



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 8th March 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Service

A message from Mrs Mann

It was great to see so many children wearing 'something comfy' as we celebrated World Book Day yesterday. Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join us for the stay and read sessions, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The World Book Day tokens can still be exchanged in shops until the 31st March.



Cummins STEM

Great fun was had today when Adam, Brijesh, Shukla and Oscar from Cummins joined KS2 for some STEM learning to launch British Science Week. Children were challenged

with the task of designing the fastest car. They had to think about weight and design before their cars were tested. After a practise run, they got the chance to redesign (and in some cases completely rebuild!)

their cars. They then raced them again and discussed what made the winning car so fast. A huge thanks to the team from Cummins for such an engaging workshop! Check out Class Dojo for more photos and videos!



FOMASS

Gentle reminder that donations of chocolate eggs can now be left at either school or given to a member of FOMASS for our Chocolate Bingo event.

We are still listed for a chance to win £1000 thanks to Movement for Good, please take 2 minutes of your time to nominate us. Click the link below and choose The Friends of Spennithorne School. [Movement for Good, £1000](#)

If you or somebody you know is interested in joining FOMASS or has some fundraising ideas, please send an email to fomasschools@gmail.com

Home to School Transport

North Yorkshire Council has a statutory responsibility to provide travel assistance for home to school for eligible children. They are asking for parents, carers (present and future) and members of the community to complete an online survey as they propose changes to the policy. These changes may impact you and your children in the future. The online survey can be found following this online form and closes on the 12th April. [Home to School Transport Policy Consultation](#)

ParentPay

Please ensure you regularly log in to ParentPay to allocate funds and avoid going into negative credit for additional items in school including flapjack, lunches and after school clubs. We would encourage parents to pay for the half term in advance, if possible, rather than weekly as the school is charged for every payment made and we would prefer to keep these charges as low as possible so more of the school funds can be used on resources for the children.

Staff vacancies

We are still looking for a GTA+MSA to join our Federation, if you or somebody you know is interested in this role please find further information and application details via this link. [GTA role](#)



Community Stay and Play

There will be a Community Stay and Play for pre-school and nursery aged children and their parents on Friday 15th March. Please share this event with friends and family who are interested in sending their children to our Federation or who would like to know more about us.

Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Clarkson.

Forest School dates

15.03 – Maple and Birch Class

15.03 – Year 5 (please come into school wearing uniform and bring clothes to change in to).

22.03 – Sycamore and Oak Class (children will need to bring uniform, including black shoes, to change in to for the Easter service)

Class news

Oak Class

This week in PE we worked on our gymnastics skills - balancing - to create bridges. Our bridge had to be able to allow something (or someone) to pass over and under it! We were challenged to keep a different body part grounded each time. We used our different bridges to create a routine of 6 movements containing 2 unison and 2 cannon balances.



Stars of the week 08.03.24

Maple Class	Felix for reading some very long words fluently and without needing to sound talk. Well done George LJ for some super work in the creative area this. You made an amazing shark! Well done
Birch Class	William I for a beautiful piece of bee artwork. Max for making a great effort in maths lessons.
Sycamore Class	Jack for excellent homework. Elliott for super RE retrieval and making connections. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Harriet for great listening skills in tournament of song practice and applying new learning.
Oak Class	Sam for super work with decimals this week. Kaitlin for working incredibly hard in all her tests this week. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Maya A for her super learning attitude in all subjects and for always being the best that she can be. Well done!

Diary Dates

- 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
- 15.03 Maple, Birch and Year 5 Forest School.
- 15.03 Community Stay and Play for pre-school/nursery children. More information attached to this newsletter.
- 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 **1.45pm please note change of time**, parents/carers welcome to join us.
- 22.03 Sycamore and Oak Class Forest School.
- 22.03 School close for the Easter holidays
- 8.04 Training Day
- 9.04 School opens to all pupils.



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