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Growing, believing, achieving together

15th December 2017

Dear parents,

We have added in an additional newsletter this week to wish you all a very happy Christmas and to let you know about a few things happening next week. We feel fully into the Christmas spirit now after two very successful trips to the pantomime in Harrogate, two highly entertaining Nativity plays and preparations underway for parties, Christmas dinner and the Carol concert next week. Alongside these festive activities we are still working hard and keeping our core learning going. It has been a long term and a huge amount of learning has taken place. We hope that the parents appointments and the children's books showed that last week. We will soon be sending out a parent survey to gain feedback form your experience.

Could we please remind everyone of our school uniform policy, particularly around footwear. As it is cold it is acceptable for girls to wear black boots to school. We will be sending out another school uniform order form in January.

Although we have seen a huge improvement in parking at drop off times we are still having a few issues with occasional parking in the turning circle which is a safety issue. We have notices asking people to take care during certain times of day and this extends to the entire turning circle including the top end. Please consider the safety of other cars and the children when choosing where you park.

Christmas Party Days

Willow & Ash Class Christmas Party will be on Monday, 18th December at 1pm and Silver Birch, Rowan and Maple Class Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, 19th December at 1pm. Children are able to bring party clothes in a bag and change for the afternoon.

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school on Thursday, 21st December. This is also the day of our Christmas lunch.

Pantomime visits

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 had a wonderful visit to Harrogate Theatre this week to watch the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we would like to thanks FOTS for funding a large amount of the visit and providing refreshments for the trip.

EYFS and KS1 visit to Topcliffe Village Hall

On Tuesday, 19th December at 2pm, EYFS and KS1 pupils will be walking to Topcliffe Village Hall to perform for the elderly resident's Christmas lunch. We are always looking for opportunities to work with the local community and are really excited about this. If you do not wish your child to participate in this event, please let Mrs Hartley know in the school office.

A huge thankyou to Mr and Mrs Wilkinson for providing our huge 12 foot Christmas tree this year. The team and vice-team captains really enjoyed decorating it and it is a great feature in our hall.

Reminder

School closes next Friday at 2pm.



Week ending 15th December 2017
 Children celebrating achievement in GOOD NEWS
 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

WILLOW	Zuzanna Krol	Ben Graham
	Gabi Malecka	
ASH	Josh Bellwood	Freddie Fyfe
	Phoebe Alderson	
SILVER BIRCH	Sam Weightman	Lottie Bellwood
	Chloe Mitchard-Graham	
ROWAN	Oscar Knowles	Georgia Wilson
	Ruby Morrissey	
MAPLE	Oscar Clay	Alice Binks
	Heidi Knowles	

WELL DONE!

Praying together



Come join us as we pray for our school.
 If interested contact
 Pamela McMahon
 on
 07926 427362

Messages from the kitchen:

Last week of term menu

Monday: Pasta bolognaise, vegetables. Special yoghurts/ice creams.
 Tuesday: Chicken korma, rice, vegetables. Selection of puddings.
 Wednesday: Sausages, mash/wedges, gravy, vegetables. Selection of puddings.
 Thursday: Christmas lunch day.
 Friday: Fish fingers/fish, chips/wedges, vegetables. Christmas tree choices.

Jacket potatoes remain as an alternative option as well as fresh fruit.

N.B. 'Gluten Free' options are always available from the kitchen. Please see Mrs Hemingway to discuss.

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

Tuesday, 12 th December	-	KS2 visit to see the pantomime 'Beauty & the Beast' at Harrogate Theatre. EYFS & KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm.
Wednesday, 13 th December	-	EYFS & KS1 Nativity, 6pm.
Wednesday, 20 th December	-	Carol Service at St Columba's Church, 2pm.
Thursday, 14 th December	-	KS1 visit to see the pantomime 'Beauty & the Beast' at Harrogate Theatre.
Monday, 18 th December	-	Willow and Ash Class Christmas Party at 1pm.
Tuesday, 19 th December	-	Silver Birch, Rowan and Maple Class Christmas Party.
Thursday, 21 st December	-	School Christmas Dinner. Movie Club, 3.15 – 5pm. - Cancelled
Friday, 22 nd December	-	School closes at 2pm for Christmas break.
Monday, 8 th January	-	Staff Training Day.
Tuesday, 9 th January	-	School re-opens for start of Spring Term.
Wednesday, 17 th January	-	KS2 Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena.
Tuesday, 23 rd January	-	Key Steps Gymnastics competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.
Friday, 2 nd February	-	Music for Life day.
Tuesday, 6 th February	-	Gifted & Talented Sports Academy at Carlton Miniott School.
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.
W/C Monday, 21 st May	-	Year 5/6 residential visit to East Barnby.

Yours sincerely

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 Headteacher