



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 14th February 2025 – Newsletter

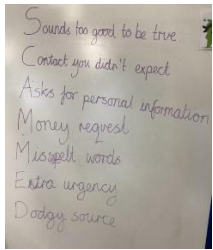
This term our Christian Value, chosen by the Collective Worship Leaders, is Community

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Head Teacher award this half term for their contribution to school and upholding our vision and values.

Fearne, Felix, Bonnie, Veer, Ruby, Josh, Nina

Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday the whole school took part in this year's Safer Internet Day awareness. The message this year was about being able to spot a scam 'S-C-A-M'

Children in Sycamore and Oak class watched a BBC live stream lesson and then made bookmarks to help them remember what to look out for.

Andrew's top tip "watch out for spelling mistakes as they can tell you it's a scam"

Nina's top tip "scams are often not personalised so they won't say your name"

Ruby's top tip "if it sounds too good to be true it is probably a scam"

Toby's top tip "always look who has sent it and only accept it if you know them"



Next Wednesday, 19.2.25 from 6-7.15pm, is another opportunity for parents/carers to attend free online training that will help you understand your child's digital world and create a safer environment at home. The booking form is available here <https://ygam.org/training/parents-carers/book-parents-carers/>

Parent Carer Voice

'We are the recognised Parent Carer forum for North Yorkshire, supporting families with children and young people (0-25yrs) with Special educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). We now have a team of Parent Participation Officers (PPO's) working in localities across the region, PPO's are people who have lived experience of being a SEND Parent/Carer and work with local SEND parents and community organisations to understand and share collective needs and challenges.'

Donna Muffet is the PPO for Richmondshire, if you wish to contact her please email pporichmondshire.pcv@gmail.com More information can also be found at

<http://www.parentcarervoiceuk.org>



World Book Day

Children have been given their World Book Day tokens, these can be exchanged in many shops for a special World Book Day book, there are 13 to choose from, or used to receive a £1 discount on any book. Further details can be found on the token.

On the 6th March we will be having a special World Book Day lunch, the menu has been sent home this week. If your child normally has packed lunch but would like to have the school meal this day please email Mrs Durrant or Mrs Clarkson. Please also check out the reading newsletter from Mrs Ibbotson with our planned events for the day!

Time to school every day by:	Your child would have lost opportunity:	or they would have missed approximately:
5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

Attendance

We have seen an increase in the number of children arriving late to school, we are monitoring this situation closely. Please note that arrival after the close of registration time is classed as an unauthorised absence.

Under the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 these absences can be used as evidence against you if legal action were to be considered by the Local Authority under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The Local Authority are closely monitoring all school attendance in line with, '[Working Together to Improve School Attendance](#), August 2024 (DfE).'

Bird Club

New members are invited to join the new Bird Club at Middleham School.

A place to learn and cherish our British birds. Great for mental wellbeing and mindfulness. A place for curiosity, wonder, love and kindness. We will explain Bird Club to Blue Peter and hopefully we will get a green Blue Peter badge for all of the club members.

Leaders and founders: Freddie, Thomas and Finlay

Time: Friday lunch-time

We would welcome donations of binoculars! Thankyou, Freddie, Finlay and Thomas

FOMASS News

The Friends of school are busy organising the upcoming fundraising events. The Chocolate Bingo will be held on Thursday 3rd April 2025, at Harmby Village Hall. Doors open at 5.45pm (eyes down at 6pm). FOMASS have also reserved a table for the Finghall Barrel Push Quiz on Friday 14th March, 7pm at The Queen's Head Pub, Finghall. Tickets are £10 which includes a pie and pea supper. Thank you to Finghall Barrel Push for choosing FOMASS as one of their charities to support this year! Please contact the FOMASS team or see other ways to purchase on the poster!

Save the date: Saturday 21st June 2025 – FOMASS Summer Fair at Middleham

Finghall Barrel Push 2025

Quiz Night

At the Queens Head Pub Finghall
Friday 14th March from 7.00pm

Tickets £10.00 including Pie & Peas supper

Get your brain in gear and test your knowledge
Tickets only available from the Queens Head

Facebook – The Queens Head
Phone – 01677 450259
Email – claire_mckinlay@hotmail.co.uk

RAFFLE
Donations welcome

Maximum Team Size – 6 People
Prizes for Winning team

Fundraising for – Dementia Forward, Herriot Hospice, Prostate Cancer, Federation of Middleham & Spennithorne Schools, Friends of Crakehall school & other good causes

Diary Dates

- 14.02 School closes for half term
- 24.02 School open to all pupils
- 27.02 NCMP Checks Reception and Year 6 – information has been sent.
- 28.02 Sycamore Forest School
- 03.03 Chris Layfield, Open Door Art
- 06.03 World Book Day – Special lunch menu has been sent
- 07.03 Sycamore Forest School
- 10.03 (Spennithorne) & 12.03 (Middleham) Parents Evening – more information to follow
- 14.03 Sycamore Forest School
- 18.03 Bags 2 School Collection
- 18.03 Dance the Dales Workshops
- 21.03 Sycamore Forest School
- 28.03 Wensleydale Tournament of Song
- 2.04 Easter Service followed by art gallery at Spennithorne – more information coming soon
- 3.04 FOMASS Chocolate Bingo at Harmby Village Hall, 5.45pm
- 4.04 Wear Blue Day!
- 4.04 School closes for Easter
- 21.04 School closed for Bank Holiday
- 22.04 School opens to all pupils
- 21.06 Save the date – FOMASS Summer Fair



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