

## Topcliffe C of E Academy

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together*

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very exciting half term with a huge amount of enthusiasm over the class topics. Miss Howard is pleased to announce that WW2 has now officially ended! Mrs Kaufman thinks that there have been too many mummies in her classroom! It was brilliant to see the Egyptian projects today shared by the children.

The older children have represented the academy in tag rugby and girls football and really enjoyed this opportunity. Also thank you to Megan, Eddie and Eva who spoke so nicely at this week's open afternoon which gave perspective parents a real insight into what happens at Topcliffe CofE Academy. It was also great to hear in assembly this morning about the French experience that Year 5 and 6 have just had. Whether they went to France or not all the children had 3 days of language and cultural immersion that has provided them with a good understanding of life in another country.



Thank you to Seedlings this week for inviting me pumpkin picking on Monday and to their bonfire party on Thursday. Both were so much fun and I could see all the learning that has taken place.

Thank you to all the parents who attended school lunch last week. 47 parents/ carers!!! Mrs Hemmingway was thrilled to be able to share with you the food she cooks on a daily basis for our children. We are very lucky to have such a good cook who accommodates the children's likes, dislikes and dietary requirements so well.

### School Uniform

A reminder that in accordance with our uniform policy children must wear plain small studs if their ears are pierced and that short hair must not have patterns or stripes cut into it. As the weather gets colder children may want to wear school boots and these must be black.

### Message from Mrs Stones (Seedlings Nursery)

If you have any of the following items at home or work and could donate them to Nursery please let Mrs Stones in the Nursery, or Mrs Hartley know.

Bread crates or similar	Pallets
Cable Reels	Planks/Wood
Full Drain pipes	Slim armchair

Any natural resources that are child friendly that children can build with

### Message from Rev.Susanne

CONFIRMATION If anyone in Year 6 or above (including adults) is interested in exploring the idea of Confirmation, as a follow-on to Baptism, please get in touch with Rev Susanne. (And if anyone, child or adult, has not been baptised (Christened) and would like to think about it, you're invited to get in touch too)

[susanne.jukes@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.jukes@gmail.com) or 01845 578513

### Message from St.Oswald's Church

St Oswald's Church in Sowerby are holding an alternative Halloween event on Wednesday 31st October in the church from 6-7.30pm. There will be crafts & activities with sweets & treats for children and complimentary refreshments for adults. There is no need to book, just arrive on the night, children are welcome to dress up but please don't wear face masks. If you need any further details please contact [pauline@stoswaldsowerby.org.uk](mailto:pauline@stoswaldsowerby.org.uk)



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

**November**

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

8<sup>th</sup> - Year Reception - Year 5 Influenza Vaccinations.

9<sup>th</sup> - NSPCC workshop. Parents invited to workshop 2.30 - 3.15pm.

13<sup>th</sup> - NSPCC Year 5/6 workshop.

20<sup>th</sup> - Pupil individual school photographs (consent required).

**December**

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> EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance at 6pm.

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

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.

**Future Key Dates**

11<sup>th</sup> April - Topcliffe's Got Talent, 1pm.

7<sup>th</sup> June - School Sports Day, 1.30pm.

19<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Production Performance, 2pm & 6pm.

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

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

Have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher