



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 9th February 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Truthfulness

A message from Mrs Mann

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received the Head Teacher award for their commitment to school, living out our school vision and values over the last half term.

Jack B, Holly, Heath, Minnie, William B, Freddie, Oliver G, Daisy



I hope that you have a restful week and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 19th February 2024.

Safer Internet Day 6th February

This week all the children have taken part in various activities to support Safer Internet Day, which is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year, it covers an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. This year's Safer Internet Day focused on change online, including:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline.

The Safer Internet Day poem

Going online can be so much fun,
You can play, and chat, and find out.
But when things change and you feel unsure,
Then that's when it's time to shout...
"Something has changed, and I need some help,
What's happening doesn't feel good."
Things will get better when a trusted adult knows,
And your feelings have been understood.

If you would like further information and support, this is a very informative website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Please also find attached with this newsletter some useful updates from Mrs Bowkett, Computing Lead. Please also visit our school website for additional useful information for parents/carers: <https://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/online-safety/>

World Book Day

This week your child has brought home their World Book Day tokens. These can be used at book shops, including The Wonky Tree Bookshop in Leyburn, from the 15th February to the 31st March. [World Book Day 2024](#)

Sumdog

This is a quick reminder that the children in Birch and Sycamore Class should be completing Sumdog weekly as part of their maths homework. We have also had an update from the Sumdog Team that the website access for tablets will be disabled from the 1st March so please ensure you download the app before this date. If you need a password reminder, please get in touch with Mrs Clarkson.

Oak Class – Collective Worship

Oak Class led Collective Worship brilliantly on Thursday this week continuing the theme of Truthfulness. They talked about times in their own lives when they have made the right choice to be truthful and did a fantastic dramatization of The Boy Who Cries Wolf to help everyone to think about the impact of not telling the truth. Many thanks to the parents/carers who were able to join us for worship.



Class News

Maple Class

In our RE lessons we have been thinking about the big question 'Which people are special and why?' The children collectively decided that family, friends, school and people in their community are special to them. We played a guessing game where we had clues and had to decide which person helped us in school and our community. We then decided to make cards for people who were special to us in our family.



Diary Dates

9.02 Last Day of term

19.02 School reopens to all pupils.

19.02 Parents Evening at Spennithorne, see email for more information.

21.02 Open the Book at Spennithorne 3pm, parents and carers invited to join us.

22.02 Parents Evening at Middleham, see email for more information.

28.02 Open the Book at Middleham 2.45pm, parents and carers invited to join us.

6.03 Open the Book at Spennithorne 3pm, parents and carers are invited to join us.

13.03 Open the Book at Middleham 2.45pm, parents and carers are invited to join us.



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