



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st November 2024

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A Message from Mr Smith

Brrrr! Winter has certainly arrived this week, but unfortunately the children have missed out on some of the snow-play fun happening in other areas of Yorkshire this week (I'm sure we'll get some good snow-sculpture building opportunities soon!) Please could you remind your children they have to wear their coats at break and lunch times. They may feel that they are warm enough in a jumper, but we don't want anyone to become unwell due to the ever-decreasing temperatures. **Named** scarves, hats and gloves are also greatly appreciated.

I have recently been informed by a concerned parent to alert school of Roblox; and that a vulnerable family member had fallen victim to an inappropriate adult user impersonating as a child. Therefore, I thought this was an appropriate opportunity to share information about how to help your children stay safe on this digital platform:

How to Keep Your Kids Safe on Roblox

The realm of Roblox is huge, and while it offers a universe of creativity and fun, every parent's top priority is their child's safety. The good news is that with the right tools and practices in place, it's completely possible for your children to have a safe and enjoyable experience on Roblox.

It's important that we as parents/carers recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures we can take to help our children enjoy a safe experience. Any online platform, especially those catering to younger audiences, can attract inappropriate individuals. Roblox does invest in safety protocols and has mechanisms like chat filters to reduce risks. However, the best defence is an informed child. Educate them about the dangers of sharing personal information and the importance of reporting any unsavory encounters and encourage open communication, so they can confide in you if something feels off.

There are several ways to make Roblox safe for your kids. Start by setting their account to their appropriate age category (All Ages, 9+, 13+, and 17+). Use Roblox's built-in parental controls, which include regulating chat functions and curating a list of approved games. Regularly discuss online safety and consider adding an extra layer of security with a parental control app to monitor your child's activity and screen time.

How to Keep Your Children Safe on Roblox

- 1. Install a Good Quality Parental Control App
- 2. Use Roblox's In-Built Parental Controls
- 3. Have Open Conversations About Online Safety
- 4. Set Ground Rules and Boundaries
- 5. Play Together
- 6. Ensure Digital Hygiene with Antivirus Software.

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Roblox is secure, but external links or game downloads can sometimes carry threats. A reliable antivirus ensures your child doesn't fall for scams and accidentally download malware or fall prey to phishing schemes.

Last week's house point scores were: Dragon – 145, Griffin – 197, Pegasus – 170 and Phoenix – 139. Congratulations to Griffin house!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Smith.



School News

- For children in need, our combined efforts with FOSS meant we raised a super £245. Thank you to FOSS for making and selling the amazing Pudsey bear cupcake and biscuits. What a treat and great way to end the school week.
- Please take a moment to complete the Christmas Lunch order form sent out on Monday.
- Class 3 had their third swimming lesson at the St Alban's Centre on Monday afternoon.
- Mrs Hayes, our Local Authority Governor, spent time in school on Tuesday with Mrs Jordan focusing on the SEND provision in school.
- Sadly, Wednesday's KS2 Dodgeball event was cancelled but MCSC are hoping to re-arrange the event for another date in the New Year. For those who have contributed towards the cost of the transport, a refund will be processed.
- All classes have been busy creating their reindeers for the Nunnington Hall winter display which they collected yesterday. They look absolutely brilliant and we will let you know when the display is ready.
- Our 2024 online Parent/Carer questionnaire was emailed out on Tuesday of this week. Your feedback is important to us therefore we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to answer the questionnaire. The closing date is Monday 2nd December.
- We underwent a lengthy insurance audit on Wednesday and are pleased to confirm that they are pleased with our Health & Safety procedures and practices.
- Our Governor Mrs Breckon had a subject meeting with Miss Secker this morning focusing on our computing teaching and curriculum.
- Don't forget to have a winter clear-out ahead of FOSS' Bag2school collection next Thursday, 28th November.
- It's non-uniform day a week tomorrow, Friday 29th November for the FOSS Christmas tombola. Your child can bring an item into school for the tombola stall as a forfeit. Suggestions for prizes include something Christmassy, sweets, festive treats and small gift items.



Menu Change – Friday 22nd November

As well as what is on the menu tomorrow(week 2), Mrs Saunders is also offering a burger option.



Administration of medication in school- reminder

If a child is feeling unwell and/or has a temperature then they should not attend the school setting. We follow the Local Authority's Policy for supporting children with medical conditions in school and the administration of prescribed and non-prescribed medication. We only administer medication when we have written parental permission to do so, as follows:-

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- We administer medication in school when it is essential to do so and where not to do so would be detrimental to a child’s health.
- We accept prescribed medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber and is in-date, labelled and provided in the original container, as dispensed by the pharmacist, and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. A school medication administration form must also be completed by the parent/carer and a record of administration form must be kept by staff.
- We do not accept non-prescribed medication unless it is absolutely essential to the child’s health and where it cannot be administered out of the schools/settings hours. The medication must be in the original container including instructions for administration and dosages. A medication administration form must be completed by the parent/carer and a record of administration form must be kept by staff.
- Slingsby School treat non-prescribed medication the same as if it were prescribed i.e. checking the packaging, expiry date, dosage, administration instructions, correct storage etc.
- The school will accept insulin that is inside an insulin pen or pump rather than its original container, but it must be in date.
- We will not give Aspirin to any child under 16 unless it is prescribed.
- We do not hold our own stocks of medication.



Why is Attendance Important?

Every school day counts and every minute in our day is really valuable learning time. Being late and days off school add up to a lot of lost education and can affect achievement. There are 175 non-school days per year which is 175 days to spend on special family time, visits, holidays and other appointments. There are 190 days to learn and develop in school. This is the guidance we follow:

190 school days in each year	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good attendance	Good attendance	Worrying attendance	Worrying attendance	Serious Concern	Serious Concern

Absence	Lateness
1 Day Absent = 5 hours of learning missed	5 minutes late each day means: 1 week = 25 minutes of learning lost 1 month = 1 hour 40 minutes of learning lost 1 year = 16 hours of learning lost
3 Days Absent = 15 hours of learning missed	
1 Week = 25 hours of learning missed	
2 Weeks = 50 hours of learning missed	
3 Weeks = 75 hours of learning missed	

FEAST Christmas Vouchers

FEAST is all about children and young people enjoying food, entertainment, arts and sport together. Eligible children and young people in North Yorkshire can book onto the holiday activity sessions during the Christmas holidays for free, where each day they’ll also receive a free meal. Vouchers for free places on the Christmas programme will be issued on **Monday 25th November 2024**, which is when bookings go live. There are loads of activities to get involved in and they’re absolutely free! For more information about FEAST, visit www.feastny.org.



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FOSS Update

Thank you to everyone who bought a Pudsey bun or biscuit at our stall last Friday, we raised just over £100 for Children in Need!

Christmas Draw Tickets

Your child should have brought home some Christmas Draw tickets in their book bags last week, please sell as many tickets as you can to be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes including a voucher for the Star Inn at Harome, Vouchers for the Ice Factor at Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland, a round of wizard golf at Hole in Wand York plus many more. There is also a prize for the family that sells the most tickets! If you need more tickets ask the school office or email friendsofslingsbyschool.co.uk for more – we have lots spare!

Bags2school - Thursday 28th November

Please bring your unwanted clothing, bags, shoes and other items to school on the morning of Thursday 28th November before 9am 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.

Non-Uniform Day and Tombola donation - Friday 29th November

We would greatly appreciate donations of Christmassy items for our tombola which will be taking place at the Christmas Fair. Donations should be brought to school on the morning of Friday 29th November and placed in the collection tub at each entrance. Suggestions include festive food, toys, wine, or Christmas crafts - anything that you or your family would like to win as a prize really!

School Christmas Fair – Sunday 1st December

Please come along to the school Christmas Fair 11-3 in Slingsby Village Hall. There will be a selection of delicious refreshments including festive sandwiches with all the trimmings, home-made soup, a selection of home-made cakes, mulled wine, hot chocolate and a sweet cart. Plus we'll have festive fun with children's games, a variety of stalls for your Christmas gifts plus a performance from the school choir at 1pm and some surprise music performances.

We still have 2 slots to fill, if you are able to volunteer at 11-1 or 1-3 please email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk, we would be very grateful for your help.



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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