



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 7th January 2022 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value focus is: Courage

Dear Parents and Carers,

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year! It was lovely to see the children back in school on Wednesday and to hear about all the things they'd been up to over the holidays!

Curriculum Topics

We have come back refreshed and have launched ourselves straight into our exciting new topics. The curriculum letters for each class are attached to this letter and can be found on the school website. In this photo Owls Class are preparing for battle with their Roman Shields, designed, made and painted by the children.



Homework

This term the children in KS1 and KS2 will be focusing on Reading for their homework tasks. Your child will come home with a grid that contains a range of reading activities and they should aim to complete at least one each week in their homework book. Tasks can be completed using their reading book, a book you are reading as a family for pleasure, newspapers, magazines, comics, articles read on the Internet etc. We will be celebrating and sharing the children's work in our Celebration Worship. Your child is also expected to complete weekly spelling, daily reading and maths homework. We would also encourage your child to spend 10/15 minutes a week on: <https://www.rmeasimaths.com/>

Start of Day – safeguarding protocol

If the school gates are closed (Middleham at 8.45am, Spennithorne at 9am) and your child is late to school then please bring them to the school office. This is essential to keep your child safe as all external doors are locked.

Inter School Transport

We currently have a waiting list for our school bus transport. If you no longer require a place for your child, please can you let the school office know as soon as possible (even if it is just one day this would be really helpful). If your child does not use the bus for two consecutive weeks (except if they are unwell) their place will be allocated to the next child on the waiting list.

Collective Worship Leaders

I was delighted to meet with our Collective Worship Leaders in both schools this week. They have some excellent ideas on how they can lead worship and make it inclusive for all of our school community. The focus of our meeting was to discuss our Christian Values for the next term, this half term we will focus on Courage as they felt that through the current uncertain times we all need a little extra courage!



Welcome to our School

This week we were pleased to welcome Roman to our school who has joined Foxes class in Year 5. Mrs Thompson will also be joining our staff team as MSA. We have also welcomed Mrs Durrant, School Administrator at Middleham and Mrs Savage, teacher in Badgers on a Friday. We hope you all enjoy being part of our school family.



FOMAS – Bags 2 School

Just a quick reminder to keep clearing out those cupboards and fill your 'Bags 2 School' These can be filled with second hand clothes and other items (see bag for list or check out the website here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>) Bags should be returned to school on **Monday 24th January 2022, 9am**. If you need extra bags then bin liners etc. are acceptable.

Rabbit Class News

This term our new topic is called 'Ticket to Ride' and we will be focussing on different types of transport and journeys. We started our learning this week by reading the story 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. This delightful story combines superb photography telling the adventures of the little red London bus. The children were very excited to find a huge red bus in our classroom and have enjoyed taking turns to be the driver and passengers travelling on their own adventures. Our red bus will be taking us on many adventures this term. I wonder where we will be going next!



Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 10.01.22

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

Diary Dates

Monday 10th January – Owls 1st swimming session
 Monday 24th January – Bags2School Collection day
 Thursday 27th January – KS2 Archery Competition (letter will be issued to those children attending)
 Sunday 30th January – Candlemas at St Mary and St Alkelda Church (letter to follow).
 Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th February – Year 5 & 6 Residential at Marrick Priory
 Friday 18th February – Break up for Half term holiday
 Monday 28th February – School Opens

Bus Supervisor

Required for The Federation of Middleham and Spennithorne Primary Schools at the end of the school day. This post is open to a job share.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Mann for further details.

This post is subject to satisfactory references and a DBS.

