



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 15th September 2022 – Newsletter *This term our Christian Value is Hope*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to think about and pray for King Charles and the Royal family at this difficult time. Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 for the Queen's Funeral.

God of love,
We thank you for the life of The Queen,
for her service to our nation,
and for her faith in you.
Be close to all of us who mourn,
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Everlasting God,
We pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Church Service this weekend

You would be most welcome at any (or all!) of the following services this weekend:

Friday 16th September at 6:30pm at Horsehouse. Harvest thanksgiving including prayers to commemorate the Queen.

Sunday 18th September at 11am at Middleham Church. Civic service of commemoration and thanksgiving for the Queen.

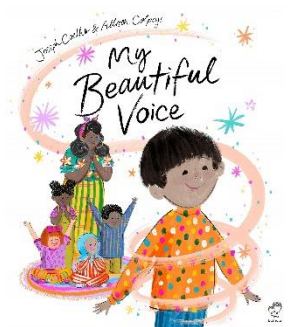
Sunday 18th September at 11am at Thornton Steward Church. Harvest thanksgiving and christening.

Sunday 18th September a service reflecting and giving thanks for Her Majesty, 09:00 Morning Prayer - St Michael's Spennithorne

Theme of Hope

It has been a busy first few weeks across our federation. The children have settled well into their routines and it has been wonderful to see them working together in their new classes and to help each other to, learn, love and grow.

This year, we have all launched with the book, 'My Beautiful Voice' written by Joseph Coelho Children's Laureate for 2022-24 (if you ask a child in Oak Class they should be able to explain what a laureate is!), focusing on the theme of hope, which we will continue to explore throughout the half term.



We have also been exploring what it means to have a growth mindset, exploring 'Zones or Regulation' to help develop awareness of feelings and tools and strategies for regulation, self-care, and overall wellness. This links in with our new federation Behaviour Policy which can be found on our school website: [http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/images/files/Policies/FED-MAS Behaviour Policy.pdf](http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/images/files/Policies/FED-MAS_Behaviour_Policy.pdf)

Each week a different child will come home with a class Growth Mindset bag/box along with instructions on how to use it!

Religious Education

This week it was a pleasure to welcome Imran Kotwal from Muslim Learning Centre to lead workshops with both children and staff to develop further our knowledge of the Islam Faith. Imran said, "It was a pleasure to work with both children and staff, thank you for a lovely day."

Friends of School (FOMAS)

The Friends committee have been busy thinking about fundraising and social events for the coming year. The Friends are a sociable group made up of parents, friends and school staff who always love to see new faces. They do an invaluable job of raising funds for the extra bits that school would love to provide for but can't really afford. If you would like to be involved, please do come along and join us at the AGM at The Coverbridge Inn on Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7.30pm (the chips are on me!).



Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Mann

Executive Headteacher

Stars of the week 9.09.22:

Maple Class	All the children in Reception have been superstars this week and we are very proud of how they have settled into school. Maple Class has received a Star of the Week certificate to share to celebrate our amazing start to the school year!
Willow Class	Oonagh for demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning all week. Robyn for having brilliant ideas for writing.
Elm Class	Enzo for being enthusiastic about his learning. William for excellent contributions in all lessons.
Sycamore Class	Josh has had an awesome first week, he has shown good listening and been an enthusiastic member of Sycamore Class. Jamie has shown excellent maths knowledge this week and shown resilience whilst tackling his deeper thinking questions each day.
Oak Class	Kiera for sharing her wonderful ideas this week, especially during our discussion about the new value, 'Hope'. Eoghan for fantastic participation in all the lessons and for 'having a go' even when things get a bit tricky!



Stars of the week 16.09.22:

Maple Class	William for being very polite, kind, hard-working member of Maple Class.
Willow Class	Samuel for trying hard even when you found something difficult Jack for writing a fantastic list and maintaining your focus.
Elm Class	Elliott for a positive attitude to learning. Sofia for always trying her best in everything that she does.
Sycamore Class	Maya has blown us all away this week with her enthusiasm across all subjects. She's asked thoughtful questions that have inspired others this week. Isla has set an exceptional example this week for our new year 3's. Taking pride in her work and being a responsible and trustworthy pupil.
Oak Class	Ollie for being a fantastic role model in Y5 and for demonstrating a super, sensible and hardworking attitude. Abbie for outstanding homework effort in week 1! Abbie has researched the Battle of Britain and created a wonderful piece of art based on the street artist Banksy. This week, our mindset box goes to Daisy for a super start. Daisy has been an encouraging, supportive member of our class and has shown a lovely, caring attitude on the playground towards others. It has been noticed! Well done Daisy.

Diary Dates

19.09.22 School Closed – Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral
 20.09.22 FOMAS meeting – all welcome
 21.09.22 Oak Class Forest School
 22.09.22 Open Evening at Spennithorne 5.30 – 7pm for potential new starters
 26.09.22 Closing dates for parent governor nominations
 4.10.22 School Open morning – more information coming soon
 9.10.22 Community Stay & Play for nursery and reception children and their parents/carers at Spennithorne (2.30 – 3.30pm)

Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 19th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School closed	Spennithorne	Middleham	Spennithorne	Middleham

