



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

Friday 25th November 2022 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,



Collective Worship

This week Elm and Sycamore Classes stepped up to lead worship. Elm Class helped us to think all about the different symbols of peace and Sycamore Class told us all about the inspirational Marcus Rashford. It is wonderful to see the children's confidence grow as they develop their leadership skills – well done to all. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us.

Healthy Snacks

A polite reminder that break time snacks should be fruit or raw vegetables only (but please remember that we aim to be a banana free school). We provide fresh fruit at both schools for all the children. There must be no crisps, chocolate bars or fruit winders, thank you.

Christmas Lights switch-on

We have been invited by **Middleham** Town Council, to sing carols with the church choir at the Christmas Light switch on, at **6.30pm Friday 2nd December 2022**.

All children who would like to take part need to arrive at 6.25pm and meet me at the town square by the Christmas tree in warm clothing.

We will be gathering on the green opposite the school at **Spennithorne on Sunday 4th December 2022 at 3.30pm** for some more festive fun and to sing carols. The children are all taking part in an eco-friendly Christmas tree decoration competition (thank you Mrs Wheeler for organising this). These will be displayed on the tree and the winner will switch the lights on!

We hope you can join us at both these events.

Raffle Prize Non-uniform Day – 2nd December

A quick reminder that we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 2nd December for a raffle prize for the Christmas Hampers that will be made by the FOMASS Team.

Square grids will go on sale for £5 each on Monday 25th November and can be purchased from the FOMASS team! The draw for the raffle will be done by the children on Wednesday 14th December after Christmas lunch.

Maple Class News

In Maple class we have been thinking about why Baby Jesus is so special for us, we made some Baby Jesus inspired mince pies and dressed up as we rehearsed for the nativity.



Willow and Elm Class News

On Wednesday Willow and Elm Class had the perfect afternoon mud sliding, den building, crafting and toasting marshmallows at Forest Schools!



Stars of the week 25.11.22:

Maple Class	Lucy – for hard work and determination with her letter formation.
Willow Class	Samuel - for showing a great understanding of addition. Oonagh - for consistently making the effort to join and share ideas during class discussions.
Elm Class	Louise - for being helpful and encouraging to everyone in the class, particularly during Forest School. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Arthur - for learning a new skill and persevering to create an amazing den in Forest School, as well as mastering some very challenging vocabulary for our class collective worship.
Sycamore Class	Sam -for trying his absolute hardest when writing a superb diary entry. When we read it, it really felt like the old man himself had written it - well done Sam! Whole class award for their fantastic contribution to Collective Worship <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Jamie for embracing our class mindset focus “mistakes help us grow”. In Maths, he’s challenged himself with the deeper thinking questions and isn’t afraid to give it a go - well done Jamie!
Oak Class	Sabrina - for fantastic writing about child evacuees. Abbie - for always showing resilience in maths and for her accuracy and care. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Kiera - for her positive attitude to learning and for participating so well this week. Well done Kiera!

Have a wonderful weekend!

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Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 28st November 2022

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

Diary Dates

- 30.11.22 Oak & Sycamore Class Forest Schools
- 2.12.22 Non-uniform Day for a raffle prize
- 2.12.22 Christmas Light switch on in Middleham at 6.30pm
- 4.12.22 Christmas Light switch-on in Spennithorne at 3.30pm
- 5.12.22 Collective Worship led by Oak Class, 2.45pm at Middleham
- 7.12.22 Federation Day at Middleham (to rehearse the Nativity)
- 8.12.22 Nativity Play at Middleham School featuring all the children, 2pm & 6pm
- 9.12.22 North Yorkshire Sumdog Competition begins – more information next week
- 12.12.22 Federation morning at Spennithorne (to rehearse the Christingle)
- 12.12.22 Christingle Service featuring all the children, 5pm – St Michael's Church Spennithorne
- 13.12.22 All children need to be in PE kit today for a Christmas treat!
- 14.12.22 Federation Pantomime trip to the Georgian Theatre, Richmond
- 14.12.22 Federation Christmas Lunch – letter sent on Thursday 17th November to place order
- 15.12.22 KS2 Carol singing at The Key Centre for the Seniors Lunch
- 16.12.22 Christmas Party Day – children invited to wear non-uniform (including Christmas jumper and/or accessories)
- 16.12.22 School closes for Christmas
- 3.01.23 School closed – Staff training day
- 4.01.23 School opens to all pupils



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