



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 16th June 2023 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Thankfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another brilliant week in the life of our federation this week. The children have certainly shown resilience through the heat this week.

Over the past few weeks Mrs Bowkett and I have been looking at the pupils' engagement with the Computing curriculum. The children really enjoy the range of skills that they learn through Computing including: computing systems, programming, creating media, data and information, and societal impacts of digital technology. To give you an idea of what this looks like in the classroom, Willow & Elm Class have been using Scratch Jr, programming sprites to follow instructions. They have created their own space race projects!

Oak Class have been using a crumble, an electronics controller that connects to the computer using a USB cable. They have used the software to code and make LEDs sparkle in lots of different ways.



Let's talk money



Years 3, 4 & 5 had a visit from Barclays Bank. They discussed forms of money, budgeting, being careful when making a purchase and money safety. Children interacted excellently with the session and asked some great questions.

Wonderful wheels.

The children in Maple Class are thrilled with the new bikes and helmets they received this week. They will be put to great use in their outdoor area. Thank you Mrs Mann, the children love them.



The great outdoors.

Sycamore class have fully embraced the warm weather this week, taking time to enjoy reading in the sunshine and exploring the environment using their five senses. This helped them bring greater detail to their descriptive writing.



Open the book.

Children in Sycamore and Oak class enjoyed another immersive Collective Worship. This week the story was all about Moses and Miriam and despite their difficult journey through life they could see God's guidance throughout and find things to be thankful for! Thank you to all the Open the Book team, we are grateful for your time in both preparing and delivering such engaging stories.

An update from Middleham School Council

There was a lot of excitement on the playground today as our new play equipment finally arrived. This was chosen collectively by all the children at Middleham to help enrich playtimes. Don't worry Spennithorne, it will be your turn to choose next!



Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne Schools (FOMASS)

The Summer Fair is fast approaching! Your child has brought home raffle tickets to sell, please can all stubs, money and unsold tickets be returned to school by Fri 23rd June. If you would like more tickets, please get in touch with a member of FOMASS or either school office.

We will be having a **non-uniform day on Monday, 19.6.23**, and ask children to bring in donations for the summer fair eg tombola items, chocolate bars of any size.

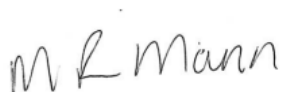
Looking forward to seeing you all on **Saturday 24th June 2023 12 – 3pm** at Middleham School.



Stars of the week 16.06.23

Maple Class	Bonnie for super independent sentence writing and for trying hard to use a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.
Willow Class	Walter for always showing enthusiasm when learning new things. Savannah for her great set of clear instructions.
Elm Class	Louis for excellent English writing. Molly for showing a positive attitude in all her learning.
Sycamore Class	Jamie for an excellent attitude in maths. Sam for generating some super senses vocabulary in English. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Thomas for thriving in every subject at the minute. He gives everything his all.
Oak Class	Monty for making a super Greek shield for homework. Joe for a super mature attitude and contributing well to all our learning this week. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Daisy for a positive approach to our musical and for always joining in with a smile.

Have a lovely weekend!



Mrs Mann
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

19.06 Non uniform Day
21.06 Elm Class Orienteering at Leyburn Primary School
21.06 KS2 Make Music in York Minster & York St Johns
24.06 – Summer Fair at Middleham
27.06 & 28.06 Y6 SFX Transition Days
3.07 – 5.07 Y6 Richmond School Transition Days
w/c 3.07 Y6 Wensleydale School Transition Days
3.07 Federation Transition morning – more information coming soon
4.07 Y5 at Wensleydale School – Summer Sports
4.07 Year 1 & 2 last swimming session
5.07 KS1 Cluster Sports event at Spennithorne - TBC
7.07 Willow Class Forest Schools
11.07 EYFS & KS1 “Booknic” at Spennithorne with new starters – more information coming soon
11.07 New September 2023 Parents Information evening
14.07 Sports Day – more information coming soon
17.07 Federation Day for Alice the Musical – more information coming soon
18.07 & 19.07 Alice the Musical performance afternoon/evening – more information coming soon

Mrs Mann’s availability week beginning 19th June 2023

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