



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 23rd February 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Service

A Message from Mrs Mann

It was lovely to welcome all parents/carers into school this week to celebrate with you your child's progress. Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns about your child you can contact your child's class teacher by speaking to them on the playground, sending an email to either admin email or by telephone.

This term our Christian Value chosen by the Pupil Collective Worship Leaders is Service. They have chosen this value during Lent as many Christians don't just give up things for Lent but choose to do something kind for others. Watch this space throughout the term as we launch our "Secret Service Agents".



Safer Internet Day

This week we welcomed in to school our local PCSOs to talk to us about online safety. Children explored how to identify and manage risks and dangers online, if you would like to know more about safer internet use please visit www.net-aware.org.uk

Polite reminders

To enable staff to safeguard and secure the school grounds, please can parents and pupils leave the school site promptly at the end of the day. Also this is a reminder that younger siblings remain the responsibility of parents whilst on school grounds.

Jewellery and nail varnish

Please can we remind you that children should not be wearing jewellery (other than a watch and/or stud earrings which need to be removed for PE), nail varnish or fake nails at school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Staff Updates

It is with great sadness that I inform you that at the end of the Spring Term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Wheeler. Mrs Wheeler has made an amazing contribution to the life of our federation not only as a staff member but also for many years as a governor. We wish her all the best in her new adventures.

We are advertising for a GTA position, if you or somebody you know may be interested in this role, please follow this link for more information: [GTA + MSA position](#)

Daisy Chain Project

The Daisy Chain Project supports and empowers autistic and neurodivergent individuals and their families. They provide face to face and online workshops for parents on a variety of topics.

If you'd like to know more, please visit their website [Daisy Chain Project](#)



Year 6 Parents/Carers SATS Preparation Evening

We would like to invite all year 6 parents/carers to an information evening at 3.30pm on Wednesday 13th March at Middleham. Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Mann will share with you information about SATS week and how you can support your child at home. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions. Children are encouraged to attend with their parents/carers.

World Book Day – 7th March 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 7th March 2024 and the children will be involved in a range of reading activities throughout the day.

We invite the children to come to school in “something comfy”. This may be non-uniform (no football kits please), a book character costume or they could even come in their pyjamas (although preferable not the ones they have worn the night before!).

Class News

Children in Sycamore Class have finished their animation topic this week, they put together everything they have learnt to create some fabulous animations. Well Done.



Diary Dates

- 27.02 FOMASS Meeting, 7.30pm at Coverbridge Inn – all welcome
- 28.02 Open the Book at Middleham 2.45pm, parents and carers invited to join us
- 28.02 Meet the Governors, Middleham School Hall. Drop in between 6 – 8pm
- 6.03 Open the Book at Spennithorne 3pm, parents and carers are invited to join us
- 7.03 World Book Day – wear something comfy
- 8.03 KS2 STEM Day with Cummins – more information soon
- 8.03 Reception & Year 6 Height and weight check with the Healthy Child Team
- 12.03 Water Safety Talk from Richmond Swimming pool in school for all pupils
- 13.03 Open the Book at Middleham 2.45pm, parents and carers are invited to join us
- 13.03 Year 6 SATS Information Night for parents/carers
- 20.03 Sycamore and Oak Class performance at Wensleydale Tournament of Song – more information coming soon
- 21.03 Space Themed Federation Day – more information coming soon
- 22.03 Easter Service at St Michael’s Church, Spennithorne 2pm – parents/carers welcome to join us
- 22.03 School close for the Easter holidays
- 8.04 Training Day
- 9.04 School opens to all pupils

Stars of the week 23.02.24

Maple Class	Finley for super contributions to class discussions. Oliver for super listening and working really hard.
Birch Class	Jesse for making a fantastic effort in everything this week. Well done. Savannah for amazing effort in her maths and writing. Well done.
Sycamore Class	To be announced next week.
Oak Class	Ollie R for amazing fractions and decimals work in maths. Summer for wonderful effort in PE. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Charlie for a positive week and for asking some super questions. Well done Charlie.



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