



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week across our federation the children and staff have spent some time thinking about those who are serving today as well as those who fought for our country in the past. The children at Middleham collaborated with KidZ Day Nursery to create a wonderful display of poppies and at Spennithorne the fence was lined with an equally beautiful display.

At Middleham, some of our Collective Worship Leaders led a very thought-provoking worship to help us remember the importance of this special day – well done Evie, Kailin and Carson.



### Ofsted Reports

It was wonderful to be able to finally share the news with you all that our schools were graded as 'good' schools by Ofsted in October 2022. Reports were emailed earlier this week, please do contact the school office if you did not receive a copy and would like one. These reports will be available on the Ofsted and Federation websites in the next few days.

### New Phone System

On Thursday we switched over to our new phone systems. When you contact school, you will be given different options depending on the nature of your call. You will be able to leave a voicemail message if your child is absent. Please can I remind parents/carers that this should be **before 9am** and we are required to know the reason for the absence.

### Play Leaders

Our Year 5 & 6 Play Leaders travelled to Richmond School today, to complete some training on being an effective play leader. They have come back to school with some fantastic ideas and I look forward to seeing the children develop their leadership skills in the coming weeks. Thank you to Rev Jeff for driving the bus and Mrs Ruthven for accompanying the children on the visit, who expressed how attentive the children were – well done all!



## Important reminders!

As the weather is beginning to change, please make sure your child has a coat in school every day. Please can we ask for wellies to be sent into school for lunchtimes at Spennithorne. We plan to collect as many spares as we can, so any surplus wellies no longer be needed would be gratefully received too.

## Anti-bullying Week

Next week, as part of our PSHE curriculum we will be taking part in the National Anti-Bullying week programme. This year the theme is, 'Reach Out'. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



## North Yorkshire Cross Country Competition

Congratulations to Lilly, Josh and Edward who represented our federation at the Cross Country final in the wet, wind and very muddy Giggleswick! They came in the following positions in their races. An amazing achievement against the best runners in North Yorkshire: Josh - 27<sup>th</sup>, Edward - 26<sup>th</sup>, Lily - 15<sup>th</sup>

Lilly won first prize for crossing the finish line with one shoe having retrieved it from the mud (amazing resilience Lilly)! Well done to all three of you!



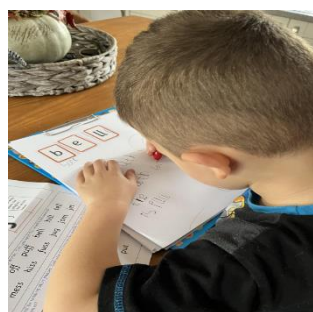
## Collective Worship

A reminder that on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 3pm at Spennithorne the children in Willow Class will be leading our worship. All parent/carers are invited to join us. The green gates will be opened at 2.55pm so you can access the hall and closed again at 2.59pm, so we can start out worship promptly at 3pm! We do hope that you can join us.

## Phonics Evening

We invite parents/carers from Maple and Willow Class to attend our phonics information evening at Spennithorne on Monday 14th November at 3.40pm where we will talk about our phonics scheme Little Wandles and answer any questions that you may have.

## Class Dojo



Thank you to all those parents who have connected with your child's class on Class Dojo. We would love to hear about what you have been doing home too! It may be that you have a special family celebration, your child has received an award in a sport or music event, or to share your child's homework. Thanks to Heath's mum who shared this photo via Dojo celebrating Heath doing some extra phonics work at home – well done Heath!

Please find attached with this newsletter, instructions to help you do this. If you have not yet connected with Dojo, then please contact the School Office who will be able to assist. This is a really great way to keep up to date with what your child is learning about in school.

## Richard Impressions Photography

Richard will be at Spennithorne school from 8am on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov to take family photos before the Federation bus leaves at 8:30am. He will be at Middleham after school also for family photos.



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## Stars of the week 11.11.22:

<b>Maple Class</b>	Bonnie for being so creative in art and understanding why we make poppy pictures.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Ezra for using some great vocabulary in his writing. Sid for thinking carefully about how to approach different tasks.
<b>Elm Class</b>	Jack for showing great enthusiasm in all of his learning this week. Sofia for working extremely hard in reading and maths.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Oliver for his exceptional effort this week in timetables. Sam for persevering in Forest School this week when learning how to use a flint and steel. Growth Mindset box – Charlie for coming into school everyday this week and persevering with his times tables. He's made progress everyday and hasn't been discouraged when things haven't gone to plan.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Kaitlin for excellent effort in all that she does and for being a super member of the Collective Worship Team. Sabrina for super reading this week. Growth Mindset Box Evie for her fantastic learning attitude in every lesson and for always trying to be the best that she can be. Well done Evie.

### HELP NEEDED

We would like a team of one or two parents/carers to help in our school library at Middleham. This would involve sorting out the library books and being available during a lunchtime (just one day a week) so that children can borrow/return library books.

If you would be interested in helping out, please contact the school office.



### Competition!

There is one more week to enter the competition for a £20 book token by completing the short survey on last half terms Reading Newsletter, which was emailed to you and can be found on the school website: [http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/images/files/newsletters/September\\_2022/Reading-Newsletter\\_Autumn\\_1\\_2022.pdf](http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/images/files/newsletters/September_2022/Reading-Newsletter_Autumn_1_2022.pdf)

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Mann".

Mrs Mann  
Executive Headteacher





## Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

### Diary Dates

w/b 14.11.22 Anti-bullying week

14.11.22 Photographer in school (individual and family photos)

14.11.22 Healthy Child's Team in School – flu immunizations

14.11.22 EYFS & KS1 Phonics information evening at Spennithorne, 3.45pm

15.11.22 Collective Worship led by Willow Class, 3pm at Spennithorne

16.11.22 Crucial Crew – Year 5/6 children – more information coming soon

18.11.22 Children in Need – non uniform day

21.11.22 & 23.11.22 Oak Class Parents Evening

22.11.22 Bags 2 School collection ay

22.11.22 Collective Worship led by Elm Class, 3pm at Spennithorne

22.11.22 FOMASS meeting at the Coverbridge Inn, 7.30pm – all welcome

24.11.22 Collective Worship led by Sycamore Class 8.50am at Middleham

2.12.22 Non-uniform Day for a raffle prize

5.12.22 Collective Worship led by Oak Class, 2.45pm at Middleham

8.12.22 Nativity Play at Middleham School featuring all the children, 2pm & 6pm (more information to follow)

12.12.22 Christingle Service, 5pm – St Michael's Church Spennithorne – more information coming soon

14.12.22 Federation Pantomime trip to the Georgian Theatre, Richmond



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