



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Love

### A message from Mrs Mann

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year and, of course, an extra special welcome to all of our new families. I hope that you've all had a wonderful summer. We have had a great start to the term with all of the children settling in extremely well to their new classes.

It has been a wonderful week in our schools with lots of exciting learning taking place. Our new starters have settled well into school routines at Spennithorne and they have had so much fun exploring their new surroundings and engaging in all the exciting activities.

It has been particularly lovely to see our new Year 5 & 6 pupils step into their leadership responsibilities.

### Welcome Maple Class

The children have been busy getting to know the different areas of their classroom - they already know where to sit on the carpet and they have made lots of new friends. The children in Maple Class would like to invite their parents/carers to a **'Stay and Play' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 2.30pm.** (Please come to the green gate at the car park and someone will let you in).



### Welcome Service for our Reception children and their families.

We would like to invite all parents/carers to join Collective Worship at Spennithorne School on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 3pm.** We will be joined by Rev Chris from St Michael's Church, Spennithorne and Rev Jeff from St Alkelda's Church, Middleham. We do hope that you can join us.

### Welcome to our Federation.

This week we also welcome Oliver & Millie and Harriet & Max who have joined our school community. We have loved getting to know you this week.

We also welcomed Miss Crabbe who will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Birch and Oak Class and Miss Walmsley has also joined the team as a Teaching Assistant in Maple Class.

### Skip 2B Fit

We were delighted to welcome back Dave into school from Skip 2B Fit on Thursday this week. Skip2Bfit Skipping Workshops are unique skipping workshops which are about motivating the children to succeed, whilst at the same time encouraging them to exercise. The older children also enjoyed Box 2B Fit as part of the session. All the children showed amazing resilience particularly in the heat! We look forward to putting into practice what we have learnt, not just in our daily skipping at lunchtime, but also in growing a positive mindset in all that we do!



## The Sun has got his hat on!

It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week. Please can I remind you to send your child in to school every day with a water bottle (empty is fine as they can be filled with water at school), sun cream in a labelled bottle (or even better apply cream before they come to school), a sun hat and a coat – as we all know what British weather can be like! Thank you.

## An invitation from Birch Class

The children in Birch Class were VERY excited to see their newly decorated HUGE classroom on Tuesday. They would like to invite parents/carers in to come and see it for themselves and join them for a 'Stay and Read' on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 9 – 9.30am**.

## PE Kit

The children will need to come to school wearing their PE Kit on the following days

**Maple Class (Reception)** Thursday

**Birch Class (Year 1 /2)** Tuesday and Thursday

**Sycamore Class (Year 3/4)** Monday and Thursday

**Oak Class (Year 5/6)** Tuesday

Please can I remind you that children **should not** wear jewellery for PE. If your child wears earrings during the week it is helpful for these to be removed at home on PE days, your child will not be able to participate in PE (including swimming) unless the earrings are removed following an update on advice from NYC Health and Safety. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Open Evening

We will be holding an Open Evening on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 5 – 7pm** for potential pupils who will start school in September 2024. Please spread the word and if you have somewhere you can display a poster, please contact the school office who will supply you with copies.

### Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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

#### Diary Dates

15.09 Maple Class parents/carers 'Stay & Play' 2.30pm

15.09 Welcome Service at Spennithorne School, 3pm

20.09 Birch Class 'Stay and Read' for parents/carers at 9 – 9.30am

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

27.10 School Closed for staff training – please note this is a Friday

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