



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 20th October 2023 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Love

A message from Mrs Mann

It has been another productive week in our federation. The children across the federation have been spending time preparing for the Harvest Service next week, we do hope that you can join us on Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 2pm in St Michael's Church Spennithorne.

Thank you for the generous donations we have already received for the Storehouse Foodbank, there is still time to donate. Storehouse will be visiting both our schools on Wednesday next week to share with the children about what will happen with the donations and the work that they do to help the community.

We will also be inviting the Fire Service into school on Tuesday to talk to the children about 'Fire Safety at home'. I am sure that they will come home with some top tips to share with you!

Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Competition

On Wednesday, the Year 5 & 6 girls football team headed to Wensleydale School for the cluster football competition. The girls had a great morning and showed true FEDMAS teamwork and sportsmanship. Although they didn't bring back a trophy, they did bring back a new love of football and it has been brilliant to see them out on the pitch at lunchtime!



Sumdog

The results are in! Well done to all those children who have logged on and taken part in Yorkshire and Humberside Sumdog Maths Contest.

Congratulations to Sycamore Class who came 28th out of 219 classes and Jack D who came 12th out of 1835 students!



FOMASS School Disco

On Thursday 26th October 2023, 6 – 7.15pm it is the Autumn Disco. Entry is £1.50 which includes a bag of sweets. Glow sticks, crisps and sweets will be available to purchase on the evening so please send in loose change! Juice and water will be provided throughout the evening.



Leyburn Jazz Festival

It was such a treat to welcome Emma and James into school on Thursday afternoon for a jazz concert. They played a range of pieces and talked to the children about their instruments and life as a musician. The children asked some excellent questions and enjoyed dancing to the music! Thank you to Alistair from Leyburn Jazz Festival for organising this event, we hope to welcome you back next year!

Attendance Matters!

Well done to all our pupils on both sites this week. We have had 100% attendance for a full week – amazing!

For more information about attendance and why it matters, please check out our website:

<http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/attendance/>



Christmas Card Design

With a wet weekend forecast why not stay in and complete the Christmas design template. These need to be handed back into school by Monday, unfortunately we will not be able to accept any designs after this date.



Class News Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class had an exciting TEAMS call with Yorkshire Water this week. They heard about the process of cleaning water and what water goes through before reaching our taps. Children learnt some really interesting facts and gained awareness of how important water is in our lives.

Pupil Celebration

Congratulations to Scarlett who recently gained a 2nd place rosette while competing with her pony Amber at Catterick Saddle Club. Well Done Scarlett.



We love celebrating achievements from outside of school. If your child has celebrated a success in an activity that you would like to add to the newsletter please send a photo and details to Mrs Clarkson.

Stars of the week 20.10.23

Maple Class	Ashton for super independent letter writing this week. You are trying so hard to write your alphabet letters correctly. Great work. Felix for being such a kind, caring and polite member of Maple Class. Well done.
Birch Class	Jesse for fantastic addition in maths. Freddie for brilliant focus in writing and maths.
Sycamore Class	Millicent for carefully thinking about body movements and drawings to represent her emotions in our mindfulness session. Zac for embracing all aspects of the curriculum this week. What a fabulous week you have had Zac! Growth Mindset Box Elliott for an excellent mindset and positive attitude towards all his learning
Oak Class	Ella for being a brilliant sport on the football pitch on Wednesday. Growth Mindset Box Maia R for always having a positive attitude to all areas of learning and for being a super helper around the classroom!

Diary Dates

- 23.10 Christmas card design closing date
- 25.10 Year 5/6 Boys Football – more information coming soon
- 24.10 Fire Service visiting school
- 25.10 Storehouse Foodbank visiting school
- 25.10 Harvest Service, 2pm at Spennithorne
- 26.10 FOMASS Disco 6 – 7.15pm – more information coming soon
- 27.10 (Friday) School Closed for staff training
- 8.11 Flu Immunisations at both schools – check emails for further information
- 10.11 Tempest Photographer in school (individual and sibling photos) – more information coming soon
- 15.11 Year 3/4 Football – more information coming soon
- 13.12 Christmas Nativity – 2pm & 6pm – more information coming soon
- 19.12 Christingle Service 6pm – more information coming soon
- 22.12 Last day of term