



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 7th February 2025 – Newsletter

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

Community Lunch

Thank you to all the friends, family and community members who joined Year 6 as we hosted our first community lunch this week. It was lovely to have the hall full of chatter, if you attended the event and would like to leave some feedback we would love to hear about your experience. Year 5 will be hosting the next Community Lunch, details will be sent home in due course.



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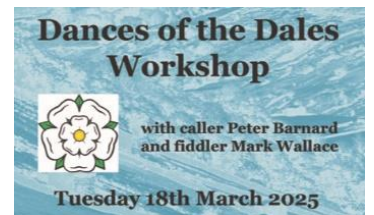
Congratulations to everybody who took part in the Yorkshire and Humberside Contest this week. We saw some amazing results this time including Jamie, Edward H, Oliver G and Toby C who placed in the top 50 students and Oak Class who were the daily winners on Thursday. Fantastic work.

Dance the Dales

Dance the Dales is a project that takes dances that were danced in the Dales until the 1970s into local communities to widen an understanding of this important part of the region's heritage.

They will be visiting Middleham school on the morning 18th March to teach the children some dances.

Pupils, parents, carers, family and friends are invited to an afterschool workshop from 3.30-4.30pm at Middleham School to have a go at some of the traditional dances, no prior knowledge or experience of folk dancing is required. There will be no cost for this event. Please let Mrs Durrant know if you plan to attend this event.



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. Testing no longer takes place in school but appointments can be made at any opticians. 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 for children.



Ygam

There is a Ygam online training taking place next Tuesday from 12-1.15pm. Use this link to book your FREE place. [Parents/Carers Online Workshop](#)

Through engaging, practical training, you'll develop a deeper understanding of young people's digital lives, confidence in spotting warning signs, and strategies for creating safer digital spaces at home.

You will explore both the opportunities and risks of gaming together, ensuring you can guide your children with confidence.

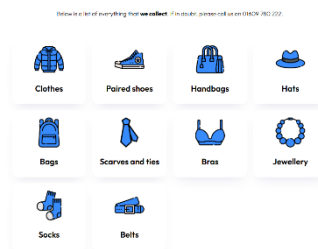
Staff Update

Next week we will be saying goodbye to Miss Peacock-Whitehead as she starts her new adventure as a teacher. Miss Peacock across our Federation taking on many roles. You will be greatly missed but we wish you all the best for this exciting next step in your career.

FOMASS

Our next Bags 2 School Collection will be on the 18th March. Bags will be coming home with the children next week ready for a clear out over Half Term! Black bin bags are also accepted. Please spread the news to friends, family and the community. Bags can be dropped into either school between Monday 17th and 9am 18th March.

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



Class News

Oak Class

This week was our last Walk through the Bible session. We reenacted the story of Esther who used her influence to save people in her community. She taught us to always do the right thing, using the influence we possess to help others. We have enjoyed all the stories, actions and fun facts. Thank you Mrs Holland for bringing these stories to life.



Diary Dates

- 14.02 Oak Class Forest School
- 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.
- 03.03 Chris Layfield, Open Door Art
- 06.03 World Book Day
- 10.03 (Spennithorne) & 12.03 (Middleham) Parents Evening – more information to follow
- 18.03 Bags 2 School Collection
- 18.03 Dance the Dales Workshops

Stars of the week 7.2.25

Maple Class	Ava for working so hard on her letter formation this week. Well done
Birch Class	Felix for consistently making a brilliant effort in all his lessons! William for a wonderfully imaginative setting description in English.
Sycamore Class	Toby for being a kind and caring member of our school community. Samuel for being an excellent member of our school community.
Oak Class	Olivia for amazing maths this week. Carson for super lead singing in our Wensleydale Tournament of Song rehearsals.



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