



The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools

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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 November 2024 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value, chosen by the Collective Worship Leaders, is Kindness

FOMASS

FOMASS will be at Leyburn Co-op tomorrow, 23.11.24 from 10-2pm packing bags, please do pop in and show your support. FOMASS are also at Harmby Village Hall tomorrow from 9am-6pm selling sweet treats and raffle squares.

Next Friday is non-uniform day for all children in exchange for a gift contribution towards the Christmas hampers, items could include biscuits, chocolates, drinks etc.

Raffle squares area available to buy at Harmby Village tomorrow, at the nativity performances on the 11th December or from any member of FOMASS. Any questions please email fomassschools@gmail.com

FEAST

FEAST offers all children and young people in **North Yorkshire** a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible families. The scheme runs during Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays. More information about eligibility and available clubs is at <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast-activities/>



Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to the children and families who donated to the poppy appeal, between our schools we raised £143.07.

Christmas in Church

On Saturday 30th November 2024 from 10.00am – 4.00pm at St Alkeldas Church, Middleham the community are invited to come and view all the angel entries in the Angel Exhibition. There will be home made refreshments, savouries & cakes and Concert of Carols at 2pm. Attached to this newsletter is the entry form if your child would like to make an angel for this festival, we will also be making some angels in school.



Christmas lunch

An email has been sent home with regards to the Christmas lunch taking place in school on Tuesday 17th Dec, please use the online form to complete your child's choice by next Friday 29th November. [Pupil xmas lunch](#)

This date will also be a Federation Day at Middleham, more information will be sent soon.

Training for Parents

NYC Inclusion provide free parent & carer Autism training, we have a downloadable course, a 2 day face to face course in Northallerton on 5th & 6th February 2025. To book on / download the training parents will need to register / sign up on the NYES website and put parent in the job title/organisation boxes and 'attend training course' in reason section. If needed NYES can be contacted - Email: nyes@northyorks.gov.uk or Call: 01609 533222

[Unlocking Autism for Parents & Carers 2 Day Course | NYES Info](#)

<https://nyes.info/Event/234730>

Eco Go

Many thanks to all the children who entered a design and name for our new Eco group, they were fantastic entries. School council had a very tricky job choosing the winners and decided they would like to combine a few designs to create the logo, therefore a huge congratulations go to Thomas, Harriet and Nina in Oak Class and Ezra in Sycamore for their designs, they each choose an item from the book fair as their prize. Our new Eco name 'Eco Go' was suggested by Martha in Oak Class, she also chose a prize from the book fair. Well Done everybody.

Our next project will be litter picking in the local area, if anybody has some litter grabbers available for us to borrow please could you email Mrs Clarkson or chat to Mrs Ibbotson on the school gate.

We also plan to plant fruits, vegetables and herbs in the school gardens in spring, if you have any compost or seeds you would like to donate to school we would be very grateful.

Class News



Maple Class enjoyed a visit from Leyburn Fire Station this week. They listened to the firefighters talking then went outside to explore the fire engine, what a sight it was to see the children using the fire hoses.

Birch Class enjoyed a visit from hot air balloonist Chris Barker last week. He shared personal experiences, photos and videos from his travels in a hot air balloon and explained the process from prepping to inflating and travelling in a hot air balloon,

the children really enjoyed this visit and asked some brilliant questions.



Sycamore Class worked incredibly hard in maths this week demonstrating perseverance and aspirational learning, Well Done Sycamore.

Oak Class had a super, informative morning at Carlton Lodge for this year's Crucial Crew event.

We have come away with lots of information about fire safety, water safety, staying safe online and drugs, vaping and smoking so that we are able to make well informed choices as we get older. Excellent behaviour Oak Class too

Knowledge is power!!



Stars of the week 22.11.24

Maple Class	Martha for amazing blending in phonics. Well Done
Birch Class	Jack B for focusing very well in his English and maths lessons. Max for his enthusiasm and effort in maths lessons, it has been amazing!
Sycamore Class	Molly B for an excellent learning attitude at all times. Jack W for working hard in all subjects and trying his best
Oak Class	Monty for several acts of kindness this week. Wow! Well done Monty. Maya M for trying so hard, super listening and not giving up in the maths lessons this week.



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Diary Dates

- 23.11 (Saturday) FOMASS Bag Packing at Co-op in Leyburn
- 23.11 FOMASS fundraiser at Harmby Village Hall
- 27.11 Open the Book at Spennithorne, parents invited to join us
- 29.11 Non Uniform Day in exchange for a raffle prize
- 02.12 Flu vaccination in both schools, more information has been sent home
- 4.12 Open the Book at Middleham, parents invited to join us
- 1.12 (Sunday) Christingle Service, 3pm – more information coming soon
- 11.12 Federation Nativity, 2pm and 6pm – more information coming soon
- 17.12 Federation Day @ Middleham and School Christmas Dinner, email sent with more information
- 19.12 Federation Christmas treat to The Georgian Theatre – more information coming soon
- w/b 16.12 No extra-curricular clubs this week
- 20.12 School closes for Christmas holidays



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