



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 2022 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Hope

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Celebration and Federation Day

Thank you to Rev'd Liz Moody and Rev'd Jeff Payne for welcoming us at St Alkeldas church, also thank you Rev'd Chris Lawton for joining the service. What a wonderful Harvest Celebration it was, well done to all involved.



Thank you from the School Council for your generous donations for the local food banks (the Middleham based emergency provision and Storehouse in Richmond).

Headteacher Awards

This half term Headteacher awards are presented to:

Maple Class – Bonnie

Willow Class – Savannah, Walter

Elm Class – Enzo, Louise

Sycamore Class – Josh, Thomas, Maya M, Isla

Oak Class – Maia R, Shay, Abbie, Liam, Pippa

They have all made fantastic contributions in the classroom, had positive attitudes and shown resilience in learning and lived our school vision and values. Well done to you all.



Attendance

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. We will be undertaking attendance monitoring in the next half-term and shall be contacting families to offer advice and support where children's attendance is at risk of falling below expectations. **Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!** Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Christmas Cards –

Every child has now received their Christmas design sheet. Why not put pen to paper during the half term and get creative! The deadline for returning these to school is Fri 4th Nov.

FOMASS – School Disco

Thank you to The Friends of Middleham & Spennithorne Schools for organising our fantastic Autumn Disco. It was a lot of fun.

A Message from the Governing Body

A few weeks ago we sent out letters for nominations for two Parent Governors to join the governing body. We did not receive any nominations. The governing body have therefore appointed Sam Wilmington and Ruth Barnard as Parent Governors. This therefore meant that two co-opted vacancies were vacant. I am pleased to welcome Mrs Ruth Pink as a co-opted governor, she brings a wealth of experience as a secondary school teacher and is really looking forward to investing into our federation.

Photographer

Richard of Impressions is coming to take school photographs on Monday 14th November. He will be at Spennithorne from 8.15am for anyone who wishes family group photographs. He will go to Middleham after lunch and will be available from 3.15pm for anyone who wishes family group photographs.

PE Kits

Next half term PE the children will need to come in their PE kit on the following days:

Maple	Thursday
Willow	Wednesday & Thursday
Elm	Wednesday & Thursday
Sycamore	Monday & Thursday
Oak	Tuesday

I hope that you all have a relaxing half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday 31st October 2022.

Enjoy!



Mrs Mann
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 31st October 2022

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

Diary Dates

- 21.10.22 Break up for Half term holidays
- 31.10.22 School reopens
- 3.11.22 Year 5/6 Boys Football Cluster tournament
- 7.11.22 & 9.11.22 Parents evening (see letter from the school office)
- w/b 14.11.22 Anti-bullying week – more information coming soon
- 14.11.22 Phonics Information Evening for parents at Spennithorne, 3.45pm
- 14.11.22 Photographer in school (individual and family photos)
- 14.11.22 Healthy Child's Team in School – flu immunizations
- 16.11.22 Crucial Crew – Year 5/6 children – more information coming soon

