



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 22nd December – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Compassion

A message from Mrs Mann

Wow, what an amazing term we have had in the life of our federation – it has been a long term but action packed and we are so proud of the children.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the children, parents/carers, staff, governors and members of the community that make every day so special. I would like to express an extra special thank you to the wonderful FOMASS team for all their hard work in fundraising this term, in particular for giving up a busy Saturday so near to Christmas to give our children another opportunity to serve the community (more information below) – thank you!

I wish you a peace filled Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Tuesday 9th January 2024!

Christingle Service

Thank you to everybody who was able to join us this week for our Christingle Service at St Alkeldas church, Middleham. Our Collective Worship leaders and KS2 children did an amazing job in leading the service and giving us all time to pause and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. All the children performed with such enthusiasm – well done to all the children.

Visit to Kirkwood Hall

We had a visit to Kirkwood Hall in Leyburn this week to play the piano and sing Christmas Carols to some of the residents. The residents are looking forward to future visits in 2024.

Open the Book

We would like to say a very special thank you to members of the Open the Book team who come into both schools sharing Bible stories with children through the power of storytelling. We would like to invite parents and carers into school to join us for these sessions. Our first Collective Worship will be at Middleham School at 2.45pm on 10th Jan.



Also, you are invited to the Christmas Eve Crib Service at East Witton Church at 3pm as the Open the Book team present 'Festive Fred and the Greatest gift'.

FOMASS

FOMASS would like to thank the children and families who joined them at Leyburn Co-op for the bag packing event last weekend.

The fabulous students dressed in their uniform tops, gave up their time and worked solidly representing their schools and spreading Christmas cheer. The Co-op staff commented how polite the children were and how grateful they were for their help on a very busy day. They raised £244 and made a lot of people smile.



Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas hampers, Mrs Wheeler has been in touch and will arrange delivery of the prizes. A total of £1015 has been raised from this event so thank you to everybody for donations of items and purchasing of tickets.



Spring Term clubs

This week an email has been sent out regarding the lunchtime and after school club's available next term. Lunchtime clubs do not require booking however if your child wishes to join one or more after school clubs, please ensure you complete the online forms linked in the letter, places are available on a first come first served basis. Payment for clubs is via ParentPay. Contact Mrs Durrant for more information.

Sumdog

Well Done to everybody who entered the Winter Wonderland competition this week. A special congratulations go to Sycamore class who came 92nd out of over 2800 classes, a fantastic achievement.

Pupil Celebration

We are incredibly proud of Lailah-Faye this week as she donated presents to the children's ward where she was a patient 4 years ago. Lailah took over 80 presents for children who will be in hospital over Christmas.



Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded the Head Teacher Award this half term, these children have all demonstrated and upheld our core school values for all children to be ASPIRATIONAL, RESPECTFUL, and RESILIENT.

Grayson, Rocco, Bonnie, Jude, Riley,

Theo, Kacie, Maya A, Oliver G, Monty W and Eoghan

PE Days Spring Term

Maple - Thursday

Birch - Tuesday and Thursday

Sycamore - Monday and Thursday

Oak - Tuesday

Diary Dates

22.12 Last Day of term

08.01 Staff Training Day

09.01 School reopens for all pupils

10.01 Oak Class – Walk through the Bible sessions begin (more information coming in Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter)

15.01 Milk available in school from today – please see email for further details

15.01 Sycamore Class – Dance session begin (more information coming in Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter)

19.01 Sycamore and Oak visit to Middlesbrough – more information coming soon.

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