



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 25th October 2024 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to everybody who was able to join us for the Harvest Service last week, it was lovely to have the church so full. Thanks also for donations of food items, these have now been sent to Influence Church for distribution.

Head teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils for being recognised for their contributions to school and upholding our school vision.

Edward, Kacie, Andrew, William I, Harry, Ashton and Reuben



Start and End of day at Middleham

If you would like your Year 5 or 6 child to walk home from school unaccompanied you must inform school in writing, additionally if your child will be walking to school unaccompanied this will also need to be confirmed in writing to either school office. Children in reception – Year 4 must be supervised by a responsible adult.

Pupils should not arrive before 8.35am and children should not be left unsupervised until the bell at 8.35am, the staff member at the front of school from 8.30am is for the children arriving on the bus. Thank you.

Start and End of day at Spennithorne

Drop and go – please can we remind parents that we now operate a drop and go system, this supports your child's growing independence and enables the car park to clear quickly so staff can close the gates to secure the site. If you need to speak to a teacher they will be available on the school gates or you can email/call the school office. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

A message from the School Council

As School Council, we have decided to change our world for the better through eco projects that help our environment and community. We will be running events throughout the year to encourage people to care more about the impact of their actions on our environment.

Our first project is inviting you to enter our competition to create a logo and name for our Eco team, let your imagination flow as you design something eye-catching that will represent our aims for the project. Entries should be returned to either school by Tues 5th November. Winners will receive a £10 book voucher and all other entries will be entered into a draw to win a £5 book voucher to be spent at the school book fair. We look forward to seeing your designs.



Scholastic Book Fair

We are very excited to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in both schools after half term. Books will be available for children to browse during the week and they can create a wishlist to bring home, additionally the books will be available to purchase during parents evening at both sites. Payment can be cash, online using the QR code attached to the flyers or via card on parents evening. Please use postcode DL8 5PR for online payments to ensure the funds go to the correct account.

A message from FOMASS

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the FOMASS Autumn Disco. We raised an amazing £341.49, we hope everyone enjoyed the evening. Funds raised will help pay for the federation Christmas treat at The Georgian Theatre to see the pantomime, Treasure Island. More information will be sent nearer the time.

Bags2Schools have been sent home to every family, please return them to either school by 9am Fri 15th November. You can also use normal bin bags so spread the word to your neighbours as well! Details of what can be collected can be found on the Bags2School website <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

If any parents/carers are interested in joining our friendly volunteer group please do drop us a message or come along to our next meeting - we announce these on our Facebook page. Everyone is welcome.

Class Fundraising

The orders from the first shop opening have now been delivered and they look fantastic, we hope you are pleased with them. There will be another opportunity to buy items through the online shop from 15th to 24th November. Please follow the link on your child's design card to access the shop.

Skip2Bfit

We are very excited that Dave from Skip2Bfit will be coming back into school on Tues 5th November to relaunch his skipping programme, all pupils will need to wear their PE this day.

Federation Bus

Today we say a huge thank you to Mr Tempest as he will not be driving the Federation bus for us after half term, thank you for stepping into the role and enabling the bus to continue running. We will miss you but hope that we will see you on occasion back behind the wheel!

On a brighter note we are excited to share that Mr Pead-Jowett will be driving the bus alongside Rev Jeff after half term, welcome to our Federation.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be in both schools on 8th Nov to take individual and family photos. The photographer will be available at Spennithorne at 08:00 am for family shots. The federation bus will leave as usual at 8:30am, if you need a space for your child to go to Middleham, and they don't normally have one, please let Mrs Clarkson or Mrs Durrant know.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

After school clubs start back week beginning 4th November 2024. There will be no clubs in the last week of term (week beginning 16th December 2024).



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Parents Evening

An email has been sent home with the online form for parents to book a slot to see their child's teacher on the 11th or 13th Nov. Thank you to those who have already completed the form, if you haven't completed the online form please do so before Mon 4th November.

Governors Update

We are very excited to share with you that our newly appointed parent governor is Mr Gareth Woodyer, we are very excited to have you join our Governing Body and are looking forward to your ideas and knowledge. We also appointed 2 Co-Chair Governors, Mr Sam Wilmington and Mr Josh Hadfield, they will continue to lead our Governing Body. Governors will be at parents evenings at both schools to chat to parents about their role and answer any questions you may have.

Mini Police



Year 5 children began their mini police project today. PC Heather introduced the session by giving children their uniforms. The children then had ID cards made and learnt all about the police equipment. They had great fun handcuffing each other and exploring the baton and all made a mini police project promise.

What a super afternoon! Well done Year 5

Year 5 & 6 Hockey

A huge well done to the Year 5 and 6 hockey teams, we placed 3rd in the competition. Super teamwork and hard work by all. An extra well done to Summer, Josh and Monty for super effort and being great team players.



Diary Dates

We have put all the key diary dates leading up to Christmas below to help parents plan ahead. We will also send additional information nearer the time.

Diary Dates

- 25.10 School closes for Half term holiday
- 4.11 School closed for staff training
- 5.11 School reopens for all pupils
- 5.11-12.11 Scholastic Book Fair at Spennithorne.
- 5.11 Federation Poetry Week – more information coming soon
- 5.11 Skip 2B Fit Dave in school – children will need to be in PE kits all day please
- 8.11 Tempest Photography in school – individual photos – more information coming soon
- 11.11 Parents Evening @ Spennithorne – email has been sent
- 12.11-19.11 Scholastic Book Fair at Middleham
- 12.11 Flu vaccination in both schools, more information has been sent home
- 13.11 Parents Evening @ Middleham – email has been sent
- 15.11 Bags2School Collection
- 29.11 Non Uniform Day in exchange for a raffle prize
- 1.12 (Sunday) Christingle Service, 3pm – more information coming soon
- 11.12 Federation Nativity, 2pm and 6pm – more information coming soon
- 12.12 Federation Day @ Middleham and School Christmas Dinner
- 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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