



# 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 22nd March 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Service

### A message from Mrs Mann

Although it has been a shorter term, it has still been action packed. The children all continue to show resilience and good attitudes to learning and it makes me proud to be a headteacher to such wonderful children.

At the end of another busy term I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support, thank you to the amazing FOMASS team for your extra efforts with fundraising to enable us as a school to do the extra things with the children. And to the fantastic staff and governors who go above and beyond – thank you.

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Headley who has been an MSA at Middleham for an impressive 35 years. We wish you well and hope that you can enjoy time with your family. And Mrs Wheeler, who has been so dedicated to our federation as a parent, a governor and most recently as a staff member. We are so grateful for all that you have contributed to the life of our federation. We wish you well in your new venture.

Have a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded the Head Teacher Award this half term, these children have all demonstrated and upheld our school vision and values.

## Jack L, Felix, Mia C, Molly S, Toby C, Reuben, Ella, Isla and Poppy

### Federation Day

What a super, spectacular federation day we have all had!

The children showed such excitement, enthusiasm and joy throughout the day. We explored our solar system whilst inside the space dome, created a fabulous piece of collaborative art, had great fun making our own paper rockets in class and made rockets fly outside using science. Check out ClassDojo for more photos and videos of the fun we had.



### Wensleydale Tournament of Song

Sycamore and Oak had a wonderful time at The Wensleydale Tournament of Song this week, thank you to parents, family and friends who came to watch. The children were commended for every song and we received so many positive comments from the audience. Well done to you all for representing our school with such enthusiasm.



### Sumdog

Well Done to everybody who took part in the latest Sumdog Competition. From over 100 classes Sycamore class came in 1<sup>st</sup> place for the daily challenge on Tuesday and claimed 14<sup>th</sup> place overall so well done to you, additionally a fantastic well done to Jack D who came in 8<sup>th</sup> place overall from over 1900 players.

## Chocolate Bingo

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the chocolate bingo last night and also for the generous easter egg donations. We raised a total of £510.

## Swimming lessons

Birch and Sycamore class will start their swimming lessons at Richmond pool when we return from Easter break. Please ensure you have filled in the online consent forms.

[Birch class swimming consent](#)

[Sycamore class swimming consent](#)

## After School Clubs

The letter with details of lunchtime and after school clubs has now been sent to all parents, places are allocated on a first come first served basis. The online booking forms are available via the letter, if you have any questions get in touch with Mrs Durrant or Mrs Clarkson. Allocation of places, confirmation and payment via ParentPay will be available after the Easter holidays on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April when staff return to school.

## Parking at Middleham

This is a polite reminder to park carefully at both our school sites. At Middleham, please be mindful that there are 4 buses that use Park Lane and need to be able to reverse park into the school car park, please therefore refrain from parking opposite the school entrance. Parents/carers are able to park in the Key Centre car park to relieve congestion. Thank you for your support.

### Diary Dates

22.03 School close for the Easter holidays

8.04 Training Day

9.04 School opens to all pupils.

9.04 Birch class swimming lessons, please see letter for more information.

10.04 Sycamore class swimming lessons, please see letter for more information.



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