



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 22nd September 2022 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Hope

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly started to feel like the seasons have turned this week. The children in craft club were adding to the autumnal feeling creating these wonderful Owls.

Curriculum

Keeping you informed about what your child is learning in school each term is really important to us. Please head over to the school website and take a look at your child's class page for this term Curriculum Newsletter.

<http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes>



Homework

Maths homework will be sent home weekly and this will reinforce work that the children have been doing in school. We no longer use Easimaths but the children all have access to Sumdog. Sumdog helps children to practise maths regularly. Combining fun games and achievements with curriculum-aligned questions, they won't even realise they're learning! For every correct answer, children are rewarded with coins to spend on their avatar or Sumdog house. And every time a child masters a new skill, their pet learns a new trick.

Sumdog gets to know your child's ability with an initial diagnostic and takes them through the curriculum one skill at a time. You don't need to set their level or adjust any settings – we've got it all covered (for this reason, it is important that children complete the games independently, otherwise the questions will progress too quickly and be too difficult for the child to succeed!).

Mrs Ibbotson has written an update for parents/carers about our new bespoke federation reading scheme, which is underpinned by the ethos to promote a 'love of reading.' It was lovely to be approached by a parent on the playground who told me that her daughter had been engrossed in her new book for over two hours (and wondered what we were bribing her with! Sorry, no bribes just amazing books!). Well done Ella!

It is expected that the children read regularly, a minimum of three times a week. For older children this may be independent reading, although we would really encourage families to make time to sit down with a book and read together.



This year, we have made some changes to the way we teach spelling and additional information can also be found in Mrs Ibbotson's update.

Your child will also be bringing home a homework grid (not Maple Class). We would encourage the children to complete a task a week. These should be handed into the child's class teacher to mark. Homework will be celebrated by the children being given the opportunity to share their work with the class, Dojo points, stickers, recognition in Celebration Worship.

Communication with parents/carers – Class Dojo

We will be using Class Dojo as our platform to help improve communication with parents. Each class has their own page where teachers can upload photos to show what the class have been doing, reminders about upcoming events etc. Each pupil also has their own portfolio where pupils/teachers can upload work that they are proud of to share with you at home. There is also a function which enables you and your child to share with your child's class teacher what you have been doing at home! You are able to comment/like on Class Story and Pupil Portfolio posts.



Class Dojo does have a messaging function but we would respectfully request that you **do not** use this function and continue to contact the school office via email or telephone. Teachers will not respond to messages sent to them via Class Dojo.

Please note that we are only using the basic package and there is no cost for this service. If you require help setting it up, then please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or myself. There is a parent guide video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGsKw_rXnJg

Friends of School (FOMAS)

The Friends committee met on Tuesday to discuss some very exciting events to raise funds for the schools this year. The first of these events is going to be an Autumn Disco which will be held at Middleham School on Thursday 20th October 2022. More information coming soon!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Mann

Executive Headteacher

Stars of the week 23.09.22:

Maple Class	Lucy has had an excellent week and has shown resilience when tackling some of our new phonics sounds. She has demonstrated super listening skills and is trying hard in all of our activities.
Willow Class	Savannah - For her excellent attitude and enthusiasm in reading. Riley - for his fantastic segmenting to spell independently.
Elm Class	Ruby - Growth Mindset Award for trying her best, persevering even when she found tasks challenging and being enthusiastic about her learning. Arthur - for working hard to put his many wonderful ideas into writing, contributing well to class discussions and encouraging others.
Sycamore Class	Martha created a beautiful piece of writing this week in English, she used impressive vocabulary to express her thoughts and feelings. Izak has worked particularly hard this week in maths. He has used his place value knowledge to tackle tough deeper thinking questions.
Oak Class	Joseph for amazing contribution and listening in all subjects. Izzy for a super start and for joining in so enthusiastically with everything! This week's mindset box goes to Liam for a fantastic start to Year 6. He is focused, asking questions and contributing with a positive attitude to all his learning. Be very proud of yourself Liam!



Diary Dates

26.09.22 Closing dates for parent governor nominations
28.09.22 Maple Class Forest School
29.09.22 KS2 Tag Rugby at Wensleydale
4.10.22 School Open morning – 9.30 – 10.30am
4.10.22 KS2 Cross Country at Richmond School
7.10.22 Community Stay & Play for nursery and reception children and their parents/carers at Spennithorne (2.30 – 3.30pm)
10.10.22 Year 5 & 6 Girls Football competition
20.10.22 FOMAS Autumn Disco at Middleham – more information coming soon
21.10.22 Break up for Half term holidays
31.10.22 School opens

Caretaker Required

Grade C Point 2-4 £10.60-£10.98 per hour

Monday to Friday 7am – 8am (5 hours a week) Term Time only

We are looking for a new caretaker at Middleham

If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Middleham Office for an application form 01969 623592 or via email middlehamadmin@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk

An enhanced DBS Check will be required.

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OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 4th October 2022,
9.30 – 10.30am at both Spennithorne and Middleham sites

We warmly invite you to come tour our facilities.
Come and meet the staff and children
**SEE WHAT OUR AMAZING FEDERATION
CAN OFFER YOU!**

We will be running our school bus between school sites,
call the school office to book a seat!
Contact: 01969 623474 (Spennithorne)
or 01969 623592 (Middleham)

Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 26th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Am – Middleham Pm – Spennithorne	Spennithorne	Middleham	Spennithorne	Middleham

