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Growing, believing, achieving together

21st September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Children this week have been writing their manifestos for school council elections. Rev.Susanne will be selecting the candidates that she feels would be best for the job based on their manifesto. I look forward to finding out the new team for this academic year. We have also been collecting Extreme Reading pictures for our corridor display and there has been a lot of discussion amongst the children about reading. Well done to the 4 children that won the reading raffle this week. They have been to my office to choose their books as a prize. It has been fantastic hearing Maple class and Silver Birch class sharing their brilliant work in Friday's Good New assembly. The topics have got off to a great start with very high levels of pupil engagement. We all know that children learn best when they are having fun and this we have really seen over the last few weeks.

A huge well done to our KS1 fun run winners: Millie Binks and Gabi Malecka 1st place, Stephen Kenny 2nd place and Josh Bellwood 3rd place.

Author visit

Children's author, Andy Seed will be visiting school next Monday, 24th September 2018. We are so excited about his visit as he has written so many good books. Visits like this always have a cost and the academy will pay for most of his visit however if you could send your child with a £1 contribution that would help us to support this event and would be much appreciated. Hopefully you saw some more detail about Andy on the Reading Newsletter that came home this week. There will be an opportunity to purchase one of his books and have it signed from 2.30pm and parents/ carers are invited in to do this with your child.

School Uniform

Several parents have reported named items of clothing missing. Please can you check the name tag on your child's school uniform to ensure that they have the correct items.

Prayer of the week

I am looking for children to write their own prayers to be read out in collective worship and go on the newsletter. If you feel this is something you would like to do with your child then please send them in next week. Our Christian values this half-term are trust and generosity.

Week ending 7th September 2018
Children celebrating achievement in GOOD NEWS
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

WILLOW	Kensie Chapman	Amelia Pearson
ASH	Josh Stephenson	Lewis Stephenson
	Grace Botma	
SILVER BIRCH	Lily Fyfe	Lilly Heidstrom
	Jake Pearson	
MAPLE	Owen Judge	Megan McCormick
	Chloe Mitchard-Graham	
		WELL DONE!

Week ending 14th September 2018
Children celebrating achievement in GOOD NEWS
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

WILLOW	Jack Ramshay	Ava Smith
ASH	Hettie Binks	JJ Waterworth
	Ralph Chapman	
SILVER BIRCH	Sebastian Bissett	Harry Graham
	Sophie Parsons	
MAPLE	Alice Dunkley	William Metcalfe
	Sam Weightman	
		WELL DONE!



Messages from the Kitchen

"Choosy Tuesdays"

Tuesday, 25th September 2018

Pizza with a selection of toppings (meat feast or plain margherita), chips/wedges, sweetcorn & peas. Toffee apple crumble cake.

Tuesday, 2nd October 2018

Homemade sausage roll or sausages, gravy (optional), roast potatoes, selection of vegetables. Strawberry yoghurt ice pots with treats!

Tuesday, 9th October 2018

Hot dogs (proper sausages in a bun), chips/roast potatoes, vegetable sticks. Iced chocolate sponge with extras!

Permanent change to menu

Wednesday, 10th October 2018

Roast chicken dinner (or pork) with stuffing, apple sauce, gravy, selection of vegetables, roast/mash potatoes.

This replaces the printed menu of chicken pie.

*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)

September

24th - Children's author, Andy Seed visiting. £1.00 voluntary contribution per child.

25th - Judo taster sessions for whole school.

28th - Ash Class sharing in Collective Worship.

28th - France residential trip pupil language prep.

October

2nd - Parent Conversation Meetings, 1 - 5pm.

3rd - Parent Conversation Meetings, 3 - 6.30pm.

5th - Harvest Service at St Columba's Church, 2pm.

12th - Willow Class sharing in Collective Worship.

12th - School Disco, 6 - 7.30pm.

17th - 19th - France residential trip.

18th - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

19th - Music/Singing Collective Worship.

24th - Open Afternoon for new starters Sept 2019, 4pm.

25th - Year 5/6 Girls Football Competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

26th - Whole School sharing in Collective Worship.

26th - School closes for half term at 3.15pm.

November

7th - Year 5/6 Football Competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

8th - Year Reception - Year 5 Influenza Vaccinations.

9th - NSPCC workshop. Parents invited to workshop 2.30 - 3.15pm.

13th - NSPCC Year 5/6 workshop.

20th - Pupil individual school photographs (consent required).

December

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

12th - EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance at 2pm.

13th EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance at 6pm.

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

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

20th - School Christmas Lunch.

21st - School closes for Christmas at 2pm.

Future Key Dates

11th April - Topcliffe's Got Talent, 1pm.

7th June - School Sports Day, 1.30pm.

19th June - KS2 Production Performance, 2pm & 6pm.

W/C 1st July - Year 6 Induction Week at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.

19th July - End of Year Celebration Service at St Columba's Church, 10am.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher