



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Love

Welcome back to the new academic year and, of course, an extra special welcome to all of our new families. I hope that you've all had a wonderful summer. We have had a super start to the term with all of the children settling in extremely well to their new classes.

It has been a wonderful week in our schools with lots of exciting learning taking place. Our new starters have settled well into school routines at Spennithorne and they have had so much fun exploring their new surroundings and engaging in all the exciting activities.

### Welcome Maple Class

The children have been busy getting to know the different areas of their classroom - they already know where to sit on the carpet and they have made lots of new friends.

### Welcome Service for Maple Class

We will be having a Welcome Service as part of our Collective Worship on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 3pm in Spennithorne School Hall**. This invitation is open to all parents/carers and members of our community (this includes grandparents). We do hope that you can join us.

### Phonics Information Evening

We will be holding a parent/carer phonics evening on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 3.40pm at Spennithorne. This information evening will be particularly helpful for parents/carers of children in Maple Class and Year 1. If you would like more information then please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Ibbotson or Mrs Brown.

### End of Day arrangements

Please ensure you leave the school grounds as soon as you have collected your children from their teacher so we can close the gates, safeguard the school grounds and ensure after school clubs can start promptly.

### Art Workshops

We were delighted to welcome back Chris from Open Door Art into school today to help launch our value of 'Love' giving the children the opportunity to express themselves through art. We look forward to welcoming Chris back later on this half term.



### ParentPay

Gentle reminder that if your child would like flapjack on a Friday this is paid via ParentPay and must be made in advance, preferably for the term to reduce fees charged to us by ParentPay. Also if your child is having a school lunch (children in year 3-6 only) please ensure these are paid for in advance. Emails have been sent to all parents with more information.

### Please Help!

Please can we remind you to make sure that you have put your child's name in all items of clothing! Also please remember that the children need to bring a named water bottle and a coat to school every day!



## Open Evening

We will be holding an Open Evening on **Monday 23rd September 2024 from 5 – 7pm** for potential pupils who will start school in September 2024. Please spread the word and if you have somewhere you can display a poster, please contact the school office who will supply you with copies.

## Forest Schools

Miss O'Neill is excited to continue developing our Forest Schools area with the children at both our schools. Next Friday (13<sup>th</sup> September 2024) it will be Sycamore Classes turn. Please send in a bag with named spare clothes suitable for outdoor exploration, wellies and waterproofs.

### Stars of the week 6.9.24

<b>Maple Class</b>	Whole class award for settling in so well. Well Done Maple class.
<b>Birch Class</b>	Lucy for being an excellent role model for a new year 2 and caring for others in the school community. Year 1 class award for resilience in their new class.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Arthur for acting as an excellent role model to his peers. Robyn for being a respectful and responsible member of our class.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Ella for an enthusiastic start to the new term. Freddie C for a super start to Oak class.

### Diary Dates

13.09 Sycamore Class Forest Schools session  
16.09 Welcome Service at Spennithorne School, 3pm  
16.09 Phonics Information Evening at Spennithorne

More diary dates will be added in next week!