

# Topcliffe C of E Academy

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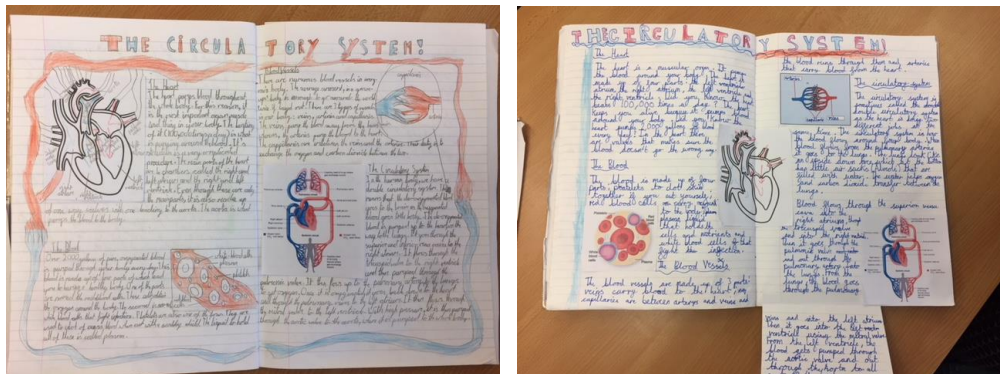
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*Growing, believing, achieving together*

Dear Parents/Carers

The children have been working so hard this half term and their work books are looking really good. The progress just since September is evident in all books and we look forward to sharing them with you at our next parents consultations in January. Prior to the meeting you will receive a written report to show how your child is getting on and then that will be the basis for the discussion at the meeting with the teacher. Year 5 and 6 have just produced what we call a published piece of work (a best piece) about the circulatory system that Year 7 and 8 teachers would find impressive so a huge well done to Maple class.



We are still continuing with the successful introduction of Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) and Big Maths Beat That (BMBT) from last year. Each week one winner per year group is given a special chair in collective worship to celebrate being the TTRS or BMBT champion. The competition alternates between the two competitions. Every few weeks we also have a chair for 'Most improved' which has really encouraged all children to work hard on their mental maths. This year we have also added in a Reading Raffle where every child that reads four times at home gets a raffle ticket to enter into the draw. On Friday I draw a winner from each class and the winner selects a book from my office. So far this initiative is working well and we are finding children are reading a lot more at home which is absolutely vital to support the work we are doing with them in school and also to support children to become life long readers.

### Staffing

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Emily O'Gorman who started work as a support assistant with us a few weeks ago and is based in Ash and Willow class. Mrs O'Gorman comes with a wealth of primary school experience and I know will be an invaluable member of the team.

We would also like to welcome Mr Andy Cryer who will be supporting on supply when teachers are out. Mr Cryer also works locally at South Kilvington Primary School.

Sadly it is Miss Pollard's (teacher training student from Silver Birch class) last day tomorrow and we wish her all the best in her new placement. She has been a fantastic student! We have three more students joining us in Willow, Ash and Silver Birch class soon.

### Christmas Fair

A reminder that it is the Topcliffe CofE Academy Christmas Fair next Friday, at 2pm and we thank you for all your donations so far – keep them coming! The fair is always an event that raises money for the academy and will support the extras we can then share with the children such as supporting the pantomime and saving for some new IT equipment. Thankyou FOTS for all your help with this. We look forward to seeing you all next Friday.

### The Tree House

The Tree House has been running now since the start of September and the children that attend are really enjoying the opportunity to spend more time with their friends in a relaxed and enjoyable way. They have access to a range of activities from crafts, computers, film nights, outdoor games and roller discos. Mrs Parsons and the children are always coming up with new ideas! We still have places available and so are offering two promotional nights next Monday and the one after (please see below). These are at a reduced rate 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 contact Mrs Hartley if you would like to book.



### Reverse advent

Every year we traditionally support Northallerton New Life Baptist Church with their shoebox appeal, however this year as this is not running we would once again like to support Thirsk Clock and we would like to do this with a Reverse Advent. A flyer will be sent out on Friday with details about this. The theory behind the reverse advent calendar is to give an item each day in the lead up to Christmas in place of removing a daily treat from your advent calendars.

### Collective Worship

Due to Willow and Ash class visit to the Ritz Cinema in Thirsk, there will be no Collective Worship this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Ash will be sharing in Collective Worship next Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 8.55am.

Week ending 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Children celebrating achievement in GOOD NEWS  
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

|              |                                          |                |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|----------------|
| WILLOW       | Erin Conway<br>Matthew Smith             | Lilly Bowman   |
| ASH          | Josh Bellwood<br>Ben Graham              | Eva Lloyd      |
| SILVER BIRCH | Freddie Fyfe<br>Heidi Wilson             | Finlay Aitken  |
| MAPLE        | Lewis Harvey<br>All year 5/6 footballers | Ruby Morrissey |

WELL DONE!

Week ending 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Children celebrating achievement in GOOD NEWS  
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

|              |                                          |               |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| WILLOW       | Hattie Alderson<br>Jack Ramshay          | Joby Waite    |
| ASH          | Charlie Binks<br>Oliver Robertson        | Ralph Chapman |
| SILVER BIRCH | Hollie Romatowski<br>Bethany Hainsoworth | John McMahon  |
| MAPLE        | Eva Harris<br>Emily Burden               | Lexi Ramshay  |

WELL DONE!



### The Tree House 'Pizza & Film Night'

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



### The Tree House 'Party Night'

Includes disco and games  
Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018  
Special Promotional Offer of just £4.00  
3.15 – 5.30pm  
Light tea included



### Messages from the Kitchen

"Choosy Tuesdays"

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November

Sausages, Yorkshire puddings, gravy, mash/roast potatoes, medley of vegetables. Iced chocolate sponge

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

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

### **November**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> - No Collective Worship.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Willow & Ash Class visit to the Ritz Cinema, Thirsk.
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Last week for school clubs.
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Gifted & Talented Sports Academy at Topcliffe.
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Willow & Ash Class visit to York Castle Museum.
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Bikeability at Alanbrooke School, 9.30am – 3.15pm.
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Ash Class sharing in Collective Worship, 8.55am.
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Bikeability at Alanbrooke School, 9.15am – 12.15pm.
- 30<sup>th</sup> - School Christmas Fair at 2pm.

### **December**

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Willow Class sharing in Collective Worship, 8.55am.
- 7<sup>th</sup> - In School Pantomime for whole school.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Swimming Competition at Thirsk Swimming Pool.
- 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.
- 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> - School closes for Christmas at 2pm.

### **January**

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Staff Training Day.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - School re-opens for start of Spring Term.
- 15<sup>th</sup> January - Parent Conversation Meetings, 1 – 5pm.
- 16<sup>th</sup> January - Parent Conversation Meetings, 3.30 – 6.30pm.

### **Future Key Dates**

- 11<sup>th</sup> April - Topcliffe's Got Talent, 1pm.
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATS week.
- 7<sup>th</sup> June - School Sports Day, 1.30pm.
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Production Performance, 2pm & 6pm.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Abigail Clay  
Headteacher

