



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 12th April 2024 – Newsletter This term our Christian Value is Friendship

A message from Mrs Mann

Another great start to the term and lovely to see the sunshine trying to make an appearance! The children have all settled into the term well and are enjoying their new topics. Our Christian Value, chosen by the Collective Worship Leaders this half term is 'Friendship'.

Each week, on a Friday the children are given the opportunity to celebrate work that they are proud of and how they are living out our school vision to 'Learn, Love and Grow'. It was a wonderful start in KS2 with a large number of children wanting to share their work with others. Well done team!



Governor Update

We are very grateful to all our school governors who work strategically with Mrs Mann to develop the federation vision, aims and objectives.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rebecca Fortune who has stepped down from her position as a co-opted governor. Rebecca has been an integral part of the governing body, in particular in providing her expertise on finances. Thank you Rebecca for all that you have contributed to the life of our federation, we are very grateful to you.

We therefore have a vacancy on the governing body for a Co-opted governor. If you or anyone you know would like to know more information about becoming a governor, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mann or Mr Wilmington, Chair of Governors email: cofg@fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk

Find out more about our governors on our school website: <https://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/staff/governors/>

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Ruth Buckton to our staff team who will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Birch and Maple Class. Welcome to our federation community Mrs Buckton!

Mrs Durrant and Miss Peacock have also taken on the role as Midday Supervisor at Middleham this term.

Healthier Together

A new NHS website is available to help parents and carers make the best decisions about their children's health. Our advice is consistent and high-quality, developed by local health professionals.

You'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help if required and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.

[Visit the website today and whenever you're worried about your child.](#)



School Day

At Middleham our school day is 8.45am - 3.15pm and at Spennithorne it is 9am – 3.30pm. Staff are available at the school gates ten minutes before the start of each day for you to pass any messages to, alternatively you can contact either school office by phone or email. Younger siblings remain the responsibility of the parent whilst on school premises including the school car parks.

Open the Book

We are continuing our Open the Book sessions this term and invite parents and carers to join us. Our next gathering will be at Spennithorne school next Wednesday, 17.4.24, at 3pm. The following Wednesday 24.4.24 will be at Middleham School at 2.45pm. We look forward to you joining us.

After School Club

Science Club

The children had great fun exploring gravity at science club this week as they made parachutes and baskets to protect an egg as it was dropped from a height.



Class News

Maple Class

This week we have been looking at nature and how things grow as we talked about what plants need to grow, we have read the book *Oliver's Vegetables* and today we planted cress seeds.



Pupil Celebration



Congratulations to Reuben who recently wrote to the Blue Peter team to share his artwork and talk about some of the books he has enjoyed reading. Reuben is now the proud owner of a Blue Peter Book Badge. Well Done Reuben.

Also congratulations to Robyn and Lucy who, along with their little sister, were flower girls for their Aunty's wedding at Rudding Park during the Easter holidays. The girls looked beautiful and did a fantastic job.



Stars of the week 12.04.24

Maple Class	Olivia for showing she is following our school value 'friendship'. You have been a super friend in class this week. Well done Rocco for a lovely observational drawing of daffodils. Well done
Birch Class	Leon for setting in well and trying hard in all areas. Well done, Robyn for making a super effort in maths with multiplication and division.
Sycamore Class	Lailah Faye for super skill and listening in our first swimming session. Molly B for excellent recall in religious education. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Louis for perseverance and an excellent growth mindset in swimming
Oak Class	Lily for amazing perseverance in design and technology this week. Well done! Nina for amazing perseverance in design and technology this week. Well done! <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Sam for being such a wonderful friend and for showing kindness. You're a star Sam!



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Diary Dates

16.04 Birch swimming at Richmond pool
16.04 PCSO Sharon Diamond in school to talk to KS2 about local crime issues
17.04 Sycamore Swimming at Richmond pool
17.04 Open the Book at Spennithorne School, 3pm
23.04 Birch swimming at Richmond pool
24.04 Sycamore Swimming at Richmond pool
24.04 Open the Book at Middleham School, 2.45pm
25.04 Year 5 at Wensleydale School for Food Tech and Music Day – more information coming soon
25.04 Year 3, 4 & 6 Online Healthy Schools Workshop Event – to enrich the PSHE curriculum
30.04 Birch Class History visit am – more information coming soon.
30.04 Birch swimming at Richmond pool
01.05 Sycamore swimming at Richmond pool
6.05 BANK HOLIDAY – school closed to staff and pupils.
07.05 Birch swimming at Richmond pool
08.05 Sycamore swimming at Richmond pool
w/b 13.05 KS2 SATS Week
14.05 Final Birch swimming at Richmond pool
15.05 Final Sycamore swimming at Richmond pool
24.05 School closes at 3.15/3.30pm for half term holiday



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