



# 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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Compassion

### A message from Mrs Mann

Welcome back to school after the half term break, I hope you all had a restful week. We have jumped straight back into a busy week across the Federation. Thank you to everybody for your assistance with transport arrangements while our bus has been out of action.

This half term the Christian Value chosen by the Pupil Collective Worship Leadership Team is Compassion.

### Act of Remembrance

Today, both schools participated in an Act of Remembrance. Thank you to the Collective Worship Leaders for leading us in this time of remembrance and also to the School Council for selling poppies at break times on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

### A prayer for Remembrance (used in our Act of Remembrance today)

*Look at your poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.*

*Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.*

*Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.*

*Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.*

*Amen*



### Visit to the Influence Church

On Tuesday members of the School Council and Collective Worship Team delivered the food donations received in school to The Storehouse at Influence Church in Richmond. The children packed bags and then looked at the contents for one person and tried to plan enough meals for 7-days. There were some interesting meal suggestions including hot dogs and beetroot chutney dip! The children were extremely reflective throughout the morning and took the time to stop and pause and also to ask some further questions. Thank you again for your generous donations and also to Pete and the team from Storehouse for making us feel so welcome.



### Class Fundraising

If your child sent into school a Christmas design template before half term they will have this week brought home the design card with details for ordering products from Class Fundraising. Please follow the instructions on the card to order from the range of products available, please note the online shop will be open until the 17<sup>th</sup> November and will then close temporarily to ensure items arrive in school in time for Christmas.

## SIAMS Inspection

You will have seen from the email sent out earlier this week that we are expecting a visit from SIAMS on Wednesday, the inspection focuses on the impact of our school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. The Inspector Jo Brookes will be accompanied by a trainee inspector Lisa Lakey. Lisa will be present throughout the day to observe Jo.

## FOMASS – Co-op bag packing event.

We have arranged for children to take part in and raise money for school at a Bag Packing event in the Co-op, Leyburn on Saturday 16th December.

If your child is interested in helping out at this event please email [fomasschools@gmail.com](mailto:fomasschools@gmail.com) and state whether they can help out in the morning or afternoon. Please note that a parent/carer will need to stay with the child.

If there are enough volunteers, then a rota will be in place.

## Bags 2 School

A reminder that the next 'Bag 2 School' collection is next week **Thursday 16th November**, please drop your bags into either school before 9am.

We will be collecting items of clothing, bedding, soft toys etc in the Bags 2 School to raise funds for school. Bags have been sent home with the children (but bin bags are acceptable) so start clearing out your cupboards! A list of what is/is not accepted can be found here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

## Anti-Bullying week 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November

Next week is Anti-Bullying week, a campaign that aims to empower children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. **On Monday we invite everybody to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.** Please note this is not a fundraising event rather an opportunity to raise awareness of bullying of children and young people, in schools and elsewhere, and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it.



## Pupil Celebration



Congratulations Ruby for winning a trophy at The Wensleydale Show this summer. The trophy is for the best drawing in the young people's section.

Well Done Ruby.

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

<b>Maple Class</b>	Daniel for his imaginative bonfire pictures. Jack B for being helpful and showing compassion.
<b>Birch Class</b>	William I for great descriptive writing. Riley for sounding out words to spell brilliantly.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Monty for a great first week back. You have worked hard all week, well done! Arthur for a thoughtful contribution to our mindfulness lesson. You embodied our 'deep focus' objective. <u>Growth mindset Box</u> Kacie for an excellent positive mindset towards all subjects.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Nina for setting out all her steps in her maths work brilliantly! Sam for super reading this week. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Edward for amazing science enthusiasm. Well done!

#### Diary Dates

- 14.11 Oak Class Parents Consultations – appointments have been sent by email.
- 16.11 Bags 2 School Collection – leave bags at school before 9am
- 17.11 Birch Class Forest Schools
- 29.11 Year 3/4 Football (date change) – more information coming soon
- 1.12 Oak Class Forest Schools
- 13.12 Christmas Nativity – 2pm & 6pm – more information coming soon
- 16.12 FOMASS Co-op Bag Packing
- 19.12 Christingle Service 6pm – more information coming soon
- 22.12 Last Day of term