



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value, chosen by the Collective Worship Leaders, is Kindness

## A message from Mrs Mann

What an amazing end to a fantastic Autumn Term. The children have worked so hard this term and it has been incredible to see them all flourish. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents/carers for your continued support and also to our wonderful staff and governors who work tirelessly behind the scenes.

From all the staff and children at The Federation of Middleham (VA) and Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools, we wish you a peace and joy filled Christmas and look forward to stepping in to 2025!

## Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following for receiving Head Teacher award this half term for their contribution to school and upholding our core values.

Lily, Piper, Rocco, Max, Tia, Scarlett, Monty and Summer

## Federation Celebrations

It has been wonderful to have all the children together as we celebrate the run up to Christmas. The lunch and activity afternoon was a great success with children enjoying listening to Christmas music, making new friendships, competing in the Sumdog Winter Wonderland competition and enjoying a festive film.

Our visit to The Georgian Theatre to watch Treasure Island was enjoyed by children and staff, a great mix of music and comedy with a few Tunnocks teacakes thrown in for good measure. Children were polite and represented the school well, what a pleasure to take them into our community and share a lovely experience with them. Many thanks to FOMASS for covering the cost of this event.

Party Day was a great success with dancing, traditional party games and crafts. All the children and staff looked fabulous in their festive outfits





### Posada

Thank you to all the families who hosted the Posada, we hope you enjoyed the experience. The final destination for the Posada will be St Alkelda’s Church Middleham, on Christmas morning at the 9.30am Family Friendly service.

### Sumdog

Congratulations to everybody who competed in the Winter Wonderland contest. Over 5100 classes were entered, Oak came 488<sup>th</sup> place overall and our top scorer was Veer in Sycamore class who came 302<sup>nd</sup> place from over 51,300 students. Well Done.

### Enrichment Clubs

An email was sent home this week with details of enrichment clubs taking place in the Spring Term. The online form should be used to request a place for your child at the clubs, the forms close on 6<sup>th</sup> January and we will email parents then to confirm places.

### [EYFS and KS1 clubs](#)

### [KS2 Clubs](#)

#### Diary Dates

- 20.12 School closes for Christmas holidays
- 6.01 School closed for staff training
- 7.01 (Tuesday) School reopens for all pupils



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