



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 29th November 2024 – Newsletter

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

Sumdog



All pupils in Birch, Sycamore and Oak should be accessing sumdog for at least 20mins each week as part of our homework programme, all questions are tailored to the skill set of each child and are a great way to play games as well as practice maths. From 13th – 19th December we are entered in to the Winter Wonderland National Maths Contest, this is a great opportunity to put our skills to the test as we answer 1000 questions. Everyday there are individual and class winners each receiving certificates, we have had great success in the past, lets have another great effort this time.

FEAST

On Monday 25th November FEAST issued vouchers to all families whose children/young people are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

Don't worry if there's a waiting list - it doesn't always mean that an activity is full. To ensure that a wide range of families get to take part in FEAST, providers to wait a number of days after vouchers are issued before accepting any bookings. Please request a place and you should receive a notification from Holiday Activities if your place is confirmed.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).

FOMASS Update

A huge THANK YOU to the FOMASS team who braved the stormy weather on Saturday and raised £83 bag packing and £153 at Harmby Christmas Fair.

Thank you for the donations to the Christmas Hampers, there are some really lovely items. Raffle squares are on sale by contacting a member of the FOMASS team and will be on sale at the Nativity performances, £5 a square.

Scholastic Book Fair

Many thanks to everybody for purchasing books through the book fair. It was a great success and wonderful to see the children so excited at the books on display. Thanks to the sales across both schools we were able to spend over £250 on books to share across the Federation.

Stay and Play

We will be hosting a Stay and Play session from 9:30-10:30 at Spennithorne school for nursery aged children due to start school in September 2025, a parent/carer must stay with them for this event.

Collective Worship Leaders

The Collective Worship Leaders have been busy preparing worship for Advent next week. A small group also met with Trudi Garratt-Ward, Leeds Diocese, to learn more about their role and think in greater detail about planning effective worship. Trudi was really impressed with the children's understanding and passion for their role!

Christingles

The children have enjoyed making their Christingles in preparation for the service on Sunday at 3pm. Looking forward to seeing you all at the service at St Alkeldas Church Middleham.



Stars of the week 29.11.24

Maple Class	Piper for great concentration and super ideas when creating our Christmas roleplay house.
Birch Class	Woody for showing a mature attitude in all his learning. Daniel for such brilliant effort in phonics and writing.
Sycamore Class	Tia for embodying our Christian value of kindness always
Oak Class	Reuben for fantastic learning attitude and always being ready. Well done! Finlay for amazing listening in maths mastering number. Well done Finlay!

Diary Dates

- 1.12 (Sunday) Christingle Service, 3pm at St Alkeldas Church
- 02.12 Flu vaccination in both schools.
- 04.12 Open the Book at Middleham, parents invited to join us
- 05.12 Stay and Play for nursery aged children, 9:30-10:30am at Spennithorne school
- 11.12 Federation Nativity, 2pm and 6pm – more information in the Christmas Events email
- 17.12 Federation Day @ Middleham and School Christmas Dinner – more information in the Christmas Events email.
- 19.12 Federation Christmas treat to The Georgian Theatre – more information in the Christmas events email.
- w/b 16.12 No extra-curricular clubs this week
- 20.12 School closes for Christmas holidays
- 6.01 School reopens for staff training
- 7.01 School reopens for all pupils



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