



# 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Newsletter

*This term our Christian Value is Hope*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe it is the end of September! It has been another busy week in our federation.

On Wednesday, Maple Class had a great time looking for signs of Autumn with Mrs Wheeler and Miss Remmer at Forest Schools. They kept themselves warm around a lovely camp fire!



## KS2 Tag Rugby

The children in Sycamore and Oak Class ventured to Wensleydale Rugby Club to play in the Cluster Rugby Tournament. All the children showed resilience, super teamwork and determination throughout the morning. We also came back with a trophy and a very happy winning team! We are really proud of all the children for the outstanding effort shown – well done team FEDMAS!



## Staffing Update

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Rachel Walmsley will be joining our team on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October as MSA (based at Middleham) and as Bus Supervisor for our inter-school transport.

We also welcome to the team, Mrs Olivia Clarkson, who will be our new School Administrator based at Spennithorne. She will start on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October and will be working alongside Mrs Ramsay for a few days and then Mrs Ramsay can finally start her well-earned retirement!

## Class Dojo

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have joined your child's Class Dojo page. We hope that you will enjoy finding out more regularly about what your child and their class are doing in school. Please do feel free to comment on Class Story posts and your child's portfolio work.

If you require help setting it up, then please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or myself. There is a parent guide video here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGskw\\_rXnJg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGskw_rXnJg)



## Eco Club

The children in Eco Club have been working on increasing the biodiversity of our school site at Middleham. This week they made seed bombs to launch into the wild grass and started a flower border to plant bulbs for spring.



## Friends of Middleham & Spennithorne School (FOMASS)

Make money for the school while you do your Amazon shopping! FOMASS is enrolled on AmazonSmile - the Amazon programme which donates 0.5% of a purchase price to the shopper's chosen charity. Since it was set up at the end of last year, the Federation has generated £65.81 in AmazonSmile donations from its supporters' purchases.

To become a supporter and generate donations, please visit [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and select our charity 'The Friends of Spennithorne School' or use this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1075309-0>

Any problems/questions, don't hesitate to ask one of the FOMASS committee! Thank you!

## Amazon Wish list

The children at Middleham & Spennithorne love new books to read. This is a quick reminder that you can buy books to be delivered straight to the school. Please click on the links below which should take you straight to the Amazon Wish list:

EYFS: <https://amzn.eu/btil3OH>

KS1: <https://amzn.eu/0ini6z2>

KS2: <https://amzn.eu/a0gQh2f>

## **Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Middleham	Spennithorne	Middleham	Spennithorne	am - Middleham pm - Spennithorne



## Middleham Harvest Festival - a message from Revd. Liz & Revd. Jeff

We were blessed with fine weather for our harvest thanksgiving in the Community Garden in Middleham last weekend.

We had readings and prayers from local children and their families, and other adults were involved too. Thanks to everyone – you read so well and helped us all to say thank you to God for the harvest. We also thought about how much God loves the world he has created and our responsibility to look after it, especially with the increasing problem of climate change and its impact on farmers and animals.



Thanks to Kathy for organising fun craft activities for the children, and to everyone who brought contributions of food to help people in our communities at this difficult time. And thank you to the people who work so hard to keep the Community Garden so beautifully.

### Stars of the week 30.09.22:

<b>Maple Class</b>	Harry for being imaginative and resourceful when designing and making a bird feeder to help feed our birds in poor weather.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Molly for always persevering and trying again when something doesn't work. William for sharing his brilliant knowledge when learning about the continents of the world.
<b>Elm Class</b>	Louise for great participation in all lessons, super reading expression and working hard to produce her best work. Andrew for showing a superb growth mindset by persevering and overcoming some difficult challenges in maths and developing his ideas in English.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Star of the week – Thomas M (Y3) for being a fantastic historian - he gave some superb reasoning for how the Wensleydale Railway will change peoples' lives! Mindset award and box to go to Maya A (Y4). She has really embraced our "mistakes make us grow" this week. (I'll send Kim a quick email now to make sure it's been refilled with a bag of sweets).
<b>Oak Class</b>	Poppy for participation in the rugby tournament, for trying so hard and having lots of fun! We are all very proud of you Poppy. Sabrina for perseverance in the maths lesson and for working with a much greater independence. Well done! This week, the mindset box goes to Abbie S for a wonderful learning attitude, for helping others and for her ability to reflect and ask questions. She is an amazing positive learner in our class!

#### Diary Dates

4.10.22 School Open morning – 9.30 – 10.30am  
 4.10.22 KS2 Cross Country at Richmond School  
 5.10.22 Elm Class Forest Schools  
 7.10.22 Community Stay & Play for nursery and reception children and their parents/carers at Spennithorne (2.30 – 3.30pm)  
 10.10.22 Year 5 & 6 Girls Football competition  
 20.10.22 FOMAS Autumn Disco at Middleham – more information coming soon  
 21.10.22 Break up for Half term holidays  
 31.10.22 School opens

Have a super

weekend.

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