



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 2nd December 2022 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is most certainly a Christmas buzz around school, with nativity costumes and the sound of Christmas carols and songs being sung around school. We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school on Thursday at 2pm and 6pm for our Nativity performance of 'Born in a Barn.'

The children in Oak Class also invite you for their Class led collective worship on Monday 5th December at 2.45pm.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you for all the very generous donations for the Christmas Hampers! Squares are selling fast but it is not too late to purchase, please contact Mrs Wheeler or any other member of the FOMASS team.

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree!

A few weeks ago the children across both schools decorated some musical decorations for Mr Whawell the music teacher. They are now being displayed on a Christmas tree in the Chapter House of York Minster.

The Christmas Tree Festival will run between Saturday 3rd December 2022 and Thursday 5th January 2023. If any children/staff (and families) would like to visit you can do **free of charge**. When you arrive you just need to let the hosts at the door know you are there for the Christmas tree festival and the name of your school (both Middleham and Spennithorne are on the list) – look for tree 15 the Richard Shephard Music Foundation!

For further information about the festival see the following link: [The York Minster Christmas Tree Festival | York Minster](#)



Sycamore and Oak Class Forest Schools

At forest school this week the children used a flint and steel to light a fire to make honey popcorn – yummy!

They also made beautiful Christmas decorations for the school Christmas trees and then got warmed up with a scavenger hunt.

New School Website

I am very excited to announce that launching today is our new school website. This has been an

ongoing piece of work over the last few months including inviting a professional photographer into school to take some amazing photos of our wonderful children. I hope that you enjoy the new, fresh look and will be able to find things a little more easily. We are still working on updating some of the content, so please bear with us over the next few weeks.

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

Social media consent forms

Many thanks to all those who have returned consent forms. I will be starting to share news via Facebook from next week so if your child's form has not yet been returned then please do so on Monday 5th December. If you have misplaced the letter, email consent is acceptable to either school office.



Well-being Club & Eco Club News

Mrs Bradbury loves well-being club on a Friday lunchtime, the children appreciate having time to do some of things they love and there is always a lot of laughter in the room!



Eco club this week used some of the donated crisp packets to make these wonderful Christmas tree decorations.



Thank you for your generosity

We received a card thanking us for our donations to this year's Poppy Appeal, raising a total of £132.43.

Stars of the week 2.12.22:

Maple Class	Heath for working so hard at school and at home with your phonics. Well Done
Willow Class	Rita for listening carefully to instructions. Jesse for writing some great facts in his information book.
Elm Class	Zac for making a huge effort with all of his work this week, staying on task and trying his best. Scarlett for participating well in lessons and showing courage in having a go and answering questions.
Sycamore Class	Charlie has absolutely shone this week, from column addition in maths to making a bow and arrow in Forest schools. Charlie has faced each day with enthusiasm and positivity! Maya never ceases to amaze us with her manners, grace and kindness. Maya is a star every day of the week but this week she's sparkled even more. Edward has faced each challenge this week with a 'can do attitude' he takes challenges in his stride and encourages others along the way. Keep it up Edward!
Oak Class	Ollie for amazing knowledge and participation this week. Izzy for super focus this week in all her learning. Poppy has had a super week. She has worked so hard and her smile lights up our classroom. Well done!

I hope you have a delightful weekend!

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Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 5th December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am – Middleham pm – Spennithorne	Spennithorne	Middleham	Middleham	Spennithorne

Diary Dates

- 2.12.22 Christmas Light switch on in Middleham at 6.30pm
- 4.12.22 Christmas Light switch-on in Spennithorne at 3.30pm
- 5.12.22 Collective Worship led by Oak Class, 2.45pm at Middleham
- 7.12.22 Federation Day at Middleham (to rehearse the Nativity)
- 8.12.22 Nativity Play at Middleham School featuring all the children, 2pm & 6pm
- 9.12.22 North Yorkshire Sumdog Competition begins – more information next week
- 12.12.22 Federation morning at Spennithorne (to rehearse the Christingle)
- 12.12.22 Christingle Service featuring all the children, 5pm – St Michael's Church Spennithorne
- 13.12.22 All children need to be in PE kit today for a Christmas treat!
- 14.12.22 Federation Pantomime trip to the Georgian Theatre, Richmond
- 14.12.22 Federation Christmas Lunch – letter sent on Thursday 17th November to place order
- 15.12.22 KS2 Carol singing at The Key Centre for the Seniors Lunch
- 16.12.22 Christmas Party Day – children invited to wear non-uniform (including Christmas jumper and/or accessories)
- 16.12.22 School closes for Christmas
- 3.01.23 School closed – Staff training day
- 4.01.23 School opens to all pupils



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