



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 6th January 2023 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It was lovely to hear the news from the children about their Christmas holidays. The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm for their learning this week, and it has been a very productive start to 2023. Our Christian Value this term is Perseverance which has been chosen by our Pupil Collective Worship Team.

Increase in illnesses

Today we have sent everybody an email from North Yorkshire County Council containing guidance and information regarding the increase in infectious diseases. Please read this and familiarise yourself with the information.

What will my child be learning this term?

Please find attached with this newsletter a copy of your child's curriculum newsletter which will tell you all about the topics that they will be covering in each subject.

We welcome visitors into school so if you think you or someone you know can support the pupils' learning in anyway please do talk to your child's class teachers or myself.

PE Days

Your child will need to wear PE kit on the following day(s) this term please:

Maple Class – Thursday

Willow Class – Wednesday & Thursday

Elm Class – Monday & Thursday

Sycamore Class – Monday (Children to come to school in school uniform and bring swimming kit in a bag please)

Oak Class - Tuesday



On Thursday 12th January we welcome Dave from Skip2bfit into school. All pupils will need come to school in PE kit please.

Forest Schools

We are pleased to be able to continue to provide Forest Schools this term and I know that Miss O'Neill and Mrs Wheeler have some exciting things in store for the children! We aim to take the children out in all weather (when safe to do so) and would request that the children bring several layers, waterproofs, hats and gloves. If you require any help with any items, then please contact the school office as we do have spares and are happy to provide.

Forest School will be on a Friday this half term and the children should come to school in their school uniform and bring their Forest School kit in a bag on:

13.01 Maple Class and Willow Class

20.01 Oak Class

27.01 Sycamore Class

3.02 Elm Class

10.02 Oak Class and Sycamore Class

End of the School Day at Spennithorne

Please can I ask that children and parents/carers leave the school site promptly to enable staff to secure the site. Thank you for your co-operation.

Additional Bank Holiday

You will most likely be aware but there is an additional bank holiday on **Monday 8th May 2023** in honour of the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, and school will therefore be closed.

KS2 SATS

Due to the additional bank holiday the KS2 SATS tests will now take place for year 6 on Tuesday 9th May 2023 – Friday 12th May 2023. We have ordered SATS revision books which will be coming home with the children as soon as they arrive. Mrs Bradbury and myself will be hosting an information evening for all Year 6 parents/carers on Monday 16th January 2023 at 5pm at Middleham School, children can also attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend and have any questions, then please contact myself or Mrs Bradbury.

Facebook

If you are not already following us on Facebook then please find our page: 'Spennithorne Middleham Primary School'. We would really appreciate if you could share our page and in particular our post uploaded today promoting the closing date for new reception pupils due to start school in September 2023. The closing date for applications is Sunday 15th January 2023 and can be made online: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>

Welcome to our team

It was lovely to welcome Miss Batten to our federation family this week who will be teaching in Sycamore Class Wednesday to Friday and will be in school to work alongside Mrs Bowkett on a Monday.

News from Willow and Elm Class

History came to life for children in Willow and Elm class this week as they delved into a hot topic. Pupils and staff donned colourful costumes as they stepped back in time to find out more about life in 1666 and the Great Fire of London. Activities included bread-making, sewing, printing and art, as well as trying out apothecary and blacksmith skills before children tried their hand at redesigning London. Their imaginations were certainly fired up!



News from Oak Class

The children in Oaks Class have loved learning about the layers of the Earth and we had an amazing discussion about what we thought was beneath our feet!

Using play doh, they have created the layers and learnt about the structure of our precious Earth. Cutting them in half was the best bit!



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Mrs Mann
Executive Headteacher



Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 9th January 2023

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

Diary Dates

- 9.01 Sycamore class swimming at Richmond pool
- 9.01 Music club restarts at Spennithorne, see email for more information
- 10.01 Craft club restarts at Spennithorne, see email for more information
- 11.01 Lego club starts at Spennithorne school, see email for more information
- 12.01 Skip2Bfit – all pupils to wear PE kit please
- 13.01 Maple and Willow Forest School
- 16.01 Year 6 Parents/carers SATS information evening at Middleham, 5pm.
- 20.01 Oak Class Forest School
- 27.01 Sycamore Class Forest School
- 3.02 Elm Class Forest School
- 10.02 Oak and Sycamore Forest School
- 10.02 School closes for half-term holiday
- 20.02 School opens

