

Thursday 2nd May 2024



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A Message from Mr Smith

How wonderful it is to finally have a couple of bright, warm, sunny days without rain! I have seen lots of great work this week in all classes and everyone has been working really hard. Class One were training to become expert weather analysts on the playground and they made some super wind socks to measure the direction of the wind. Class Two have been measuring their sunflowers – I wonder which one will grow the tallest? Class Three have been finishing off their torches and learning all about animal classification; I've been super impressed with their knowledge of key vocabulary. Class 4 have been busy learning all about world population and did really well at this week's cross country and rounders event (see below for further information on how they did.)

I am sure you are all looking forward to the Scarecrow Weekend and Mayday festivities and we hope to see as many families as possible on Bank Holiday Monday, when our super maypole dancers and choir will be performing. Last year's event was hugely successful because of your support; and I would also like to say a HUGE 'Thank you' to the many members of FOSS and school community who have worked so hard in planning this year's event. I would also say thank you to Mrs Scott and our Art Club members for producing out wonderful scarecrow entry this year. Please read the FOSS update below for more details.

Last week's house point totals were very close again, with Pegasus taking first place by a nose! Good luck to Dragon, Griffin, Pegasus & Phoenix for this week.

Have a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend!

Mr. Smith



School News

- Class 3 had a super time at Hovingham Estate last Thursday for their Countryside Learning Day. It started out cold but the sun did make an appearance in the afternoon so everyone could thaw out! They took part in six workshops focusing on gardens and planting, farming and food chains, mountain rescue, the importance of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that we live in, and woodlands.

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- Our maypole dancers had their final practice session out on The Green on Monday. An email went out to parents/carers of maypolers last week with details about costumes and timings for arrival for the day's performance, which is at 12.15pm.
- We are delighted that choir are performing at 11am on Monday and Mrs Moore would be grateful if the children could arrive by 10.45am. An email with details will be sent out today.
- Class 3 had their third swimming session at Pickering pool on Tuesday.
- Our Senior Education Advisor was in school on Wednesday focusing on Geography and Science. Mrs Hattersley was very complimentary of the pupils' manners and focus during lessons and around school.
- On Wednesday afternoon, Class 4 attended a Cross-Country and Rounders event at Malton Community Sports Centre. Those who were playing Rounders had a brilliant time playing several games in the friendly. Those who were running the Cross-Country race worked so hard and really pushed themselves, leading to the school finishing 2nd place in the final rankings! It was wonderful to see the children working together and cheering for one another as each person crossed the finish line!



- Class 1 will be visiting the Mobile Library Bus on Friday morning. If you have library books that need returning, if you hand them to school, we will return them for you.
- School photographs are taking place on Wednesday with Phototronics. They will be taking individual, siblings in school, and whole class photographs. Please ensure the children are in full school uniform and they may bring a hairbrush if they wish!
- The Year 3 and 4 children are attending a Quick Rounders event at Malton Community Sports Centre next Wednesday. A letter with further details was sent out yesterday.
- Class 1 have a class trip to Living Seas at Flamborough next Thursday. Please see the letter that was emailed out yesterday for information and let us have your child's consent and lunch choices by tomorrow please.



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FOSS Update

Slingsby Scarecrow trail and May Day celebrations

The weekend is almost upon us! Thank you to everyone who has offered to help, this year we have a bumper number of scarecrow entries with 29 to find around the village! The trail will be running from 10am on Saturday until 4pm on Monday. Call into the pop-up café in the Chapel to buy your trail sheet, find the scarecrows, solve the clues and place your completed sheet in the post box inside the café to be entered into the prize draw to win a day pass for Woldies! Don't forget to vote for your favourite scarecrow - the scarecrow with the most votes will win a pass to Lightwater Valley!

On Monday the May Day celebrations will be taking place on the Green, organised by the Slingsby Maypole Committee. FOSS will be hosting the children's games plus this year Andrew & Fran Pern from The Star Inn, Harome are hosting a bar on The Green with alcoholic and soft drinks to raise funds for FOSS. The café will be running from the Chapel serving hot dogs, children's lunch packs and delicious homemade cakes. More details can be found on the attached leaflet.

Please bring cash for the stalls on the green on Monday. We are able to take card payments in the café.

Baking - Please bring your baked donations to sell in the cafe over the weekend to school on Friday or directly to the pop-up cafe in the Chapel across the weekend Saturday, Sunday or Monday. Ideas include cakes, quiche, biscuits & traybakes.

Pre-loved books, games and jigsaws - We are seeking your donations of good quality children's books, games and jigsaws to sell over the weekend. Please bring your donations to school on Friday the 4th May.

Bags2School - Our next collection is next Friday the 17th May - an ideal opportunity to have a sort out and donate good quality children's items to our pre-loved sale, then donate the rest to Bags2School! Details of accepted items can be found at bag2school.com.



Hot Weather Safety in School – sun cream, hats & water bottles

During the summer term we love being outside as much as possible making the most of the good weather, so as it starts to warm up please remember sun cream, hats and water bottles every day for the children:-

- **Sun cream** - Please apply sun cream to your children at home before they come to school. We are not permitted to apply the cream for the children and do not have spare in school. If you wish more sun cream to be applied on their child during the day, please send in a

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labelled bottle in your child's PE kit and let a member of staff know so that we can help guide the children in applying it themselves.

- **Hats** - We require all children to wear a sunhat/cap on hot sunny days at break times, for PE lessons and on trips. We are not quite there yet with the weather but when it is hot and sunny they will be asked to either wear their own hat or they will be given a school hat to wear. Please make sure hats from home are clearly labelled.
- **Water bottles** - The children will be reminded to drink plenty of water especially on hot days. We ask that all children bring a labelled water bottle and they will be given time to refill them in the afternoons.



School Meal Price Increase from September 2024

From September 2024, the cost of a pupil school meal will increase from £3.16 to £3.32. NYES Catering has been through a turbulent period over the last few years and they have worked diligently to mitigate the impact of these challenges on schools and will continue to do so. Although food inflation is still high, there are signs of reductions on some product lines and suppliers have been working hard to ensure product availability. There is now a greater level of stability across the business. NYES Catering services have also developed a budget strategy for 24/25 that aims to support each school and where an increase in meal price is necessary, it will be capped at a maximum increase of 5%.



Fundraiser for Swinton Brass Band

Our peripatetic music teacher, Mr Conlan is raising money for Swinton Brass Band roof repairs. He will be running 40 miles this Sunday between the four brass band rooms of Ryedale (Swinton, Malton, Pickering and Kirkbymoorside) to help raise £40,000. Several present pupils and Slingsby alumni attend Beginner and Training band (which is free of charge) and will be making an appearance at Monday's May Day Celebrations on The Green. If you would like to donate to this amazing cause, please click on the Just Giving page link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ian-conlan-1708417343638>



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