



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 17th November 2023 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Compassion

A message from Mrs Mann

Another busy and productive week in the life of our federation. The children continue to engage well in their learning and it has been lovely to celebrate in their success at the end of the week in Collective Worship. In KS2, there were a number of children who shared work that they were proud of, an extra special mention to Lily and Kaitlin who were brave and sang their song linked to anti-bullying week.

SIAMS Inspection

As you will be aware, on Wednesday we welcomed Jo Brookes into school for Middleham's SIAMS Inspection. We will be able to share the report with you in the next few weeks. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the children, parents, staff and governors for all their work in preparing for the inspection. Jo and Lisa (trainee inspector) also asked for me to pass on their thanks and for the warm welcome to our federation.

Anti-Bullying Week

The week started a "little odd" with staff and children wearing odd socks to join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. The children have engaged in purposeful activities throughout the week to explore anti-bullying further and what to do if they are worried about themselves or their friends being bullied.



There is a useful parent pack available online: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

FEAST Holiday Activities

The latest round of holiday activities are now available to book online [FEAST Activities Archive - North Yorkshire Together](#). Attached to the newsletter are details of activities taking place with Stage 1 Cycles, get in touch with them if you have any questions.

The FEAST scheme offers children and young people across North Yorkshire a fantastic range of holiday activities, additionally if you receive certain benefits you could be entitled to free places and free meals. To check your eligibility please follow this link [Free school meal eligibility](#)

Tempest Photography

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 26th November. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link, visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk
If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

FOMASS

Thank you to everybody for your donations of bags, a total of £120 has been raised. The next collection will be in the Spring term.

Governor Update

This week Revd Jeff visited the school for a maths governor monitoring visit. Revd. Jeff comments that the progress and achievement in maths is unrecognisable compared with 3 years ago when this was identified by Ofsted as a weakness. The children like maths, they achieve in maths, they are excited that they have learned different ways of solving problems. They can remember their maths! This is building resilience and they are very clearly growing and learning. Thank you to the hard work of the staff and thank you to parents for supporting children with their maths homework – it makes a difference.

Class News

Maple Class

This week we had a visit from Leyburn Fire Service. We sat inside the fire engine and looked at all the amazing equipment. We also learnt what to do if there is a fire, 'stop, drop and roll'.

Children asked some fantastic questions including 'what happens if the fire engine breaks down'.

Many thanks to the Fire service for coming into school.



Pupil Celebration



Congratulations to Bonnie. Her dance teacher has been in touch to say 'I am delighted to share some wonderful news with you about one of your pupils Bonnie, she has done fantastically well in her recent dance exams. Taking both her Ballet and Tap exams. We are really proud of her.'

Well Done Bonnie

We love celebrating achievements from outside of school. If your child has celebrated a success in an activity that you would like to add to the newsletter please send a photo and details to Mrs Clarkson.

Stars of the week 20.10.23

Maple Class	Rocco for persevering, especially while using tools in forest school. George LJ for trying really hard with his letter formations.
Birch Class	Robyn for writing some brilliant descriptive sentences. Savannah for some brilliant maths addition work.
Sycamore Class	Thomas for an excellent drama performance in English Joshua for always being ready to learn and on task. <u>Growth mindset Box</u> Sofia for an excellent positive mindset towards her maths this week.
Oak Class	Ophelia for writing a super poem about anti bullying. Ella for amazing maths this week and for believing she can do it! <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Lola for all her positivity, big smiles and kindness.

Diary Dates

- 29.11 Year 3/4 Football (date change) – more information coming soon
- 1.12 Oak Class Forest Schools
- 6.12 Skip 2B Fit for KS1 – more information coming soon
- 13.12 Christmas Nativity – 2pm & 6pm – more information coming soon
- 16.12 FOMASS Co-op Bag Packing
- 19.12 Christingle Service 6pm – more information coming soon
- 22.12 Last Day of term