



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 21st April 2023 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the Summer Term! This half term our Christian Value, chosen by our Pupil Collective Worship Leadership Team is RESPECT.

On Tuesday, some of the children asked if they could deliver their own Collective Worship on climate change. This had been inspired by the Year 5 children who introduced about our Global Neighbours Award that the children will be working on this term. The children used time in the holidays and lunchtime to prepare the worship. We were also impressed with rest of the children who listened attentively, asking questions and making some thought-provoking suggestions on how we can show respect to our planet. I think that you will agree that our children were certainly living our school vision and Christian Value – well done team!



PSHE Curriculum

This term the children across the federation will be learning about 'Growing and Changing' as outlined in our PSHE curriculum and to fulfil our statutory duty under the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and as outlined by the DFE which came into effect September 2020. This will be age-appropriate, and all staff have received training on how to deliver these lessons. Attached with this newsletter are the curriculum letters and teachers have given you a little more information on the content of the lessons and the vocabulary that will be used. If you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Our PSHE and RSE policy can be found on the school website:

<http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/policy-pshe.pdf>

There is a DFE parent guide which you may find helpful and further support on the NSPCC website, including the PANTS resources which we use in school:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907638/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/sex-relationships/healthy-relationships/>

Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne Schools (FOMASS)

On Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.30pm FOMASS will be meeting at the Coverbridge Inn to make plans for the Summer Fair. They always welcome new members so please feel free to join us.

A polite reminder!

Please can I remind all parents/carers who bring younger children onto the school site at the start and the end of the day that you are responsible for your child/children. This also applies to older children whilst waiting at Middleham for the school bus to arrive with younger siblings. Please ensure children do not climb on walls or fencing.

May I also remind parents/carers at Spennithorne that once you have collected your child/children to leave promptly to enable staff to close the gates to secure the site for safeguarding children who are at after school clubs.

Photography Club

What a fabulous start to Photography Club this week. The children were so amazing and creative with their photographs and have selected their favourites and moved them into a folder ready for some clever editing and effects later! We hope you enjoy looking at some of the favourite photos from 'Tree Week'. The children zoomed in on some interesting bark patterns and laid down on the grass to create different levels to add interest. Well done everyone, Mrs Bradbury is very much looking forward to next week's session!



House Team

With so much excitement at the end of the Spring Term we forgot to announce the winning house team for the term. I am pleased to congratulate Coverdale Team who collected an impressive 957 points. Well done Coverdale, I will be organising your treat in the next few weeks.

Stars of the week

Stars of the week 21.04.23:

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| Maple Class | Lucy for showing a great understanding of our new value 'Respect'. Lucy has shown she cares for our indoor and outdoor environment and uses all our classroom resources sensibly and carefully. |
| Willow Class | |
| Elm Class | Jack for excellent listening, trying his best and working hard in every lesson. Sofia for great reading and concentration. |
| Sycamore Class | Monty for a super first week back Carson for a super week of maths work. The Growth mindset award goes to Lilly for super encouragement of others in and out of lessons |
| Oak Class | Sabrina for great work with decimals this week and for listening and persevering. Kaitlin for always having a super, careful approach to her spelling. The mindset box this week goes to Abbie for her positive attitude, cheerfulness and willingness to always do her very best. |

Have a wonderful weekend

M R Mann

Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 24th April 2023

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

Diary Dates

25.04 Willow and Elm Class swimming begins
26.04 Year 5 at Wensleydale School for a STEM event
26.04 Year 3/4 Cluster Tennis event at Reeth MUGA
5.05 Federation Day at Spennithorne to celebrate the King's Coronation - more information coming soon
8.05 Bank Holiday for The King's Coronation
9.05 – 12.05 Year 6 SATS tests
18.05 Year 5/6 Cluster Cricket Competition - more information coming soon
22.05 – 24.05 Year 5/6 Residential
24.05 Year 3/4 Rounders competition at Wensleydale School - more information coming soon
25.05 Year 3/4 Cluster Cricket Competition - more information coming soon
26.05 School closes for half term holiday
5.06 School opens