



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 December – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Compassion

A message from Mrs Mann

The festive feel really has taken a hold this week across our Federation. Thank you to everybody who joined us for the nativity performances of 'It's a baby'. The children did a fabulous job singing and dancing on the stage, we hope you are as proud of your children as we are. Thank you to the teaching staff for all your hard work in bringing the traditional Nativity story to life on stage.



Christingle

All pupils and their families are invited to join us at St Alkelda's Church, Middleham for our Christingle Service. Please arrive at church from 4:45pm for a 5pm start. Children will be sitting with their families this year as the Collective Worship leaders and KS2 children lead the service. Each child will be making a Christingle at their teaching school, these will be handed out in church. We look forward to seeing you there.

Singing at the Key Centre

Our KS2 children enjoyed a trip to the Key Centre to sing at the Seniors Christmas lunch this week. They sang a selection of traditional Christmas carols, everybody sang beautifully and did the school proud. Well Done Sycamore and Oak class.

Illness

We are aware of a suspected case of Hand, Foot and Mouth within our community. Please remain vigilant for symptoms which include a sore throat, high temperature, ulcers in the mouth and raised bumps on hands and feet. Further information can be found on the NHS website [NHS advice](#)

Sumdog

The Winter Wonderland Sumdog competition starts today and will finish on the 21st December. Scoring is based on both individual and class success and every question answered correctly boosts the overall score. Last year Oak Class came 6th place overall, we look forward to seeing this year's results next week.



Christmas Parties

Next Friday, 22nd December, we invite the children to wear non-uniform (this includes Christmas jumpers and/or accessories) for a Christmas party. Please bear in mind that the children will be playing outside at break and lunchtimes. Please ensure your child is wearing sensible footwear for the day. The children can bring a festive treat eg a small chocolate bar or individual bag of crisps to enjoy at break time. No nuts please.

Diary Dates

16.12 FOMASS Co-op Bag Packing
19.12 Christingle Service 5pm – see email for further information.
22.12 Party Day – see email for further information.
22.12 Last Day of term
08.01 Staff Training Day
09.01 School reopens for all pupils.

Stars of the week 15.12.23

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| Maple Class | Whole class award for fantastic commitment and growth over the autumn term. Well Done everybody. |
| Birch Class | Whole class award for some outstanding writing and great focus this week. Well done! |
| Sycamore Class | Freddie for an excellent first week in Sycamore Class. Harriet for beautiful singing in the nativity and at the key centre. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Monty for being a supportive member of our class. |
| Oak Class | Monty for being a fantastic role model during the nativity performances. Well done! Carson for amazing singing during all performances of the nativity. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Sam for such wonderful manners and for such a positive attitude this week, not forgetting amazing singing! Well done Sam! |