



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 14th November 2024



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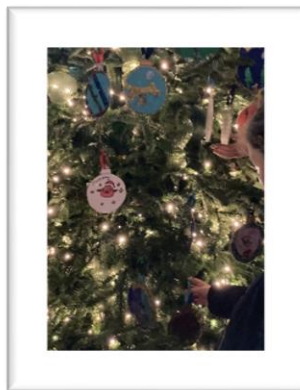
Head Teacher:
Mr L Smith
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A Message from Mr Smith

We marked Remembrance Day on Monday with a whole school assembly and discussions in our lessons. We also had a 2-minute silence during assembly as a mark of respect to our previous and current armed forces.

Staff and children came to school on Tuesday sporting odd socks to recognise anti-bullying week. This year's focus is on "Choose Respect" which teachers have incorporated into their lessons all week.

Year 6 were delighted to be invited to decorate the Castle Howard Chapel Christmas tree on Tuesday with prayer baubles which they made in school. The pupils met up with Rev Douglas Robertson and Rachel Henry from the team at Castle Howard and were treated to a sneak preview of the festive decorations. If you are going to the Alice's Christmas Wonderland event over of the coming weeks, please look out for our prayers in the Chapel.



It was lovely to see parents and carers of children in Class 1 and 2 this week at our Parents' Evenings. Please look out for our Parent/Carer online questionnaire which will be emailed out early next week. Your feedback is important to us therefore we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to answer the questionnaire.

Last week's house point results were: Dragon – 167, Griffin – 136, Pegasus – 187 and Phoenix – 159. Congratulations to Pegasus!

Have a great weekend. Mr Smith.



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School News

- You may have noticed that we have a new telephone message when you call school. For absences, please choose option 1 and let us know the details of your child's absence. We have to record the reasons for absence on our registers, and monitor any infections that may be going around, so please provide details of your child's symptoms. If you wish to speak to the school office, please choose option 2. Many thanks.
- Our North Yorkshire Safeguarding advisor was in school on Monday for one of our regular reviews which was very positive and helpful as always.
- Class 3 had their second swimming lessons on Monday and we continue to be impressed with their great attitude at Ampleforth swimming pool.
- We sent a letter out with details of our exciting whole school trip to Scarborough Spa pantomime earlier in the week. Please complete the online form <https://forms.office.com/e/n01RuUb35z> with your child's pack-up choice by Monday 18th November.
- Year 5 & 6 participated in a Tag Rugby tournament at Norton College on Wednesday afternoon. The Slingsby Dragons finished joint 4th in their league – winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 2 games (by last-second tries!). Slingsby Lions finished 3rd in their league – winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 2 games. Slingsby Tigers won 3 and lost 2 to finish third in their league. It was great to see all our Year 5 & 6 children enjoying the event and supporting each other.



- On Wednesday, Miss Pearce attended Hovingham Playgroup to meet the parents and children, to introduce herself and to talk about all that Slingsby School has to offer.
- We had a visit from our EYFS School Governor, Mrs Breckon today to observe our Phonics lessons.
- The Xmas4schools card orders have arrived and will be handed out at the end of the day tomorrow. Also, the FOSS Christmas draw tickets will be coming home in book bags this week, please sell as many as you can! Please also let FOSS know if you can help at the fair. Please see further details below.
- It is Children in Need Day tomorrow and everyone is invited to wear something bright and/or spotty (non-uniform day). Donations can be paid in two ways, either by cash using the donations bucket which will be on the school door in the morning, or via Parent Pay using this link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15532>
- Class 2 is visiting the Mobile Library tomorrow morning. If you have any library books to be returned, please hand to a member of staff on the door and we will ensure they are handed in.



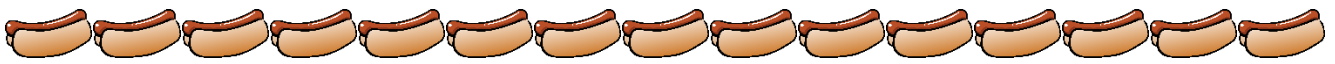
Lunch Menu Change – Friday 15th November

For Children in Need tomorrow, the menu is Hot Dog or Vegetarian Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Potato Wedges followed by Mango Sorbet. The alternative is a Baked Potato with Cheese. All dietary requirements will be catered for.

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Eco School Update

On Monday, our school's Eco Committee met with our Governor Mrs Breckon, and talked about: recycling paper in classes, turning off lights and also making sure lids are back on whiteboard pens and glue sticks. This will be one of our actions in the Waste topic which we are working towards. They also discussed the environment ideas suggestions from all classes to look at in school this year. The committee decided that each class needs to have dedicated Eco Monitors who will be given time over the next two weeks to make signs for their class: recycling bin, switch off the lights and a sign for replacing lids. The next Eco Committee meeting is on Monday 25th November 3-3.25pm.



Procedure for Snow Days

With winter fast approaching, please remember that if it is snowing, the children may come to school in wellies or walking boots and should wear suitable coats, hats, gloves for playing out in the snow. They should also bring their school shoes in a labelled carrier bag so that footwear can be changed when in the classroom to avoid soaking the carpets. If children do not have suitable clothing, unfortunately they will not be able to play in the snow.

We will always do all we can to ensure school remains open, but in the event that the winter weather prevents staff travelling into school, or we lose any utility functions, we will follow our *Unavoidable Closure Policy* which you were provided with in your starter pack and is available on our website.

Outside of school hours, we will do all we can to make a decision by 7:30am and will send you a text via our Teacher2Parents App by 8am. We will also send an email as soon as we can; inform Greatest Hits Radio who will broadcast the message; and inform the Local Authority who will post the information on their website. Inside school hours, as well as the above, we will ring you or the contact you provided to us on your Unavoidable Closure form to explain that school will be closing. If the contact details you provided to us have changed, please email the School Office.



FOSS Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our pre-loved uniform and treat sale on Friday which raised just under £200!

Children in Need Stall - This Friday 15th November

FOSS are running a stall selling homemade biscuits and cupcakes for £1 at 3:30pm on the green with all proceeds being donated to Children in Need. Please bring along some cash and help us support this great cause.

Christmas Draw Tickets

Please check book bags for Christmas Draw tickets which will be coming home in the next few days. We have some fantastic prizes to be won including a voucher for the Star Inn at Harome, a tour of Cooper King Distillery, Vouchers for the Ice Factor at Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland, a round of wizard golf at Hole in Wand York plus many more. Please sell all your draw tickets and if you run out ask the school office or email friendsofslingsbyschool.co.uk for more, we have lots spare! There is also a prize for the family that sells the most tickets! Please see the attached poster for more details.

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Bags2school - Thursday 28th November

Please bring your unwanted clothing, bags, shoes and other items to school on the morning of Thursday 28th November and leave the bags at the designated drop off point on the green next to school. See <https://bag2school.com/> for the full list of items they accept.

Christmas Fair – Sunday 1st December

We are thrilled that after a hiatus the Christmas Fair returns to the village hall on Sunday 1st December from 11am-3pm. There will be a range of refreshments including festive sandwiches, mulled wine, delicious homemade cakes and more! A range of makers will be selling homeware and gift ideas, there'll be festive children's games with plenty of prizes and the school choir singing in the afternoon. Please come along and support us, see the attached poster for more information.

We still have some slots to fill to help us run the stalls, if you are available to help 11-1pm or 1-3pm please email FOSS as it will make all the difference in allowing us to run things smoothly.



SPEG – Give or Take Event Sunday 17th November

The Slingsby Parish Environment Group are collaborating with the Village Hall Committee to run a Give or Take event this Sunday. You don't have to donate items in order to take some away and there will be refreshments on offer too (cash only as no card facilities). Items can be dropped off at the village hall from 4-6pm on Saturday or from 9am on Sunday. See the attached flyer for further details.



Child Welfare and Safeguarding- who to speak to

Details of our safeguarding contacts can be found on our website at [Safeguarding & Child Protection - Slingsby Community Primary School](#). If you have concerns about a child's welfare, please contact one of our school safeguarding members:

- ❖ Mr. L. Smith (Designated Safeguarding Lead): headteacher@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk
- ❖ Mrs. C. Jordan (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- ❖ Mr. T. Storrar (Safeguarding Lead Governor): chair@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk

Further advice can also be obtained from:

- ❖ The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on: 01609 533080
- ❖ The Local Authority Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) on: 0300 131 2131
- ❖ North Yorkshire Police on: 101



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