



The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools

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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 1st March 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Service

FOMASS

Thank you to everybody who joined us for the meeting this week.

Our next fundraising event is **Chocolate Bingo** which will take place on Thursday 21st March at Middleham school, doors will open from 5:30pm and the first game will start at 5:45pm.

Please can we ask for donations of chocolate eggs, these can be left at either school.

Also 'Save the Date', **Saturday 29th June** will be our annual Summer Fayre, more details to follow.



You may have seen on our [Facebook page](#) that we are listed for a chance to win £1000 thanks to Movement for Good, please take 2 minutes of your time to nominate us. Click the link below and choose The Friends of Spennithorne School. [Movement for Good, £1000](#)

If you or somebody you know is interested in joining FOMASS or has some fundraising ideas, please send an email to fomasschools@gmail.com

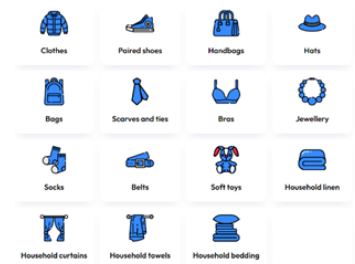


Sycamore Class

Thank you to the parents of Sycamore class students who were able to join us in school for the dance performance that showcased what they have learnt over the last few weeks, it was lovely to see so many of you. Thank you to Mrs Richmond for working with Sycamore class to create the routines.

Bags 2 School

Today your children will be bringing home empty bags to be filled and returned to either school on Thursday 21st March. Black bin bags can also be used should you need more. Details of what can be included are available at [Bags2School](#).



Forest School dates

15.03 – Maple and Birch Class

15.03 – Year 5 (please come into school wearing uniform and bring clothes to change in to).

22.03 – Sycamore and Oak Class (children will need to bring uniform, including black shoes, to change in to for the Easter service)

Forest School

Forest school will continue to take place over the next half term. Children should come into school wearing warm, comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activities, unless told otherwise. Birch, Sycamore and Oak children will also need to bring wellies and waterproofs. Please ensure your child brings school uniform, including school shoes, to change in to and a bag for mucky clothes and wellies.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 7th March 2024 and the children will be involved in a range of reading activities

throughout the day. Parents are invited to join their children for a stay and read session, Spennithorne will be at 9am and Middleham will be at 2:45pm.

Children are invited to come to school in "something comfy". This may be non-uniform (no football kits please), a book character costume or they could even come in their pyjamas (although preferably not the ones they have worn the night before!).

Head lice

We are aware of cases of headlice at both of our schools. Please ensure that you inspect your child's hair closely. If head lice are present, they can be removed by use of a special comb or with medication available at the chemists. Please note that it is essential that long hair is firmly tied back. To keep the school free from further outbreaks it is important that all parents check their children's hair regularly and report any problems to school. Thank you for your co-operation.



Class news

In RE the children in Birch Class have enjoyed putting actions to the lovely poem 'In The Beginning' by Steve Turner. Why not ask them for a demonstration.



Pupil Celebration

Fantastic well done to Nina who is raising funds for Friends of Middleham and Spennithorne in her spare time, making and selling bracelets to friends and family. So far Nina has raised an amazing £70 and plans to keep going. Well Done Nina.

Stars of the week 01.03.24

Maple Class	Jack L for a beautiful drawing of a penguin. Ashton for his in depth knowledge of this weeks topic, Antarctica.
Birch Class	Walter for writing a fantastic non-fiction text in English. Lucy for making a great effort in writing and maths.
Sycamore Class	Martha for excellent contribution in English every lesson. Theo for sharing his love of reading and promoting his favourite books in class. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Arthur for his positive learning attitude Last week Louise received star of the week for being an excellent classroom librarian. Rueben for a super piece of English writing and the Growth Mindset box went to Josh for doing well and trying hard in all subjects.
Oak Class	Maya M for working more efficiently in maths. Eoghan for amazing letter writing. Well done Eoghan. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Ollie R for perseverance and a positive start to booster sessions. Well done Ollie!

Diary Dates

6.03 Open the Book at Spennithorne 3pm, parents and carers are invited to join us
7.03 World Book Day – wear something comfy
8.03 KS2 STEM Day with Cummins – more information soon
8.03 Reception & Year 6 Height and weight check with the Healthy Child Team
12.03 Water Safety Talk from Richmond Swimming pool in school for all pupils
13.03 Open the Book at Middleham 2.45pm, parents and carers are invited to join us
13.03 Year 6 SATS Information Night for parents/carers
15.03 Maple, Birch and Year 5 Forest School.
15.03 Community Stay and Play for pre-school/nursery children. More information attached to this newsletter.
20.03 Sycamore and Oak Class performance at Wensleydale Tournament of Song – more information coming soon
21.03 Space Themed Federation Day – more information coming soon
22.03 Easter Service at St Michael's Church, Spennithorne **1.45pm please note change of time**, parents/carers welcome to join us.
22.03 Sycamore and Oak Class Forest School.
22.03 School close for the Easter holidays
8.04 Training Day
9.04 School opens to all pupils.



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