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Growing, believing, achieving together

20th October 2017

Dear parents and carers,

A huge thankyou to everyone who was involved in the school trip this week. It was a really informative day and provided the children with two very different experiences from their every day life. From experiencing some amazing art work and sculptures to sharing food with the wonderful helpers at the Gudwara we had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Children have now seen first hand how art is displayed and arranged for members of the public to enjoy and they have seen first hand what a Sikh temple looks like and how it runs. Well done to all children who represented Topcliffe CofE Academy so well throughout the day. Thankyou to FOTS who raised the money for the children to have this enriching experience.

It has been exciting to see some of the end results of the very enjoyable Titanic topic that Maple and Rowan have been studying this half term and to hear some of the stunning Lady of Shallot poems written by Silver Birch class. Thankyou to all those children who have shared work with me over the last two weeks. I also enjoyed spending time with Seedlings Nursery class at the Forest School enrichment activity in Kilburn Woods last week. It was fantastic to see the children learning through the woodland experience and the natural outdoor environment.



We now have a week off to rest and get ready for the busy Christmas half term coming up. We have added lots of dates to this newsletter this week to give you an idea when the key events are coming up.

I hope you all have a great half term and get lots of rest.

Poppies will be available to purchase from the first Monday back after half term.

Week ending 13th October 2017
Children celebrating achievement in GOOD NEWS
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

WILLOW	Codey Tait-Blunden	Amelia Pearson	Ralph Addison
ASH	Lilly Heidstrom	Daniel Burnham	Sophie Parsons
SILVER BIRCH	Lottie Bellwood	Heidi Wilson	Freddie Balderston
ROWAN	Eddie Clay	Holly Binks	Ruby Morrissey
MAPLE	Laura Wilkinson	Maisie Lamb	Andrew Handshaw-Armitage

WELL DONE!



Praying together

Come join us as we pray
for our school.
If interested contact
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Messages from the kitchen

Tuesday, 31st October (week 2)

A choice will be offered – cottage pie (as per the printed menu) or organic beef burger in a bun.

Monday, 6th November (week 3) 'Bonfire Special'

Hot dogs (proper sausages!) with ketchup (optional), wedges/chips and mixed salad and/or baked beans. Ice cream tubs for desert (selection of flavours).

Wednesday, 8th November (week 3)

As printed menu – mince and dumplings.

Thursday, 9th November (week 3)

Spaghetti bolognese replaces tex mex bake.

*Jacket potatoes remain on the menu as an alternative to the main hot meal.

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

Monday, 30 th October	-	School opens for 2 nd half of Autumn Term.
Wednesday, 1 st November	-	KS2 Cross Country competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.
Friday, 3 rd November	-	Maple Class sharing in Collective Worship at 8.55am.
Monday, 6 th November	-	Year 5/6 Football Competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.
Thursday, 9 th November	-	Pupil individual school photographs.
Friday, 10 th November	-	Rowan Class sharing in Collective Worship at 8.55am.
Friday, 17 th November	-	Silver Birch Class sharing in Collective Worship at 8.55am. School disco, 6 - 7.30pm.
Friday, 24 th November	-	Ash Class sharing in Collective Worship at 8.55am.
Monday, 27 th November	-	Gifted and Talented Sports Academy at Topcliffe.
Friday, 1 st December	-	Willow Class sharing in Collective Worship. School Christmas fair.
Monday, 4 th December	-	Parent Consultation Evening.
Tuesday, 5 th December	-	Parent Consultation Evening.
Wednesday, 6 th December	-	Flu vaccinations for YR - Y4 pupils. Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics competition at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.
Tuesday, 12 th December	-	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, 21 st December	-	Movie Club, 3.15 – 5pm.
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.
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.
W/C Monday, 21 st May	-	Year 5/6 residential visit to East Barnby.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher