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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to you all. I hope you had a restful Christmas holiday. The children have settled back into school really well after the break and are back into the swing of their learning. A huge congratulations to Mrs Thornton-Shaw (previously Miss Shaw) who got married over the Christmas holiday. We are all getting used to her new name!

Young Voices

As many of you will be aware the children in Key Stage 2 were invited to take part in the Young Voices event in Sheffield this month. The majority of pupils are coming to this event and I know will have an amazing experience that they will remember for a long time. Alongside this many parents are coming to Sheffield Arena to share the experience with us. As all the children in Key Stage 2 have put so much work into learning their songs and have enjoyed this so much we are also going to host a Young Voices event at Topcliffe Academy for **all** children to take part in and hopefully as many parents to attend as possible. The date for this is **Wednesday 24th January at 6.30 to 7.30pm**. FOTS are kindly providing light refreshments and drinks and we want this to be a really special opportunity for everyone to see what the children have worked on. We hope you can join us. If you would like a ticket to attend, please complete the reply slip below and return to the school office by no later than Wednesday, 17th January 2018.

Other events for this half term

We also have many other events this half term for you to come and be part of. We are offering a phonics workshop for parents of Seedlings Nursery, Willow and Ash Class on **Tuesday 23rd at 6pm** in the school hall.

There will be an e-safety workshop on **Wednesday 31st January at 6pm – 8pm** for any parents and children who would like to know more about how to keep yourselves and your children safe on the internet. Sarah Lynch from www.gowisonline.co.uk will be presenting this workshop and it will be funded through school. The idea is that the first 45 minutes will be spent talking to the children, with parents observing and then we will put a film on in one of the classrooms so that Sarah can then speak to parents until 8pm. Sarah worked for the police in the Criminal Investigation Department and is extremely knowledgeable about how children and adults stay safe online. As a school we have recently become more aware that children are being regularly exposed to many types of online experiences from using games to apps online and as children move into secondary school this becomes even more the case. We know that parents and children often know the risks involved with the digital world however Sarah will help us understand how to manage those situations and make things safe for our children.

Finally we are also hosting a maths event for parents of children in Silver Birch, Rowan and Maple class. Maple class presented a very successful assembly on the calculation methods we use to teach maths in Key Stage 2 and many parents asked if we could do an evening workshop so that more parents could attend. This will be held on **Tuesday 6th February at 6pm** in the school hall.

If you would like to attend any of the above workshops, please complete the relevant reply slip at the bottom of this letter and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Nursery information

We are pleased to say that we will now be opening Nursery from 8.45am to tie in with school start times. This will be charged as an additional 15 minutes so that the funded sessions still run from 9am to 11.30am. If you would like more information on costs and how to pay for this extended provision please see Mrs Hartley in the office.

Parents Consultation Meetings

Thankyou for the feedback some of you have given about the parents appointments just before Christmas. As part of the Multi Academy Trust you will receive a report about your child's progress each term and have a parents consultation alongside this. We hope that the combination of these consultations alongside regular informal discussions with your child's teacher will keep you informed about how your child is progressing and how we can work together to ensure your child is happy and learning well. The next consultation meetings are listed on the dates below.



School Uniform

Please also find attached to your email, a school uniform order form. If you would like to order some more school uniform, please complete the form and return to the school office by next Friday, 19th January. Please note that you will not be able to pay for uniform through your child's ParentPay account. Payment for school uniform can be made by either cash or cheque (made payable to Elevate Multi Academy Trust).

Spring Term Lunch Menu

A copy of the Spring term school lunch menu has also been attached to your email.

<u>Dates for your Diary</u> (These can also be found down the left-hand side of our website)	
Tuesday, 16 th January	- Year 5/6 Swimming Gala at Thirsk Swimming Pool.
Wednesday, 17 th January	- KS2 Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena.
Friday, 19 th January	- Maple and Rowan Class sharing in Collective Worship, 8.55am.
Tuesday, 23 rd January	- Swimming starts for Years 2, 3 & 4. Key Steps Gymnastics competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College. Parents Phonics Workshop for Seedling (Nursery), Willow and Ash Class, 6pm.
Wednesday, 24 th January	- KS2 Young Voices Event, 6.30 – 7.30pm.
Friday, 26 th January	- Silver Birch Class sharing in Collective Worship, 8.55am.
Wednesday, 31 st January	- E-Safety Workshop for Parents and Children, 6 – 8pm
Friday, 2 nd February	- Music for Life day. Concert for parents/carers at 2.45pm.
Tuesday, 6 th February	- Gifted & Talented Sports Academy at Carlton Miniott School. KS2 Maths Event for Parents of Children in Silver Birch, Rowan and Maple Class, 6pm.
Thursday, 8 th February	- KS2 Dodgeball competition.
Friday, 9 th February	- School closes for half term.
Monday, 19 th February	- School re-opens for 2 nd half of Spring term.
Thursday, 22 nd February	- Year 5/6 Hi 5 Netball at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.
Thursday, 8 th March	- Year 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.
Thursday, 22 nd March	- Year 5 Curriculum Enrichment Day at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.
Monday 26 th March	- Parents Consultations 4.00-7.00pm
Tuesday 27 th March	- Parents Consultations 1.30-5.00pm
W/C Monday, 21 st May	- Year 5/6 residential visit to East Barnby.

Mrs Abigail Clay
Headteacher

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RE: Parents Phonics Workshop for Seedling (Nursery), Willow and Ash Class on Tuesday, 23rd January at 6pm.

Name of Child Class

I/We will be attending the Parents Phonics Workshop.

Signed Parent/Guardian

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RE: KS2 Young Voices Event at Topcliffe C of E Academy on Wednesday, 24th January 2018 from 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Child's Name Class

- My child will be attending the KS2 Young Voices Event.
- I will be attending the Young Voices Event and require tickets for the performance.

Signed Parent/Guardian

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RE: E-Safety Workshop for Parents and Children on Wednesday, 31st January from 6 – 8pm.

Name of Child Class

I/We will be attending the E-Safety Workshop.

Signed Parent/Guardian

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RE: KS2 Maths Event for Parents of Children in Silver Birch, Rowan and Maple Class on Tuesday, 6th February at 6pm.

Name of Child

Class

I/We will be attending the KS2 Maths Event for Parents.

Signed Parent/Guardian

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