



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 4th November 2022 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in the life of FEDMAS this week. The Year 5 & 6 boys headed to The Wensleydale School to represent our school in the cluster football tournament. They showed amazing resilience and won some very tricky matches. They didn't come home with a trophy but should hold their heads up high – well done, we are proud of you all!



Open the Book & RE Day



It was lovely to welcome Rev Liz, Rev Jeff and Dave to lead Open the Book this week. They will be going in to each school alternate weeks to lead collective worship with the children. This week the children "opened the book" to hear the story of how Jesus was baptised. Many thanks to the Open the Book Team!

On Wednesday, Mrs Savage led an RE Day working with each class to launch their Incarnation Topic in RE this term. Head over to Class Dojo to see what the children were involved in! Thank you Mrs Savage for a wonderful day.

A message from the Friends of Middleham & Spennithorne School (FOMASS)

Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne Schools are going to be selling tickets for the Christmas Hamper Prize Raffle Grid. Each square is £5 and we will let you know when tickets are on sale. We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 2nd December**, not for money but invite parents to send hamper donations into school on that day please.

On Tuesday 22nd November we will be collecting items of clothing, bedding, soft toys etc in the Bags 2 School to raise funds for school. Bags will be sent out soon, but start clearing out your cupboards! A list of what is/is not accepted can be found here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

The next FOMASS meeting is being held at The Coverbridge Inn on Tuesday November 22nd, 7.30pm. Please come and join us as we plan future events to raise funds for the extra special things for our children.

Messages from the School Council

From Monday the school council will be selling poppies and a range of stationary, slap bands, key rings etc on behalf of the British Legion.

Skipping Club

The children at Spennithorne were very excited to receive new skipping ropes for their lunchtime skipping club. I am so impressed to see them working together, encouraging one another and the progress that they have made in such a short space of time.



Eco Club

This week Eco Club did not let the storms stop them as they made these amazing hedgehog houses in the hope of attracting some friends and providing some much needed shelter over winter!

They would like to introduce felt tip /whiteboard pen recycling at both schools and have some Christmas projects planned reusing crisp packets. Please can you send into school any empty crisp packets you may have over the next few weeks.



Stars of the week 4.11.22:

Maple Class	Heath – For showing great determination within phonics. Well Done.
Willow Class	Jude - for demonstrating good focus in activities. Rita - for showing a good understanding when adding numbers
Elm Class	Theo - for trying exceptionally hard to include new learning in his English writing. <u>Growth Mindset Award.</u> Zac - for persevering with challenging maths work and succeeding in finding the solutions.
Sycamore Class	Olivia – for fantastic place value in maths. Well Done Summer – for being a really kind friend and a great example to the younger children. <u>Growth Mindset Award</u> Martha – for always having a positive frame of mind and a great smile.
Oak Class	Holly - for a super start back after half term. Holly, you have worked so hard with a great, positive mindset. Well done! Deacon - for working hard on his targets and trying so hard to improve his handwriting. You can do it Deacon! <u>Growth Mindset Award.</u> Mikey - for being a super, encouraging and supportive team member during the football morning. Well done Mikey!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mann
Executive Headteacher



Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 4th November 2022

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

Diary Dates

7.11.22 & 9.11.22 Parents evening (see letter from the school office)
w/b 14.11.22 Anti-bullying week – more information coming soon
11.11.22 Year 5/6 Play Leader's training at Richmond School
14.11.22 Photographer in school (individual and family photos)
14.11.22 Healthy Child's Team in School – flu immunizations
14.11.22 EYFS & KS1 Phonics information evening at Spennithorne, 3.45pm
15.11.22 Collective Worship led by Willow Class, 3pm at Spennithorne
16.11.22 Crucial Crew – Year 5/6 children – more information coming soon
18.11.22 Children in Need – non uniform day
22.11.22 Bags 2 School
22.11.22 Collective Worship led by Elm Class, 3pm at Spennithorne
22.11.22 FOMASS meeting at the Coverbridge Inn, 7.30pm – all welcome
24.11.22 Collective Worship led by Sycamore Class 8.50am at Middleham
2.12.22 Non-uniform Day for a raffle prize
5.12.22 Collective Worship led by Oak Class, 2.45pm at Middleham
8.12.22 Nativity Play – more information coming soon
12.12.22 Christingle Service, 5pm – St Michael's Church Spennithorne – more information coming soon

HELP NEEDED

We would like a team of one or two parents/carers to help in our school library at Middleham. This would involve sorting out the library books and being available during a lunchtime (just one day a week) so that children can borrow/return library books.
If you would be interested in helping out, please contact the school office.

