



# 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

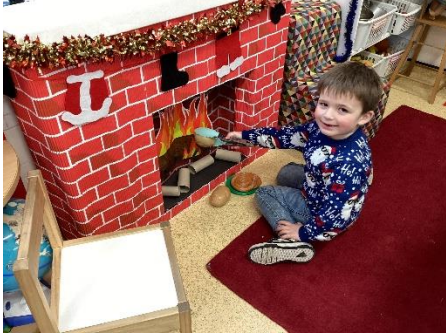
## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Compassion

### A message from Mrs Mann

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! There has definitely been a buzz in the air this cold week!

The children in Maple Class were delighted to welcome their parents/carers and also some new faces for our Community Stay and Play in Maple Class this morning. Thank you to everybody who was able to join us, we hope you enjoyed exploring our Forest School woodland and making festive crafts. A lovely end to a wonderful week.



### Starting School in September 2024

If you know anybody who has a child starting school in September 2024 please invite them to call Mrs Clarkson, 01969 623474, to book an appointment to have a tour of our federation.

### SIAMS Report

Hopefully you received a copy of our latest SIAMS Report (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). If you did not receive a copy then please do not hesitate to contact either school office or take a look on our federation website: <http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-us/school-reports/>

### Christmas Raffle and bag pack – FOMASS

Thank you for the generous donations received for the Christmas hampers. Raffle tickets are still available for £5 each, please contact a member of FOMASS to buy your square or you can send money in an envelope to either school office. Check the FOMASS Facebook page for updates on number availability.

Our next event is Bag Packing in the Co-op, Leyburn on Saturday 16th December.

If your child is interested in helping out at this event please email [fomassschools@gmail.com](mailto:fomassschools@gmail.com) and state whether they can help out in the morning or afternoon.

If there are enough volunteers then a rota will be in place. Please note that a parent/carer will need to stay with the child.

## Christmas Light Switch on in Middleham.

We look forward to seeing you at the light switch on in Middleham tonight, 6:30pm. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult for the duration of this event. Rev Jeff and Rev Liz will be supporting the children in singing carols around the tree.

## Poppy appeal

Thank you for your donations to the Poppy Appeal, the federation raised a total of £156.50.

## Lost Books

Could we ask that you check at home for any school books. We are missing a variety of books from both Middleham and Spennithorne that children have brought home and not returned. All school books are stamped with the school address so easily identifiable. Please return books to either school as soon as possible.

## Class News

### Year 3 / 4 Football

We were well presented at the cluster football tournament this week at The Wensleydale School. What a great team the children were, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, determination, and tenacity. A fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> place was achieved. Well Done to all involved.



### Stars of the week 1.12.23

<b>Maple Class</b>	Grayson for improved blending and confidence with reading. George LJ for amazing concentration and confidence during PE.
<b>Birch Class</b>	Woody for using some great vocabulary in story writing. Jude for writing some fantastic sentences in a great story.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Finlay for great questions and hard work in history Molly B for great sportsmanship in football. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Reuben for always being on task and focused. A super member of Sycamore class.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Olivia for writing a super newspaper report and for a much-improved spelling focus. Monty for super history knowledge and participation this week. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Shay for fantastic participation, enthusiasm and a super learning attitude.

### Diary Dates

- 1.12 Christmas Light Switch on – Middleham 6:30pm
- 6.12 Skip 2B Fit for KS1 – see email for further information.
- 8.12 Federation Day Christmas treat day – see email for further information.
- 8.12 Christmas lunch Day
- 11.12 Federation Day – Dress rehearsal for the Christmas Nativity – see email for further information.
- 13.12 Christmas Nativity – 2pm & 6pm – see email for further information.
- 14.12 KS2 singing at the Senior lunch at Middleham Key Centre
- 16.12 FOMASS Co-op Bag Packing
- 19.12 Christingle Service 6pm – see email for further information.
- 22.12 Party Day – see email for further information.
- 22.12 Last Day of term