



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 19th January 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Truthfulness

A message from Mrs Mann

It has been a cold week this week but the children have kept warm by keeping busy! The children at Spennithorne took the opportunity to explore the grounds and had many 'wow' moments looking at the impact that the cold weather was having including finding some huge blocks of ice and many icy leaves. The Middleham children went to Middlesbrough today to visit a Hindu Temple and also to St Francis Assisi Church of England School – we will update you more on this visit in the newsletter next week.

SIAMS Inspection

As you will be aware, on Thursday we welcomed Sue Thackary into school for Spennithorne's SIAMS Inspection. We will be able to share the report with you in the next few weeks. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the children, parents, staff and governors for all their work in preparing for the inspection. Sue also wanted to pass on her sincere thanks for such a warm welcome.

Term Dates

Term dates for 2024-2025 are now available on the school website <http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/term-dates/>
Any requests for leave during term time must be made via the Request for leave form available on the school website or from either school office, further information regarding the importance of school attendance is also available on the school website.

Dance Lessons

We were delighted to welcome Miss Richmond from The Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy into Sycamore Class for dance lessons. The children engaged really well and were able to create some very impressive dance moves and shapes! Miss Richmond will continue working with the children over the next few weeks. We hope to invite parents/carers to a performance at the end of the unit of work – please keep an eye out for an invitation!



Open the Book – an Invitation to all parents/carers

Each week we welcome the Open the Book team into our federation to help lead our Collective Worship. The team bring to life stories from the Bible with the help of drama, music and fun.

We would like to invite parents/carers to join us for this act of worship which normally takes place in alternate schools on a Wednesday. The first session at Middleham School takes place Wednesday 24th January at 2.45pm, then will be every other Wednesday. The first session at Spennithorne will be on the 31st January at 3pm, then every other Wednesday. We will put the dates in the diary box of the newsletter as well. We hope that you can join us!

Daisy Chain Project

The Daisy Chain Project includes Autism Central Hubs which offer guidance to families, carers and personal assistants of autistic people. All sessions are run by Peer Educators, these are parents or carers of autistic people, who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with you. They offer group and one-to-one sessions to help you and other parents and carers find the information and services available in your area. For more information follow this link [Daisy Chain Autism Central Hubs](#).

Class News

Walk through the Bible

Pupils in Oak Class enjoyed their first Walking through the bible lesson this week, they are now enjoying the stories from the New Testament.

This week the story of Lazarus was brought to life, the children participated fully and with enjoyment.



Birch Class

The children in Birch Class have been busy weaving this week. They have made some beautiful pieces of artwork inspired by our vision and core value 'love'.

Pupil Celebration

Harry loves farming and goes to his Grandad's to help feed and look after all of his Grandad's cows! This year they are naming the calves names beginning with the letter V, Harry chose Vickie after his Auntie Vickie!!



Diary Dates

- 24.01 Open the Book at Middleham School 2.45pm, parents and carers invited to join us.
- 26.01 KS2 First Aid training – more information coming soon.
- 31.01 Open the Book at Spennithorne School 3pm, parents and carers invited to join us.
- 7.02 Open the Book at Middleham School 2.45pm, parents and carers invited to join us.
- 9.02 Last Day of term
- 19.02 School reopens to all pupils.

Stars of the week 19.01.24

Maple Class	Toby for super listening and understanding during our RE lessons. You have remembered so much from previous sessions. Well done. Jack B - For having so much enthusiasm during our phonics sessions and for doing lots of extra phonics and writing work at home. Well done.
Birch Class	Sid for taking his time to complete a wonderful piece of artwork. Ezra for a fantastic effort in his reading and writing.
Sycamore Class	To be announced next week.
Oak Class	To be announced next week.