



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 3rd October 2024

A Message from Mr Smith

Unfortunately, Mr Sturgess could not attend school on Tuesday to run the Basketball Wow! Day due to flooding and torrential road conditions near his home. We will communicate the rearranged date in the newsletter when we are able to finalise this.

I have been really impressed by the focus and effort from many of our children this week during our Autumn term test week. They have all tried their best to do as well as they can; and that is all that we can ask of them – well done everyone! Children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 undertake assessments in maths, reading and independent writing at the start of the year to provide us with their start of year levels and from this, we focus on areas for teaching where they may be less confident. Our reception class children have also completed their Baseline Assessments by working with Miss Pearce on some fun Q&A activities. Well done everyone and keep up the good work!

We are going to start collecting donations for the Ryedale Community Food Bank next week ahead of our Harvest Festival on Friday 18th October. Please see the attached leaflet with details of what the Food Bank need most. Thank you for your support.

In my assembly this week, we focussed on learning about diversity and appreciating that everyone is unique; and it is our differences that make us special. We will be continuing this theme throughout October in all classes as we celebrate Black History month and hope that our families support school in answering any questions children may have. Additionally, we are looking forward to welcoming Sharon Tagger from the York Jewish Community to lead an assembly on Judaism next week.

We have received a few questions from parents and carers following the introduction of our new Spelling Shed scheme. Miss Pearce has provided the following link which gives more information in regard to the terminology used and gives more information on Phonics

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

House points results for last week were: Dragon: 208, Griffin: 218, Pegasus: 206, Phoenix: 189. Congratulations to Griffin house for your first victory of the term!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Smith.



School News

- Class 4 had their third swimming lesson at the St Albans Sports Centre on Monday afternoon.

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- Mrs Scott would love any empty 4pint plastic milk cartons for Art Club for next Tuesday's creation please!
- We have successfully completed our Autumn Census today for the DFE.



Eco Schools Update

Classes have now voted in their Eco Committee members, and we have had our first meeting. The Committee have chosen the three topics they would like to focus on for this academic year. They will now go back to classes and gather ideas over the next couple of weeks on how we can formulate an action plan with school-based activities, national program days and activities outside the school. If you have any expertise in any of the following areas or have any ideas on how the children can work towards their goals, then please email in. We want to include the whole school community including parents, relatives and the wider village community. The three chosen topics are:

1. **Marine** - primarily focusing on how we can help reduce the use of single use plastics. To help protect and conserve marine based ecosystems.
2. **School Grounds** - finding ways to improve and enhance our school and grounds to be more environmentally friendly. To improve School Grounds for students, staff, plants, insects and animals.
3. **Waste** - refuse, reduce, reuse, repair, recycle. How can we apply this both at school and in our homes.



Club Booking System - Cancelling Unattended Sessions

Thank you to everyone for using Parent Pay to book your child/ren into before and after school clubs in advance. This new booking system is hugely helping our organisation and administration time. You can book and cancel club sessions right up until the start of the club. Please remember you must cancel any club sessions you have booked but no longer need in order to receive a refund. During the first few weeks of term while we have all been getting to grips with the new system, the office has been checking all registers and manually removing any bookings where a child was not present so that a credit transaction is applied to reverse the charge that was generated when the session was booked. From next week, however, as per our letter explaining the new system, Miss Hope and Mrs Massey will not be processing manual credits so please remember to cancel any bookings no longer need. It's very quick and easy to do but we have attached the user guides below to refer to if you have any problems:

- [How-to-book-a-session](#)
- [How-do-I-cancel-a-club-session-booking](#)
- [How-to-see-what-sessions-I-have-booked](#)



Flu Vaccination

Vaccination UK is attending Slingsby School on Monday 21st October 2024, offering the flu immunisation programme to pupils from Reception age to Year 6. For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

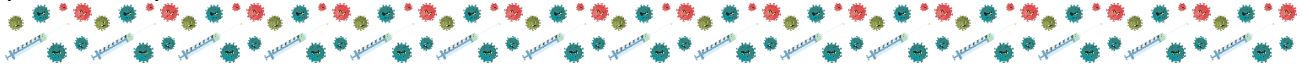
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<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form. If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.



Secondary School Admission Process for September 2025

For children who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2025, the application process commenced on 12th September 2024 and the deadline to apply is 31st October 2024.

[School admissions | North Yorkshire Council](#)



FOSS Update

FOSS AGM - Thursday 17th October

This year's FOSS AGM will be held at The Star Inn at Harome on Thursday 17th October at 7pm. Drinks and nibbles will be on offer, and we warmly encourage anyone interested in FOSS to come along.

FOSS Halloween Party - Wednesday 23rd October

We are delighted to invite all children from school to the annual FOSS Halloween Party! The party is on Wednesday the 23rd October, straight after school at 3.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday 18th October through your child's Parent Pay as there will be no ticket sales on the door. To confirm your child/ren's attendance please complete the form using the link or by scanning the QR code on the attached leaflet.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflnesf3HPnrb7A42r97ph7ttx0JsFRSIJ7rbUKO4DPRQNd5w/viewform?usp=sf_link

We would be very grateful for volunteers to help at the party and for baked donations to sell at the tuck shop, please email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Bag2school - Thursday 28th November

Our next collection is Thursday 28th November. It is an ideal opportunity to have a sort out and donate clothes, bags, jewellery, shoes and other unwanted items to help raise money for our school. Full details of accepted items can be found at bag2school.com.



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