



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 6th October 2023 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

A message from Mrs Mann

At the end of the week, our Celebration Worship is a time for the children to reflect and celebrate all that they have achieved through the week. The children are given the opportunity to share how they have seen “love in action” in our school. It warms my heart to hear the children celebrating each other and thanking their friends for helping them when they have had difficulty or even just for the simplest of things like holding a door open, playing fun games together a playtime!

In both our schools, the Pupil Collective Worship Leadership team have stepped into their role of responsibility including leading worship and are also currently helping me to write the Harvest Service ready for the end of this half term. What wonderful schools to have the privilege to work in!

KS2 Cross Country

14 children from KS2 had a fantastic day at Richmond school this week competing in Cross Country. A great time was had by all, Mrs Ruthven said the children were superb, cheering their teammates on and congratulating them at the end of their races. Congratulations to Lily and Edward who have progressed to the final.



Collective Worship – Sycamore Class

The children in Sycamore Class will be leading worship on **Thursday 12th October 2023 at 2.45pm** and would like to invite all parents/carers to join them. This will be in the school hall at Middleham.

Collective Worship & Phonics Evening

We would like to invite parents/carers to the ‘Open the Book’ Collective Worship on **Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 3pm**. This will be in the school hall at Spennithorne and will be followed by a short phonics presentation from Mrs Ibbotson and Mrs Brown to explain about our phonics programme and how you can support your child at home.

School Uniform

Please can all pupils bring a coat to school every day, even if it is sunny when they leave the house. The British weather is very unpredictable and we want to ensure every child has opportunity to play outside.

Christmas card design



This year we are working with ‘Class Fundraising’ to create gifts and cards from your child’s drawings. Every child will be coming home today with a design template and ‘top tips’ guide for maximising your child’s artwork. Please return these to either school office no later than 23rd October.

A message from the School Council

We would like to invite all who feel able to make donations to Storehouse for our Harvest Celebration this year. We have collection points in both schools.

“Storehouse is designed to help meet the needs of the wider community through providing emergency food supplies to those who, through whatever circumstances, are not able to provide adequately for themselves or their immediate family. Through a ‘food bank’ style scheme, Storehouse will help meet needs caused by rising food prices and increased poverty.”

<https://www.influencechurch.co.uk/storehouse/>



ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Tinned meat or fish	Cereal
Tinned vegetables and fruit	Porridge
Tinned meals (eg. chilli, stew)	UHT milk
Tinned Soup	Rice
Pie in a tin	Squash
Tinned beans	Biscuits
Tinned pasta	Custard
Packet pasta and sauce	
Packet noodles	
Jars of pasta sauce	
Jars of sandwich fillings	
Jars of jam or spreads	
Rice pudding	

Class News

Maple Class

In RE this week the children in Maple Class have been learning about the Autumn Jewish festival Sukkot. They made their own Sukkah (shelter) using lots of resources from our outdoor area.



Oak Class



Year 5 and 6 children have started their science, 'Amazing Materials' topic. They investigated burning and discussed the 3 things needed for fire to burn. They learnt some new vocabulary and thoroughly enjoyed timing the length the tea lights burnt when covered with different sized glasses.

Stars of the week

Stars of the week 22.09.23

Maple Class	Holly for wonderful singing during our music sessions this week. You are remembering the words and actions so well. Jack L for superb listening skills and excellent behaviour
Birch Class	Jack for being an enthusiastic scientist. Ruby for writing and editing a lovely story.
Sycamore Class	Harriet for an excellent mindset in maths even when you are finding something tricky. Reuben for consistently trying his best across all areas of his work. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Louise for outstanding determination and skill in tag rugby.
Oak Class	Maya A for trying hard in maths and for always asking for help when she needs it. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Eoghan for a much improved mindset this week. Well done.

Diary Dates

- 11.10 Open the Book – invitation to parents/carers to join worship at 3pm, Spennithorne
- 11.10 Phonics Evening for parents/carers at Spennithorne 3.30pm
- 12.10 Sycamore Class leading Collective Worship at 2.45pm Middleham
- 16.10 & 19.10 Parents Evening
- 18.10 Year 5/6 Girls Football
- 19.10 Leyburn Jazz Festival – concert at Middleham for KS2 pupils 25.10 Year 5/6 Boys Football – more information coming soon
- 23.10 Christmas card design closing date.
- 25.10 Harvest Service, 2pm at Spennithorne – more information coming soon
- 26.10 FOMASS Disco 6 – 7.15pm – more information coming soon
- 27.10 (Friday) School Closed for staff training
- 10.11 Tempest Photographer in school (individual and sibling photos) – more information coming soon
- 15.11 Year 3/4 Football – more information coming soon
- 13.12 Christmas Nativity – 2pm & 6pm – more information coming soon
- 19.12 Christingle Service 6pm – more information coming soon
- 22.12 Last day of term