

## Topcliffe C of E Academy

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*Growing, believing, achieving together*

Dear Parents/Carers

It is a magical time in school at the moment with lots of Carol singing and Christmas festivities under way. The FOTS Christmas Fair, held on Friday, 30th November, was a massive success. The children's stalls raised an amazing £500. Well done and thank you to everyone that supported the event. FOTS also raised a further £100 at film club this Monday so this has helped pay a big chunk of the money for the pantomime last Friday and is also being used to buy books for the children's 'novel time' in school. Meanwhile we will continue raising money for iPads too. Please check all the dates for the diary as we have Christmas lunch and Christmas parties coming up. We also look forward to seeing you at the Church on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for our Christmas Carol Service. All children will be performing from Nursery to Year 6.

### Young voices

If your child is attending Young voices after Christmas they should have brought home the words for all the songs to practice over the Christmas holidays. Music is available either on YouTube or Spotify for your child to sing along to. Although it seems a long way off, it is the first Wednesday back after Christmas.

### Staff news

We sadly announce that Mrs Hemingway will be leaving us on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Mrs Hemmingway has been the cook at Topcliffe School for 7 years. The children and adults who work here, have loved her school dinners and will really miss the attention to detail that Mrs Hemingway always provides. We wish her every success in the future and know that she will stay in touch and come back to visit.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Danielle Torkington who will be starting with us on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Miss Torkington comes with lots of experience of working in school kitchens and is very excited about joining the team.

### The Tree House

The last couple of Monday promotional nights have been very well received. We will be holding a 'Games Night' promotional session on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Games night involves lots of fun and competitions. There will be air hockey, pool, table tennis and badminton competitions. Your child will also receive a snack of toasties, vegetable sticks and some treats! This will be at the special price of £4 and you can book your child in as a one off. The spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please book via your child's ParentPay account.

### Reverse advent

Thank you so much to the children and parents that have contributed to our reverse advent charity collection. At this time of year when our children receive so much, it is also nice for them to have the opportunity to give. We have discussed this in collective worship and all the children are keen to contribute. All donations are being collected under the Christmas tree in the hall and being given to Thirsk Clock, our chosen charity. They have asked for luxury Christmas items. All donations for the Reverse Advent must be in by no later than the morning of Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Week ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Children celebrating achievement in GOOD NEWS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

WILLOW	Ben Waterworth Daisy Brown	Reuben Bissett
ASH	Ralph Chapman Florence Balderston	Gabi Malecka
SILVER BIRCH	Oliver Morrissey Billy Peacock	Maisie Binks
MAPLE	Eddie Clay Owen Judge	Lottie Bellwood
		WELL DONE!

Week ending 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Children celebrating achievement in GOOD NEWS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

WILLOW	Amelia Pearson Matthew Crawshaw	Eleanor Gath
ASH	Eston Crow Codey Tait-Blunden	Stephen Kenny
SILVER BIRCH	Charlie Stirk William Macaulay	Harry Graham
MAPLE	Bella Sawiros Megan McCormick	Emily Hepworth
		WELL DONE!





## The Tree House 'Games Night'



Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Special Promotional Offer of just £4.00  
3.15 – 5.30pm  
Light tea included



### Messages from the Kitchen

Last week of Term Menu

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December: Pizza, chips/wedges, sweetcorn & peas. Fruit/fudge yoghurt fool.

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December: Organic meatballs in gravy, rice/wedges, vegetables. Selection of traybakes.

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December: Sausages, mash/wedges, selection of vegetables, gravy. Iced chocolate sponge.

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December: Fish fingers, chips/wedges, peas & sweetcorn. Selection of homemade biscuits.

\*Jacket potatoes and fresh fruit/yoghurt always available as an alternative choice.

Dates for your Diary (These can also be found down the left-hand side of our website)

### December

12<sup>th</sup> - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance at 2pm.

13<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College, 12.30 – 3pm .

13<sup>th</sup> - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance at 6pm.

13<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

17<sup>th</sup> - Thirsk Clock collecting the 'Reverse Advent Calendars'

17<sup>th</sup> - Seedlings Class Nativity Performance at 2.30pm.

18<sup>th</sup> - Willow & Ash Class Christmas party in the afternoon (please bring party clothes in a bag).

18<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 visit to Topcliffe Village Hall to entertain at the local community Christmas lunch.

19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Carol Service at St Columba's Church, 2pm.

20<sup>th</sup> - School Christmas Lunch.

21<sup>st</sup> - No Collective Worship.

21<sup>st</sup> - Willow & Ash Class bring in board games (no electronic games).

21<sup>st</sup> - Silver Birch & Maple Class Christmas party in the morning (please come dressed in party clothes).

21<sup>st</sup> - School closes for Christmas at 2pm. Tree House Club will still remain open until 5.30pm.

### January

7<sup>th</sup> - Staff Training Day.

8<sup>th</sup> - School re-opens for start of Spring Term.

9<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Young Voices 2019 Concert at Sheffield Arena.

10<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Swimming Competition at Thirsk Swimming Pool.

15<sup>th</sup> - Swimming starts for Years 2, 3 & 4 (every Tuesday up to Easter holidays).

15<sup>th</sup> - Parent Conversation Meetings, 1 – 5pm.

16<sup>th</sup> - Parent Conversation Meetings, 3.30 – 6.30pm.

22<sup>nd</sup> - Key Steps Gymnastics Competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

22<sup>nd</sup> - Seedlings Class Parent Conversations, 1 – 3.30pm.

29<sup>th</sup> - Gifted & Talented Sports Academy at Thirsk School of Gymnastics.

### February

1<sup>st</sup> - Music for Life afternoon.

11<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Cross Country Competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

### Future Key Dates

11<sup>th</sup> April - Topcliffe's Got Talent, 1pm.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher