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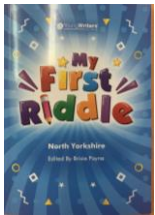
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Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy couple of weeks it has been! Please see below for all the details of what has been going on at Topcliffe CofE Academy since we returned from half-term. It is good to see our core Christian values being lived out through the academy in the different events we have participated in recently. The links with the village **community** supporting Topcliffe heritage weekend. The links with our school **community** at Sports Day and parents, grandparents and carers coming to support the children with the special day and also being part of the picnic lunch before hand. We could really see during the afternoon last Friday the way in which the older children care for and nurture the younger children and show real **friendship** to each other across school. These are the aspects that make our academy a truly special place to be part of. Thankyou to everyone who has supported us with Sports Day and preparing all the art work for the heritage weekend.

We hope to see many of you next week at our production of Hoodwinked by Silver Birch and Maple. They have been rehearsing and making props and are ready to perform their amazing play.

Willow Class Published Riddles



The Reception children were excited to find out they could enter the Young Writers 'My First Riddle' competition back in January. Most of the children chose to write one, and they thought of interesting clues to build their riddles. They were very excited when Mrs Massey received a letter telling them that all the riddles had been accepted into an anthology of North Yorkshire riddles. This week, Topcliffe Academy received the published books! How exciting that some of the Reception children are already published authors and will hopefully enter more writing competitions as they move up the academy.

Sports Day



Report written by Stephen Kenny

One day on Friday 7th June 2019, Topcliffe CofE Academy had sports day once again. How exciting it was! We waited for a week to find out whether sports day was going to be on because the weather said it was going to rain. Luckily, it didn't but it was quite windy.

Picnic - Before all of the races all children and parents had a picnic. We sat on blankets with other families. Did you enjoy it? I did!

Teams - We got into our teams which were red (Saturn), yellow (Jupiter), green (Earth)

and blue (Neptune). Then we went outside to our tents.

Races - The races were called egg and spoon, sack, sprint, hurdles, skipping, long distance, water relay and bean bag. I came 1st in long distance and 3rd in egg and spoon. Which would you have liked to have done?

Winning team - The blue team won once again. What a good achievement! Even though the blue team won everyone we got lollies at the end. It's the taking part that counts. How fun it was!



We would also like to say a big thank you to FOTS for organising the refreshments and a huge congratulations to Blue team who won the overall trophy.



Art Competition for English Heritage Weekend



A large number of our pupils created wonderful art work for an Art Competition that was held at Topcliffe Heritage Weekend that took place last weekend. The organisers would like to thank everyone for taking part and producing such high quality work. Congratulations to the following children:

	<u>Maple Class</u>	<u>Ash Class</u>	<u>Silver Birch Class</u>	<u>Maple Class</u>
1 st place	Kensie Chapman	Oliver Robertson	Heidi Wilson	Lexi Ramshay
2 nd place	Ava Smith	Ben Graham	Harry Graham	Isabel Broadbent
3 rd place	Eleanor Gath	Joshua Bellwood	Sebastian Bissett	Alice Dunkley

Thank you to the organisers for the generous donation of the prizes.

Year 5 Animation Competition at Queen Mary's School



The Year 5 children had an incredible opportunity this week, to attend an animation competition held at Queen Mary's School. It was delivered by the team that produced Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep and Early Man. They were split into teams, and had to follow instructions to make a model Gromit out of plasticine - just how he was really made. They were then required to work together to create shadow puppets and a flick book, following a story board.

The teams were allocated points according to how successful they were in their creations. Out of the sixteen teams entered, one of the teams from Topcliffe was chosen as the third-place winner, receiving some animation software for the school as a prize. This is a fantastic result, and will allow us to experiment with some very different ways of learning in the future. Well done to all involved: as always, the children behaved impeccably, enjoyed every moment and represented the school in every way we would expect.



Message from the Kitchen

We will be introducing new 'Grab Plates' from Monday, 17th June 2019. 'Grab Plates' will consist of a sandwich (choice of cheese or ham), sausage roll (or equivalent), vegetable sticks, chips/potato wedges (if on normal menu for that day), tray bake and fruit.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Abigail Clay
Headteacher

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

June

- Tuesday, 18th – Seedlings Class visit to Thorp Perrow.
- Tuesday, 18th – Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket Competition at Sessay Cricket Club.
- Wednesday, 19th – KS2 Production Performance at 2pm & 6pm.
- Thursday, 20th – Year 5 Curriculum Enrichment Day at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.
- Thursday, 20th – Year 6 SRE Talk.
- Thursday, 20th – Y3/4 Crouders Tournament at Sowerby Primary Academy, 4-5pm.
- Friday, 21st – Ash Class sharing in Collective Worship.
- Tuesday, 25th – Mrs Reed & Mr Tiffany from Outwood Academy, Easingwold visiting Year 6 pupils.
- Wednesday, 26th – Rachel Elliott from Thirsk School & Sixth Form College in to meet Year 6 pupils.
- Thursday, 27th – Y3/4 Crouders Tournament at Topcliffe CofE Academy, 4-5pm.
- Friday, 28th – Silver Birch Class sharing in Collective Worship.

July

- W/C Monday, 1st – Thirsk Induction Week for Year 6 pupils.
- Thursday, 4th & Friday, 5th – Easingwold Induction Days for Year 6 pupils.
- Thursday, 4th – Crouders Tournament at Alanbrooke Primary School, 4-5pm.
- Friday, 5th – Maple Class sharing in Collective Worship.
- Monday, 8th – KS2 Sports Day at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College.
- Friday, 12th – Summer Fair at 2pm.
- Friday, 19th – End of Year Celebration at St. Columba's Church, 10am.
- Friday, 19th – School closes at 2pm.

September

- Monday, 2nd – Staff Training Day.
- Tuesday, 3rd – School opens for start of Autumn Term 2019.