



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

Thursday 26th October 2023 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

A message from Mrs Mann

Wow, what a busy half term! The children have shown amazing resilience and have worked super hard through a long half term. It has been wonderful to see them flourish.

Thank you to all those who were able to come to celebrate with us for our Harvest Service. It was led beautifully by our Collective Worship Leadership Team and each class guided us through some thought-provoking themes around harvest. Thank you also to Rev Chris and Norma for the warm welcome in St Michael's Church, Spennithorne. Have a wonderful half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 6th November 2023.



Visit from Storehouse, Food Bank Richmond



The children enjoyed meeting some of the team from the Storehouse, Influence Church in Richmond. Pete and Anya talked to the children about the heart and vision behind the food bank and were also very impressed with the children's questions. Thank you for all the donations for the foodbank which will help people in the community.

If you or anyone you know requires support from the local foodbank, please do not hesitate to have a confidential conversation with Mrs Mann or contact Storehouse on: 01748 823161 or visit the website for more details: <https://www.influencechurch.co.uk/>

Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Competition



On Wednesday, the Year 5 & 6 boys football team headed to Wensleydale School for the cluster football competition. The boys had a great morning, they all played brilliantly and had a fun and challenging morning!

We are all very proud of their teamwork, resilience, fantastic behaviour and sporting attitudes.

All the best Mrs Ruthven

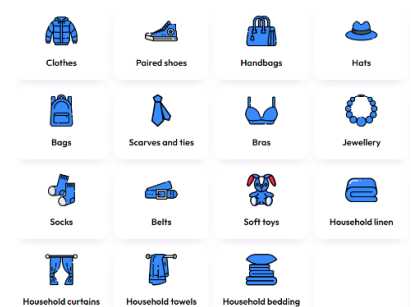
Today we say goodbye to Mrs Ruthven, we are really going to miss you. Thank you Mrs Ruthven for all you have done over the years in our federation. You have helped so many children and will be remembered for your support, creativity and kindness. We wish you all the very best for the future.

FOMASS - Bags for Schools

There will be Bags 2 School bags coming home today. All bags collected are weighed and FOMASS receive money. Why not have a clear out and fill a few bin bags over the half term. Details of what can be included are available at

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>.

Please return all bags to school by 09:00am on Thursday 16th November 2023.



Fire Safety Talk



On Thursday the children welcomed the local fire service into both schools to talk to them about Fire Safety in the home.

The children had some fabulous questions to ask and discussed making 'escape plans' at home.

Tempest Photographer

Tempest Photography will be in both schools on 10th Nov to take individual and family photos. The photographer will be available at Spennithorne at 08:00 am for family shots. The federation bus will leave as usual at 08:30am if you need a space for your child to go to Middleham. These will then be available to purchase in time for Christmas.

PSHE Curriculum

This half term the children have been learning about the topic 'Me and My Relationships'. Through this topic they have been exploring feelings and emotions, developing skills to manage conflict and identify people who are special to them. We are pleased to be able to share with you a link to some resources that you can use to support this topic further with conversations at home:

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/me-and-my-relationships>



Pupil Celebration



Congratulations to Izzy who has competed at her local riding club over 4 shows to earn points to qualify for STARS which is a show at Aintree International Equestrian Centre. Izzy has qualified to compete in First Ridden Equitation and The Working Hunter Mountain & Moorland Pony.

Well Done Izzy.

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.

Diary Dates

- 6.11 School opens
- 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
- 10.11 Sycamore Class Forest Schools
- 14.11 Oak Class Parents Evening – contact Mrs Clarkson for an appointment
- 15.11 Year 3/4 Football – more information coming soon
- 17.11 Birch Class Forest Schools
- 1.12 Oak Class Forest Schools
- 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