of 'Relationships'. Each day the children will be given the opportunity to consider one of the seven habits of life (pictured to the right).

As the weeks progress, we will look at some different relationships that are part of our lives. We will reflect on why each is important and what we can do to develop it.

Lent is about taking action and learning to live a better life. So on the way, there will be suggestions about what actions we can take each day. Attached with this newsletter is the weekend 'actions' that you can take the time as a family to share together. This week we have been focusing on relationships with parents and carers.



Ukraine Crisis

As a school community we have been saddened and challenged by the events unfolding in Ukraine. A number of our children, particularly those in Owls and Foxes have also expressed sadness and our teachers have been responding by giving the pupils the opportunity to talk and reflect through PSHE and during Collective Worship. As a school (involving the school council) we are looking at ways that we can help and will update you in the coming weeks.

It can be very difficult as a parent to know how to respond during these difficult times. There are a number of helpful video links that can be found on BBC Newsround and I would particularly like to draw your attention to the following:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

We understand there are some local collection points for aid, one of which is Colburn Village Hall.

Special Performance by Rabbits and Badgers & Phonics sessions

The children in Rabbits and Badgers Class are really excited to share their performance with you on Monday 7th March, 3pm. This will be followed by a short presentation from Mrs Ibbotson and Mrs Brown to share with you our new phonics scheme. We look forward to welcoming you! **Please wear a facemask unless you are exempt.**

Comic Relief

We will have 100% plastic-free Red Noses on sale from Monday 7th March, costing £1.50 on a first come first served basis. Comic Relief is on Friday 18th March and we will be inviting pupils to wear fancy dress or something red with non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1.



Relationship and Sex Education Update

This Wednesday we welcomed Clare Barrowman, Senior Health and Wellbeing Adviser from NYCC, to lead some training on PSHE, Relationship and Sex Education to our teaching staff.

I am pleased to share with you the very positive response we have from our Parent PSHE & RSE questionnaire which was part of our consultation process.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I think that PSHE & RSE education is an important part of the school curriculum.	62.5%	37.5%			
PSHE/RSE topics taught in school can make a real difference to young people's lives.	50%	50%			
I feel happy to talk to my child about growing up, sex and relationships.	62.5%	37.5%			
I understand and agree with the content of the PSHE/RSE policy.	37.5%	62.5%			
I am aware of the topics that will be covered by PSHE/RSE as outlined in the schools policy.	25%	75%			

Our policy can be found on the school website, which outlines the content of the PSHE & RSE curriculum taught in school: http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/images/files/newsletters/FEDMAS_PSHE_RSE_policy_-_Feb_2022.pdf
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss O'Neill our PSHE curriculum leader.

Foxes Class News

On Tuesday, Foxes Class visited the Police & Prison Museum in Ripon. The children were taken back in time to the historic courthouse and impressively acted out a true, ancient court hearing. They dressed up and fantastically, fulfilled the role of their characters. The children were given the opportunity to go into the different prison cells and learn about some of the historic findings of crime and punishment. The children especially enjoyed dressing up and taking on roles as historical figures.



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Mrs Marie Mann
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 7th March – Owls swimming session

Monday 7th March, 3pm – Phonics event at Spennithorne School for Rabbits & Badgers (plus a special performance from the children!). Please wear a facemask (unless exempt)

Thursday 10th March – KS2 Archery Competition (children involved have received a letter)

Friday 18th March – Comic Relief (pupils are invited to wear fancy dress or something red with non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1)

Monday 21st March – Parents Evening at Spennithorne (letter to follow)

Tuesday 22nd March – Cycle Day (Rabbits & Badgers only, letter to follow)

Wednesday 23rd March – Parents Evening at Middleham (letter to follow)

Monday 4th April – Cricket coaching (Badgers, Owls & Foxes) – more information coming soon

Monday 4th April – Rabbits visit to Foxglove (letter to follow)

Wednesday 6th April – Badgers visit to Foxglove (letter to follow)

Wednesday 6th April – Owls & Foxes additional swimming session at Richmond (more information coming soon)

Friday 8th April – Break up for the Easter Holiday

Monday 25th April – Staff training day

Tuesday 26th April – School opens for the Summer Term

Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 7.03.22

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

