



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

### A message from Mrs Mann

This week in Collective Worship we have been focusing on 'Love in Action' and it is such a joy to walk around school and see the children working together, encouraging each other. The children are all thoroughly engaged in their learning and have such positive attitudes and a true willingness to 'have a go' – keep it up Team FEDMAS!

Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to join us for our Reception Welcome Service at Spennithorne. Thank you also to Rev Chris and Rev Jeff for leading this service. It was wonderful to mark this significant milestone in the children's journey of life.

### FOMASS meeting

Friends of Middleham & Spennithorne Schools (FOMASS)

MEETING ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT COVER BRIDGE 7:30PM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

FOMASS IS A FRIENDLY GROUP OF PARENTS THAT MEET 2 OR 3 TIMES A YEAR TO ORGANISE EVENTS THAT RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL.

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS TO HELP WITH THE ORGANISATION OF THE FEW EVENTS WE HOLD.

The funds we have raised for the school so far have helped towards costs for school trips, equipment and laptops.

Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne school are having their first meeting of the school year on the Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at Coverbridge Inn. We invite all parents and carers to come to the meeting.

We are incredibly grateful to the funds raised by FOMASS which enable our children to have all the little extras in school, most recently funds have gone towards buses for trips, laptops, forest school supplies and props for the summer production.

Please come along to the meeting to find out more about what they do and how you can help.

### Stay and Read in Birch Class

Reminder for parents of children in Birch Class you are invited to join us at Spennithorne school on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 9-9:30am for a stay and read session. The children are VERY excited to show you our fabulous new classroom.

### Message from the office.

If your child will be missing from school due to illness, please ensure you inform the school by 8.45am at Middleham and 9am at Spennithorne. You can leave an absence voicemail by phone or send an email to Mrs Durrant [middlehamadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:middlehamadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk) or Mrs Clarkson [spennithorneadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:spennithorneadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk).

### Headlice

We are aware of an outbreak of headlice in school. Please ensure that you inspect your child's hair closely. If head lice are present, they can be removed by use of a special comb or with medication available at the chemists.

Please note that it is essential that long hair is firmly tied back. To keep the school free from further outbreaks it is important that all parents check their children's hair regularly and report any problems to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Parking

Please be considerate when parking outside Middleham Primary School at pickup and drop off times.

Please be aware that at school times the area is very busy with pedestrians and other vehicles, including the Federation Bus and we do not wish any accidents or injuries to occur.

Alternative off road parking is available at the Key Centre, please use this where possible.

## Open Evening on 25<sup>th</sup> September

Please spread the news to friends and family with a child starting school in September 2024, we are hosting an open evening on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a look around our fabulous Early Years environment.

## Class news

Birch Class have had a wonderful time this week exploring use of lines to create some collaborative and independent water themed art.



The children in Sycamore Class enjoyed learning passing skills using rugby balls in PE this week, well done everybody.



## STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

We warmly invite you to come and tour our facilities and meet the Early Years Team and children.

Call the school office to arrange a time to visit:  
01969 623474 (Spennithorne) or 01969 623592 (Middleham)



“Staff are kind and nurturing, which helps children to settle into school”  
Ofsted October 2022



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## Stars of the week 15.09.23

<b>Maple Class</b>	Whole class award for settling in so beautifully, Well Done everybody.
<b>Birch Class</b>	William S for fantastic writing and artwork. Tia for great teamwork and use of lines in art.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Scarlett for amazing teamwork and tactics in PE. Andrew for having a fantastic positive attitude towards his spellings. <a href="#">Growth Mindset Box</a> Molly B for excellent enthusiasm and encouragement in PE
<b>Oak Class</b>	Oliver B for super participation in English and reading sessions. Well done! Ella for super resilience in Maths. You can do it Ella! <a href="#">Growth Mindset Box</a> Maya M for a fabulous start to the new school year and for having a go and participating

**Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Spennithorne	am – Middleham pm - Spennithorne	am – Middleham pm - Spennithorne	Middleham	am - Middleham pm - Spennithorne

Diary Dates

20.09 Birch Class 'Stay and Read' for parents/carers at 9 – 9.30am

4.10 KS2 Cross Country – more information will be sent soon to those pupils involved

27.10 School Closed for staff training – please note this is a Friday

10.11 Tempest Photographer in school (individual and sibling photos) – more information coming soon