



# 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 16th December 2022 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, this week has certainly been filled with a lot of festive cheer. The children have enjoyed some wonderful Christmas activities. Here are some of the highlights...!

### Christingle

What a magical Christingle service. Well done to our amazing children for leading us so well and thank you to Rev Chris, Julie Morton-Lee and all the congregation at St Michael's Church Spennithorne for making us feel so welcome.



### Sumdog Competition

Well done to Oak Class who came 6<sup>th</sup> in the North Yorkshire Winter Wonderland Sumdog competition – making maths fun!  
An extra special well done to Kaitlin who came 8<sup>th</sup> out of 299 North Yorkshire pupils. Well done to Ollie, Joe and Eoghan who were all in the top 50 pupils!



### Federation Pantomime trip at the Georgian Theatre, Richmond

The children thoroughly enjoyed our visit to see Pinocchio. Thank you to FOMASS for making it possible for us to go by purchasing our tickets and organising our buses.



### Federation Christmas Lunch

After the panto, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch at Middleham. Thank you to Mrs Crisp and Mrs Harman for being our very own Master Chefs!

### KS2 Carol singing at The Key Centre

The children in Key Stage Two went to the Key Centre to provide entertainment at the Seniors lunch. It was so lovely to see smiles on faces of both the young and slightly older folk in the community!

### Bags2School

We have received £116 from Bags2School, thank you for your donations. We will be collecting again next year so start filling your bin bags ready!

## Raffle draw

Thank you to all those people who have purchased tickets for the Christmas hamper raffle. We raised an impressive £1000! A huge thank you to the FOMASS team and in particular Mrs Wheeler who has distributed the hampers to the winners – we hope you enjoy your yummy treats!

## House Points

Congratulations to everybody on gaining house points, we have added up all the numbers and can announce Coverdale have 1162, Nidderdale 1188, Swaledale 1191 and the winners with 1211 points are Wensleydale house. Congratulations and well done to the winning house team Wensleydale who will be having a trip to the park in January 2023!

## Headteacher awards

Congratulations to the following children on receiving the headteacher award this half term, they have all worked very hard, contributed positively, and upheld our school values.

Maple Class -Heath  
Willow Class – Ruby and Oonagh  
Elm Class – Sofia and Andrew  
Sycamore Class – Lailah-Faye, Martha,  
Maya A and Charlie  
Oak Class – Kaitlin, Monty, Evie, Mikey and  
Sabrina



Well Done.

## Staffing News

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Greenway who has been caretaker and cleaner at Middleham and Spennithorne for a number of years. We wish you well for the future and thank you for all you've done for us! Although Miss O'Neill is not leaving us completely, I would like to thank her for all her work over the last few years and we look forward to welcoming you back in your new job role in 2023!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children, staff, governors, and parents who have supported not just our Christmas events over the last few weeks but have continued to go above and beyond this term. 2022 has been a 'good' year and one to remember! I am excited to see what 2023 has in store!

I wish you a wonderful Christmas time with your families and look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Happy Christmas everyone!

Mrs Mann  
Executive Headteacher

### Diary Dates

- 3.1.23 Staff Training Day
- 4.1.23 School reopens
- 4.1.23 History Day for Willow and Elm classes
- 5.1.23 Sports club restarts at Middleham, see email for more information
- 6.1.23 Eco Club restarts at Middleham, see email for more information
- 9.1.23 Sycamore class swimming lessons at Richmond pool
- 9.1.23 Music club restarts at Spennithorne, see email for more information
- 10.1.23 Craft club restarts at Spennithorne, see email for more information
- 11.1.23 Lego club starts at Spennithorne school, see email for more information

