



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 13th September 2024 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Trust

Open Evening

We are holding an Open Evening at Spennithorne School on Mon 23rd Oct from 5-7pm for families who have children due to start school. This is a lovely opportunity to walk around our school and meet some of the staff. Please share this event with friends and family who have children starting school next year.



Collective Worship Leaders

Collective Worship is the heartbeat of our Federation and it is a special time when the school gather to reflect on their day and to explore our school vision and values. The children in KS2 who would like to be part of the Collective Worship Leadership Team will have the opportunity to meet with Mrs Ibbotson, Assistant Headteacher, at 12.40pm on Tuesday 17th September.

Spelling Shed

This week we launched our new spelling programme Spelling Shed. The children have been enjoying the activities and learning their spelling rules. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing you to a Spelling Shed App and we will send more information about this soon, this will help children with their spelling in a fun way. Please bear with us for the next few weeks whilst the teachers get to grips with the new programme.

Y5 & Y6 Opening Evenings

The Wensleydale School, Leyburn are holding their annual open evening on **Thursday 3rd October at 6:00PM** for Year 5 & 6 students, parents and carers. During the evening you will be able to meet staff and students, have a look round the school and sample some lessons. If you are unable to make this open evening, school would be more than happy to arrange a tour on any school day.

Please email Mr Hadfield (Key Stage 3 Progress Leader – joshua.hadfield@wensleydaleschool.net) to arrange a convenient date and time

St Francis Xavier at Richmond are holding their annual open evening on Thursday 26th September from 5:00pm. The Headteacher will be making a presentation at 5.15pm and 6.15pm. Tour the school & meet the teachers, you can contact the school on 01748 823414 or email enquiries@sfx.npcat.org.uk



Eye testing



Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak. Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests and if your child needs glasses they will receive a voucher to help with the cost. Attached to this newsletter is more information about eye testing from children.

After School Clubs

All places at after school clubs have now been confirmed, if you have not received an email confirming your child's place at the club or on the waiting list please get in touch with Mrs Clarkson. There are spaces available at Music and Multi skills at both sites, please email school if your children would like to attend these.

Spennithorne and Harmby Villages Show

This Saturday, 14th September, is the show at Harmby Village Hall. Viewing is from 2-3.30pm, admission is £1 per adult and free for children. Pupils have entered classes this year so why not pop along and see how they do.

Class fundraising

Drawing templates have been sent home with every child for the Christmas artwork fundraiser. Please ensure these are returned to school by 9am on Monday 16th September, we will not be able to accept any late artwork.

Birch Class Art Attack

Birch Class have had great fun exploring art in a variety of ways this week.

We explored different textures around our classroom by making pastel rubbings. We then ripped and cut our rubbings to make a piece of frottage art in the style of Max Ernst.

We also created some lovely repeating patterns using different tools.



Diary Dates

- 16.09 Welcome Service at Spennithorne School, 3pm
- 16.09 Phonics Information Evening at Spennithorne, 3.45pm
- 20.09 Forest School for Birch Class
- 25.09 Yr 5/6 Cluster Football, more details will be sent to the pupils involved.
- 27.09 Forest School for Oak Class

Stars of the week 13.09.24

Maple Class	Fearne for being so sensible, kind, polite and enthusiastic. Well done
Birch Class	Rocco for his mature attitude to learning. Harry for making a real effort in all his lessons.
Sycamore Class	Veer for putting in 110% no matter what he is doing. Andrew for always fully embracing our school vision and core values.
Oak Class	Maya A for amazing maths this week. Finlay L for showing amazing talent in art!



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