



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 2023 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

A message from Mrs Mann

It has been another busy week across the federation. This week I met with the School Council at Middleham, who have stepped into their leadership role in school with enthusiasm. At our meeting they thought carefully about their role and have committed to:

- organising fundraising events for the school and the wider community
- considering and listening to the views and ideas of their peers
- thinking about the well-being and safety of pupils
- doing their best in all that they do!



Next week they will meet with the School Council at Spennithorne to share ideas for fundraising events – watch this space, they have some wonderful ideas!

Health & Safety Update

I wanted to confirm that 'We aim to be a nut free school' as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies. We are no longer banana free. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping children safe.

'Stay & Read'

The children in Birch Class were thrilled to welcome so many adults and younger children into their classroom for a 'Stay and Read.' They enjoyed showing the adults around their classroom and sharing their favourite books. Thank you to all those who were able to attend.

Spennithorne and Harmby Villages Show

We were delighted to be able to contribute artwork and handwriting from our federation to the Village Show.

Congratulations to Jesse who was awarded a prize for his artwork and Edward, Martha and Scarlett who won awards for their handwriting. Also Lola who was awarded the Handwriting Cup for her entry. Well done to all the children for taking part.



Staffing Update

It is with sadness that I need to inform you that Mrs Ruthven will be leaving our federation as a Teaching Assistant at the end of October. She has made such a difference to many children and we are grateful for the contributions she has made.

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining our team, please share this link with them
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/job/general-teaching-assistant-federation-middleham-va-spennithorne-vc-ce-primary-schools>

NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe Programme.

Miss O'Neill will be leading the **NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe Programme** next week to Birch, Sycamore and Oak Class. Speak out, Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. Maple Class will be taught age-appropriate content through our PSHE curriculum throughout the year. Please see more information in the letter from Miss O'Neill sent out with this weeks newsletter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher or Mrs Mann.

Maple Class

The children in Maple Class are really enjoying their Forest School sessions with Miss O'Neill. They have been talking about what they see, hear, smell and feel and learning about what they can do with different natural materials.



Oak Class

The children in Oak class have completed their art work after several sessions of learning new techniques and exploring colour and the work of different artists. I am absolutely amazed at their skill and ability... and perseverance!

This was quite a challenge but I am so impressed with how each painting is so unique.

Fabulous work Year 5 and 6 and a huge well done.



Stars of the week 22.09.23

Maple Class	Elspeth for being so keen to try new things and challenge herself. Grayson for super listening skills and contributing well in discussion work.
Birch Class	Oonagh for great understanding in maths. Max for some super writing.
Sycamore Class	Toby for super times tables work. Lailah for perseverance in art when using a compass to draw the Flower of Life. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Martha for challenging both herself and the class with a sentence written in hieroglyphics.
Oak Class	Oliver G for super writing. Summer for amazing art work . <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Daisy for showing a super, positive attitude this week and for great progress with all her presentation of work .

Diary Dates

4.10 KS2 Cross Country – more information will be sent soon to those pupils involved

27.10 (Friday) School Closed for staff training

10.11 Tempest Photographer in school (individual and sibling photos) – more information coming soon