



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 20th September 2024 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

Welcome Service

It was lovely to welcome the families of Maple Class on Monday to the Welcome Service. The service was led by Revd Chris Lawton and Revd Liz Moody. It was a time to pause and reflect on our school vision and value of love and to think about the exciting journey ahead for us all this school year.

Phonics Evening

Mrs Ibbotson and Mrs Brown would like to thank the parents/carers who were able to attend the phonics information session this week. If you were unable to attend, please visit the school website for the Phonics PowerPoint Presentation. The teachers will also be sending out regular support for parents/carers throughout the year in pupil book bags and on Class Dojo.

<https://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/children/curriculum/>

Stay & Play

We would like to invite parents/carers of Maple Class for a stay and play on Friday 4th October 2024 9 – 10am. We hope you can join us!

Start of Day arrangements

Thank you to everybody for your support at Middleham as we have introduced new start of day arrangements, all is going well and feedback has been positive. We appreciate your support with the changes.

At Spennithorne we will be re-introducing the drop and go system from Mon 30th September. Staff will be available from 8.50am and parents are asked to walk their children to the school gates where a member of staff will be on hand to welcome them on to the playground and take any messages you may have, alternatively you can email either school office. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Sing Education

We are thrilled to have Miss Spink from Sing Education at Middleham school this year. She will be working in class doing music lessons and is leading the after school club on a Thursday. This week they enjoyed reading a play with the aid of musical instruments. Club runs from 3.15-4.15pm and spaces are available if your child is interested, the club is free and Spennithorne taught children will be transported via federation bus to Middleham school.

Cool Milk

As you may be aware we offer milk at school through the milk scheme Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised cost. If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Please ensure you select your child's teaching school, Reception to Year 2 is Spennithorne and Year 3 to Year 6 is Middleham.

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FRUITFUL LIVES, ROOTED IN LOVE
A PLACE TO LEARN, LOVE & GROW

OPEN EVENING
Monday 23rd September 2024,
5.00 – 7.00pm at our Spennithorne site

We warmly invite you to come and tour our facilities and meet our friendly staff.
SEE WHAT OUR AMAZING FEDERATION CAN OFFER YOU!

Ofsted
Good Provider
** Staff are kind and nurturing, which helps children to settle into school **
Ofsted October 2022

Visits to our Spennithorne and Middleham sites can also be arranged throughout the year by calling the school office to book an appointment.
Contact: 01969 623474 (Spennithorne) or 01969 623592 (Middleham)

Free School Meals

Free school meals are available for all children whose parents receive certain benefits, to apply or find out more information see the website www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

You could save up to £450 a year with free school meals for your child. School meals can also save you time and provide peace of mind that your child is enjoying a healthy, fresh, and nutritious meal at lunchtime.

Oak Class

This week the children in Oak Class have been using 'BBC Bitesize Dance mat typing' to practice their typing skills, they loved it and encourage others to have a go too.



Pupil Celebration

After several months of training Nina, Ella and Mia all took part in the annual summer dance show for Footloose last weekend. They were so professional, energetic and happy. Well Done.

Diary Dates

- 23.09 Open Evening at Spennithorne School, 5-7pm
- 25.09 Yr 5/6 Cluster Football, more details will be sent to the pupils involved.
- 27.09 Forest School for Oak Class
- 4.10 Maple Class Stay and Play 9 – 10am for parent/carers
- 4.10 Maple Class Forest Schools – more information coming soon
- 18.10 Federation Harvest Service at Middleham 2pm – more information coming soon
- 21.10 Chris from Open Door Art visiting school for another fun art workshop
- 25.10 School closes for Half term holiday
- 4.11 School closed for staff training
- 5.11 School reopens to all pupils

Stars of the week 20.09.24

Maple Class	Charlie for showing so much enthusiasm and effort in our Maths sessions this week. You were excellent at using the vocabulary - same, different and match. Well done
Birch Class	Grayson for making a real effort in all his learning and participating in discussions. Max for always being so enthusiastic in lessons.
Sycamore Class	Ruby G for always having a super growth mindset and trying her best. Oonagh for super contribution in English lessons
Oak Class	Sam for being such a supportive, kind friend. Summer for super art work and great concentration.



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