



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 29th September 2023 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

A message from Mrs Mann

It has been a pleasure (as always) to walk around our classrooms this week. I spent some time in both KS2 classes during their Maths Fluency lessons this week and talking to the children about how being fluent in number helps them in their daily maths lesson as well. The children talked about how they encourage each and support each other and that it is also fine to make mistakes! The atmosphere in our schools is calm and purposeful with children showing real pride in their work. It is a joy popping into class. Keep up the good work everybody.

Sumdog Competition

On Monday the 13th October the school are entered into the latest Sumdog competition. Every question answered helps top the leaderboard, we have previously had some great success with competitions and we are very excited to see the results this time.

All children should be accessing Sumdog at least once a week as part of their homework, if you are having problems logging in to Sumdog please send an email to Mrs Clarkson spennithorneadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk

NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe Programme.



Thank you to Miss O'Neil for presenting the Speak Out Stay Safe Programme this week to KS1 & KS2, the children have learnt that they have the right to speak out and have their views taken seriously, be kept safe and get help when they need it. All children have been encouraged to think about safe adults who may be good to talk to, both in school and out of school, and how to contact Childline. We also have a handy link on our school website at the bottom of the page on the Children's Learning Zone: <http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/children/learning-zone/>

Birch Class

What fantastic painting in the style of artist Jasper Johns. The children mixed secondary colours to use in their painting. Well done Birch Class!

Sycamore Class

The children in Sycamore Class have been looking at the book Journey by Aaron Becker, they have demonstrated some fantastic planning for their story openings.



School vacancies

The closing date for the General Teaching Assistant role within the Federation closes next week. Please click the link below for more information and share with others who may be interested in this position.

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Amazon Wish list

The children at Middleham & Spennithorne love new books to read. This is a quick reminder that you can buy books to be delivered straight to the school. Please click on the links below which should take you straight to the Amazon Wish list:

EYFS: <https://amzn.eu/btil3OH>

KS1: <https://amzn.eu/0ini6z2>

KS2: <https://amzn.eu/a0gQh2f>

Car Safety

We have been approached by a member of the community who is concerned that she has observed children not being restrained correctly whilst being transported to and from school in parent/carer vehicles. The following link will take you to the relevant rules for drivers regarding seat belts and restraints: <https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/rules-for-drivers-and-motorcyclists-seat-belts-and-child-restraints.html>

Diary Dates

A few (organised!) parents have been asking about upcoming dates for our Harvest Service and Christmas Nativity and Christingle service. These dates are added to the diary dates below so that you can 'save the date'. More details about each event will be given nearer the time.

Stars of the week 22.09.23

Maple Class	George J for trying so hard to learn phonics sounds. Finley for making his own maths sets using a variety of classroom resources.
Birch Class	Walter for making a brilliant effort in all of our lessons. Bonnie for being super investigator
Sycamore Class	William for listening carefully in French to pronunciations and is always keen to share his passion for talking in French! "Bravo William!" Louis for excellent lines of enquiry in our philosophy debate during RE. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Ruby for super growth in maths. R always puts in 110% and has a positive attitude towards work that she finds tricky.
Oak Class	Isla for wonderful letter writing. Sam for a much improved commitment to homework. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Kaitlin for always encouraging others and for being such a positive friend to everyone.

Diary Dates

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

16.10 & 19.10 Parents Evening

18.10 Year 5/6 Girls Football – more information coming soon

19.10 Leyburn Jazz Festival – concert at Middleham for KS2 pupils

25.10 Year 5/6 Boys Football – more information coming soon

25.10 Harvest Service, 2pm at Spennithorne – more information coming soon

26.10 FOMASS Disco 6 – 7.15pm – more information coming soon

27.10 (Friday) School Closed for staff training

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

15.11 Year 3/4 Football – more information coming soon

13.12 Christmas Nativity – 2pm & 6pm – more information coming soon

19.12 Christingle Service 6pm – more information coming soon

22.12 Last day of term