



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 12th May 2023 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils on all their hard work during this week's assessments. Despite a tricky week, the children have really given their all to each test and shown amazing resilience throughout. We are really proud in the manner with which they have approached this week, in spite of the media attention over some aspects of the papers.

Whilst important, the tests can only be a measure of the children's attainment on the day, in only reading, maths, spelling, grammar and punctuation. The end of year report will give a broader overview of the children's achievements and successes across the year.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have given such positive support to the children, school, and staff for the SATs tests. I am sure that you will appreciate how hard everyone has worked, not only to prepare children for the tests but to ensure that a balance has been maintained with the other subjects in the curriculum. Thank you to all the adults who have been involved in supporting and preparing the children for this week.

Year 6, we are very proud of you! Well done! Your afternoon of Forest School today was thoroughly deserved!



Chicken Pox

We have seen an increase in cases of chicken pox within our school community recently.

We ask you remain vigilant of your children and if you are concerned to seek advice from your GP or visit the NHS website www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox

Additional information is also available on our school website <http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/sickness/>

PE and jewellery

Please can I remind you that children **should not** wear jewellery for PE. If your child wears earrings during the week it is helpful for these to be removed at home on PE days.

If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, please can I request that this is done during the summer holidays as your child **will not** be able to participate in PE (including swimming) unless the earrings are removed following an update on advice from NYC Health and Safety. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne Schools (FOMASS)

A reminder that the next 'Bag 2 School' collection is on Wednesday 17th May. A list of what is/is not accepted can be found here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Please drop bags off first thing Wednesday morning to either school hall.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Don't forget to check out our school website for useful information about how to keep your child safe online. This month we are highlighting 'What parents need to know about Tik Tok', please see the poster attached with the newsletter, it is also available on the website: <http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/online-safety/>

Willow Class News

Willow Class have planted sunflowers and cress. They have been watering them and measuring them to see how tall they have grown so far. They put the cress in different conditions to see how this would affect growth. They have also been exploring equal and unequal groups in our outdoor area using a variety of objects.



An Update from Miss O'Neill about Forest Schools

I hope you have been enjoying the pictures that are uploaded each week onto Class Dojo from our Forest School sessions. Seeing the children create memories with their peers, learn useful lifelong skills and overcome challenges to make themselves proud is so fantastic. The children can be in charge of their own learning in Forest Schools and be being given the freedom to let their curiosity lead the way.

Activities have included: willow weaving, playing in the mud kitchen, creating outdoor art, finger knitting, fire building and lighting, constructing dens from different materials, making up new games, tree climbing, planting berries, making hot chocolate, building habitats and using knots! The children build on their knowledge each week and enjoy being outside in nature. I think you will agree that it is so beneficial for their well-being, health and happiness.

Some questions you might want to ask your child at home about Forest Schools...

What is the circle of respect?

How might you start a fire? What safety measures are used when you start a fire?

What yummy things can you make on a fire?

Tell me something about Forest Schools you're proud of?

What are the 3 points of contact while climbing a tree?

What is your favourite thing to do at Forest School?

What is kindling? Where might you find it?

Stars of the week 12.05.23:

Maple Class	William for excellent contributions to discussions and super concentration in all lessons. Well done.
Willow Class	Robyn for a brilliant 'can do' attitude during our swimming lessons. Samuel for making a fantastic effort with his reading and writing.
Elm Class	Ruby - for good listening and showing a positive attitude in all her work. Louise - for showing a growth mindset in changing her maths methods and applying new skills to help her with her work.
Sycamore Class	Josh for excellent teamwork in netball. Edward for tactical passing and some amazing shooting in netball. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Ophelia for an excellent can-do attitude in maths. She has used her growth mindset to push through on some tricky questions
Oak Class	This week all Year 6 children receive star award for showing such resilience and for being amazing all week. They have worked so hard towards their SATs tests and have all done their very best. I am so proud of each and every one. Well done Y6! <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Lola for being so positive, on task and focussed in all her learning. Well done Lola!

Have a lovely weekend.

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Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 15th May 2023

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

Diary Dates

17.05 Year 5 & 6 Residential Information evening for parents/carers, Middleham 5pm
Year 5 & 6 Cluster Rounders Tournament at Wensleydale School
18.05 Year 3/4 Cluster Cricket Competition - more information coming soon
19.05 Sycamore Class Forest School (am) Maple and Willow Class Forest Schools (pm)
22.05 – 24.05 Year 5/6 Residential
24.05 Maple, Willow & Elm Class – visit to Saltburn
25.05 Year 5/6 Cluster Cricket Competition - more information coming soon
26.05 Maple and Elm Class Forest Schools
26.05 School closes for half term holiday
5.06 School opens
7.06 Year 5 & 6 Swimming begins at Richmond Pool
8.06 & 9.06 Year 6 Cycle Training led by Stage 1 Cycles
9.06 Class Photos