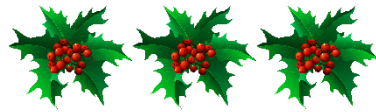




## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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### **A Message from Mr Smith**

I am sure you all enjoyed our super KS1 & KS2 nativities last Thursday as much as I did. The children put on two wonderful performances and it was brilliant to see the village hall packed to the rafters in support of the hard work the children had put into learning their lines and songs. Thank you to FOSS for providing refreshments and to all of you who sold Christmas raffle tickets to raise much appreciated funds for school. Thank you also to all the local businesses for donating such fantastic prizes: we are truly blessed to work within such an amazing community!



On Tuesday, our amazing Cook, Mrs Saunders, served up an amazingly tasty Christmas dinner and the children had a lovely time – thank you Mrs Saunders!



Our marvellous FOSS team stepped up once again to organise a fantastic Christmas party for all the children yesterday after school. It takes many hours of preparation behind the scenes to provide these events and the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment and it was a great way to end the term! Thank you to all our families who donated party food and their time to help make the party such a success.

Our Christmas Service will take place at 1pm in All Saints Church tomorrow. Children may leave after this service at approximately 2pm if you would like to collect them from school. If you are unable to collect them early, school will remain open until 3.30pm and sports club will still be taking place until 4.30pm.

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Last week's house point winners were Pegasus house and I will be totalling up the Autumn term scores in time for our Christmas service on Friday, when winners medals will be presented – keep earning those dojo points!

Thank you very much for all our Christmas biscuits, chocolates and treats that have brought us much festive cheer in the staffroom! On behalf of all the staff at Slingsby CP School, I would like to wish all our families and friends a wonderfully enjoyable Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Mr. Smith



## School News

- Our Fire Safety and Dark Nights talk with the North Yorkshire Fire Service last week were well received by Class 3 & 4 who also got a chance to see the Fire Engine and use the hose!



- Class 4 enjoyed decorating one of the trees in All Saints Church with prayer baubles which the children made in Art Club. Please go and see them and the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church over the holidays if you can.
- The choir sang beautifully at the Methodist Chapel Village Soupa Lunch on Wednesday afternoon and received much applause!
- Year 3 & 4 enjoyed taking part in a Dodgeball tournament at Malton Community Sports Centre yesterday afternoon with several other local Primary Schools. Our expert 'ballers' played 10 games – winning seven, drawing two and losing just one match to finish as champions! We brought home a very impressive winner's trophy which will be on display during our end of term Christmas service on Friday.
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day. School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.
- Our lunch menu remains the same until the end of Spring Term 1.
- Before and after-school clubs will resume on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please booked your child on to clubs via Parent Pay. All sessions are now available to book. Text messages went out this morning to those with money owing for school dinners. Please ensure all debt is cleared before the start of next half term. **Please note there is no after-school clubs available on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 due to staff training.**



## **Early Notice – No After School Clubs Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

All our staff will be attending an obligatory Health & Safety training session on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 after school therefore we will be unable to provide after school care on this date. Please note in your diaries if your child usually attends Film and Chill Club on a Wednesday. Many thanks



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## **Eco Schools: The Results are in!**

Here is a breakdown of how families managed to Cut their Carbon during November.

Of the 30 forms that were returned this is what we found:

- 53% made 5 miles of 'active' travel
- 50% went plant-based for a day
- 63% turned down their heating by 1degree for a week
- 70% bought nothing new for a month
- 63% substituted 4 baths for 4 showers of 4 minutes or less
- 70% switched off all non-essential electricals for 1 hour

A huge thank you to everyone who took part. Every effort is important in the wider global effort to reduce carbon.



## **FOSS Update**

A huge thank you to everyone for your support selling and buying tickets for our Christmas Draw. We are pleased to announce that the Christmas Draw and refreshment stalls at the Christmas productions raised a total of **£1330** which is a fantastic amount! Congratulations to the Kelly family who sold the most tickets and received a £10 voucher for Amazon.

A big thank you also to everyone that donated prizes for the draw too and congratulations to all the winners, including Georgie T who won the top prize of £150 voucher for The Star Inn.

Thank you also to everyone who provided food and volunteered to help at the Christmas party, we could not provide these events without your support and it was wonderful to see the children celebrating with their friends.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you for your support this term and we wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year from all the FOSS team.



## **Ampleforth College Year 7 Scholarship Applications and Open Day**

**Year 7 2025 11+ Entry Assessment, Scholarship & Experience Days – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025** - for families applying to Ampleforth College for Year 7 entry in September 2025.

Applications for 11+ Academic, Dance, Drama, Music & Sport scholarships should be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> January. Application forms can be found [here](#).

We recognise that the current economic climate and VAT on school fees means parents may be concerned about embarking on this path. Means-tested bursaries can be applied for, and we are happy to have a conversation with any parents or carers who may have questions.

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Children will sit scholarship assessments on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, in a choice of disciplines including Dance, Drama, Music and Sport. On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Academic scholarships will take place, together with entry assessments and interviews. In the afternoon a carousel of activities will give the children an opportunity to meet future peers and experience a taste of life and the wide co-curricular programme we have here at Ampleforth College. A separate programme will be available for parents.

### **Ampleforth College Open Morning - Saturday 1st February 2025, 10am – 1.30pm**

You are warmly invited to our Open Day. This is an opportunity for families to see our school and talk to students and staff. Please find more information on our website [Ampleforth College - Open Morning - Saturday 1 February](#)



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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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