



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 27th September 2024 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

Working Together to Improve School Attendance

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.

Last year our whole school attendance was above national average and above our school target of 97% and I am grateful to parent/carers continued support in helping this to be achieved. We have sent home an email letter with more information regarding school attendance, if you haven't received this or have any questions please contact either school. More information can also be found on the school website: <https://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/attendance/>



Class Fundraising

All order cards have been sent home with children this week, thank you to everybody for your designs they are going to make fantastic gifts this Christmas. Please note our school shop will close 12 noon on the 8th Oct so please ensure you have placed your order by then, we aim to have another purchasing opportunity in November, emails will be sent with more details nearer the time.

NSPCC Pants Programme

As part of our PSHE Curriculum over the next few weeks in every class the children will be doing the age-appropriate NSPCC Pants Programme. There is a useful guide for parents/carers on the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Maple Class Stay and Play – Friday 4th October

Parents and Carers of children in Maple Class are invited to join us for a stay and play session from 9-10am next Fri morning, we will be exploring both indoors and outdoors so please dress accordingly!

Start and End of Day

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, from Monday we will be restarting the 'Drop and Go' system at Spennithorne school. Staff will be on the playground from 8.50 am to welcome your child/children on to the playground and take any messages.

At the end of the day at both sites children will be given to their parent/carer from the playground when staff have made eye contact/waved to acknowledge that they have been seen, due to safeguarding please do not take your child from the bus or the footpaths.

Mini Police with North Yorkshire Police

We are delighted to be working with North Yorkshire Police this year on their 'Mini Police' project. Congratulations to all the year 5 pupils, who have applied and been selected to take part. The children will be working around the community with PC Heather Campbell and colleagues doing various policing duties, including speed watch, foot patrol and so much more! Their first duty will be on Wednesday 23rd October 2024, if you see them out and about, give them a wave!

FOMASS

The Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne Schools are having their first meeting of this school year on Wednesday next week 7.30pm at the Coverbridge Inn. Parents are invited to join us to share fundraising ideas and learn about the role of FOMASS within school.



If you are interested in contributing or learning more but unable to attend this meeting please email fomassschools@gmail.com

Parent Governor

Gentle reminder that the closing date for nominations for the Parent Governor role is next Thursday, 3rd October at 3.30pm. Further information was sent via email, if you would like another copy please email either school office

Year 5 & 6 Boys Football

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 football team who performed brilliantly this week at The Wensleydale Tournament cluster football tournament. Miss O'Neill praised your teamwork, resilience and hard work.



Class News

Birch class have really enjoyed their science topic 'electricity'. They have explored how circuits work, and which materials conduct electricity. Over the next few weeks they will be making their own 'Electric Personality' using recycled items.



Pupil Celebration

Nina recently attended Richmond Dance Centre awards ceremony where she was given her RAD Grade 2 Ballet Certificate and Medal. Nina was awarded a High Merit Score and was super happy as was her teacher, Miss Laura. Congratulations Nina.



Diary Dates

- 2.10 KS2 Cross Country at Richmond School – information has been sent to those participating
- 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
- 25.10 School closes for Half term holiday
- 4.11 School closed for staff training
- 5.11 School reopens to all pupils
- 5.11 Federation Poetry Week – more information coming soon
- 8.11 Photographer in school – individual photos – more information coming soon
- 12.11 Flu vaccination in both schools, more information has been sent home
- 1.12 (Sunday) Christingle Service, 3pm – more information coming soon
- 11.12 Federation Nativity, 2pm and 6pm – more information coming soon
- 20.12 School closes for Christmas holidays

Stars of the week 27.09.24

Maple Class	Maybelle for excellent work during our phonics sessions this week. You have remembered all of the sounds we have looked at so far! Well done
Birch Class	William S for writing a fantastic story. Well done. Olivia for a fantastic effort in her phonics learning. Well done
Sycamore Class	William I for super manners and being a good friend. Louise for excellent English work.
Oak Class	Carson for a super learning attitude and joining in this week. Martha for showing kindness and upholding our school values. Well done Martha.



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