



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 23rd January 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

This week in school, I have been speaking to classes about the importance of making every lesson count in order to make progress and I have seen a really great attitude to behaviour for learning from so many of our pupils. Well done to all our children who are always ready to listen; complete their work with great focus, resilience and determination; and show kindness and respect to others! These are behaviours and values that will serve them well throughout their school-life and beyond.

Our overall attendance so far this term has fallen – mainly due to the illnesses, coughs and high temperatures going around, so it is really important that your children attend school whenever they are able to be and communicate to the School Office the reasons for their absence. We know that children cannot avoid illnesses and we are sympathetic to this; however, holidays and appointments during school time should be avoided whenever possible please.

We are all looking forward to welcoming Mr. Paul Sturgess to our school on Friday to run a basketball workshop activity with each class. **Please make sure PE kits are in school.** In August 2011, Paul was ‘drafted’ by the Harlem Globetrotters to be part of the world-famous team and travel the world performing basketball exhibitions under the nickname ‘Tiny’. In November of that same year, he was officially recognised by the Guinness World Records as being the ‘Tallest Professional Basketball Player in the world’ when his height was measured at 7 foot 7.26 inches. [Home | Paul Sturgess Wow Basketball](#) Paul was also credited with the record of being officially recognised in the Guinness Book of Records as being ‘The Tallest Man in Britain’.

Last week’s House Dojo points were: Dragon – 276, Griffin – 233, Pegasus – 267 and Phoenix – 253. Congratulations to Dragon house for your victory!



School News

- Please make sure PE kits are in school for tomorrow’s Basketball Day.
- We are excited to confirm that we have a new Choir Teacher starting on Thursday 30th January. Mrs Noble-Coates has a wealth of musical teaching experience and will be leading our Choir Club.
- Next Wednesday, Year 1 and 2 are attending a Dodgeball event at MCSC. A letter was emailed out on Monday of this week. We do not receive any funding for transport costs for these events. If you are able, please make a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per child towards the cost of the coach. This can be made via Parent Pay using the specific “Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 29.01.25” item. If we do not receive contributions, regrettably we will have to pull out of the event.
- An email with details about the forthcoming KS2 swimming gala was emailed out this week to parents/carers of children in Class 4 who volunteered to take part.
- Our English Lead, Mrs Martindale attended a Reading for Pleasure conference on Wednesday.

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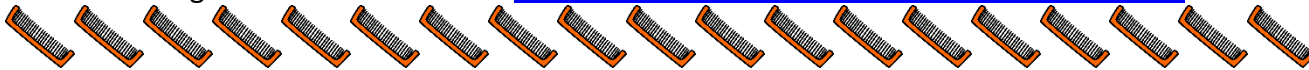
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- We are pleased to inform you that this week, BT was able to deliver Fibre to The Premises (FTTP) on behalf of the DfE schools Gigabyte programme which was set up to ensure all schools in England can access a Gigabit capable connection that do not already have one.
- There is a Full Governing Body meeting taking place on the 28th of January. Parents and carers who wish to contribute can do so through the parent representatives on the Governing Body by emailing chair@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk or apope@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk. Your views are important to us.



Headlice in School

Please note there has been a case of headlice in school this week. Please check your children's hair and follow the NHS guidelines for treatment <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Early Notice – No After School Clubs Wednesday 26th February 2025

All our staff will be attending an obligatory Health & Safety training session on Wednesday 26th 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



Reception & Year 6 - National Child Measurement Programme

Emma Peel, the Family Health Assistant for the Whitby, Scarborough and Ryedale area will be carrying out the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) in school on Wednesday 5th February 2025.

A letter with details about the NCMP process was emailed out to all Reception and Year 6 parents/carers on Tuesday 21st January. If you **do not** want your child's height and weight to be measured, or if your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight or ability to be measured, please contact Harrogate & District Foundation Trust by using the contact details below. If you are happy for them to take part you do not need to do anything. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to. HDFT 0–19 Children's Services: 0300 3030916 - hdft.ncmp@nhs.net



ECO Committee Updates

The BIG BATTERY HUNT is a nationwide recycling challenge that inspires pupils to power change across their schools and wider communities. In 2024 the BIG BATTERY HUNT completed its 5th successful year and has managed so far to recycle over 18.4 million batteries! This initiative, run by Duracell, shows children that small environmental actions, when taken collectively, can make a big difference.

Batteries need to be recycled properly for several reasons. Firstly, they contain harmful chemicals that can be hazardous to humans and wildlife. Also, producing batteries involves mining the raw materials, many of these can be recovered during the recycling process and re-used. Up to 95% of battery components can be recovered for alternative use or may even be turned into new batteries.

So please help us by looking through your drawers and cupboards to find any used batteries which you haven't known what to do with and bring them in so that we can take them to be recycled. We have a container in the main entrance hall where children can drop in any household batteries including button batteries such as for watches. No leaking batteries please to keep the children safe. The children will be counting how many we get and will keep you updated on how we do. Help us reduce waste as we work towards gaining our Eco Schools Award AND do our bit to help the environment. We intend to have the collection point here permanently.

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RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch.

The Eco Committee would like to encourage you to take part in this weekend's Big Bird Watch. It only takes one hour of your time. It is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. It's not too late to take part, simply use this link to register and enter your results online. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> By taking part in this national campaign you will not only be supporting the RSPB but also the schools Eco Schools Award, School Grounds topic. Happy bird spotting!



World Founders Day/ World Thinking Day

We will be celebrating Scout Founders Day and Guiding World Thinking Day on Monday, 24th February. Any Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides are invited to wear their uniforms to school on this day. It is a time to reflect on the values of Scouting and Guiding, to connect with members worldwide, and to acknowledge the global impact of these organizations.



FOSS Update

Pre-loved Uniform

We have good stock levels of pre-loved uniform in excellent condition that includes logo and non-logo items. Please get in touch with FOSS if you need anything and keep an eye out for our next sale at the end of Feb/beginning of March.

Help with Upcoming Events

We are actively seeking people to join our working groups for the Scarecrow Festival/Mayday Celebrations and Duck Race, especially from those with younger children in school to help us continue to run these family social events which are our biggest fundraisers in years to come. You do not need to be, or become, a member of FOSS to help plan these events, you don't even need to be able to help on the day of the events!

A lot of work goes into planning these events before the big day by a fairly small group of people and if you could help organise or prepare just one activity for one of these events it would be hugely appreciated. This could be for example by putting up a few posters, ticketing up items for a tombola stall, contacting some local businesses to ask for raffle prize donations, or wrapping some lucky dip prizes - every little helps!

Get in touch by emailing FOSS or speaking to a member of the team and we can chat about what might be a good fit for you - see the attached leaflet to meet the team and for more information.



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:

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- ❖ 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



SPRING TERM KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please note that these dates are subject to change. Any changes and new dates will be notified to you via the weekly newsletter.

- 24th January – WOW! Basketball Day for whole school with Paul Sturgess. PE kits needed.
- 29th January – Year 1 & 2 KS1 Primary Games Dodgeball tournament MCSC- letter sent
- 31st January – Class 3 visit from Malton Secondary School “Story Telling through Drama”
- 3rd February – First Maypole Dancing lesson after school Years 3-6
- 4th February – Schools Swimming gala Derwent Pool – letter sent
- 4th February – Under 11 Netball event at Ampleforth College – letter to follow
- 7th February – Mobile Library
- 10th February – Second Maypole Dancing lesson after school Years 3-6
- 14th February – Class 4 visit from Malton Secondary School “Masked Theatre”
- 14th February – Last day of half term
- 24th February – First day back from half term holidays
- 24th February – Scout & Guides World Founders/World Thinking Day
- 24th February – Class 2 first swimming lesson St Albans Centre – letter to follow
- 24th February – Third Maypole Dancing lesson after school Years 3-6
- 26th February – Class 4 Malton School Science Bus visit
- 26th February – **No after school clubs due to whole staff training**
- 3rd March – Class 2 second swimming lesson St Albans Centre
- 3rd March – Fourth Maypole Dancing lesson after school Years 3-6
- 5th March – KS2 Primary Games Netball and Basketball tournament MCSC – letter to follow
- 6th March – World Book Day
- 7th March – Class 2 visit from Malton Secondary School “Puppet Making & Performance”
- 7th March – Mobile Library
- 10th March – Class 2 third swimming lesson St Albans Centre
- 10th March – Fifth Maypole Dancing lesson after school Years 3-6
- 12th March – Norton College Football tournament – TBC
- 17th March – Class 2 fourth swimming lesson St Albans Centre
- 17th March – Sixth Maypole dancing lesson after school Years 3-6
- 18th March – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening – letter to follow
- 19th March – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening -
- 21st March – Red Nose Day
- 24th March – Class 2 fifth swimming lesson St Albans Centre
- 24th March – Seventh Maypole dancing lesson after school Years 3-6
- 25th March – Class 1 & 2 Parents’ Evening – letter to follow
- 26th March – Class 1 & 2 Parents’ Evening
- 28th March – FOSS Mother’s Day Flower Stall & Raffle
- 31st March – Class 2 last swimming lesson St Albans Centre
- 31st March – Eighth Maypole dancing lesson after school Years 3-6
- 2nd April – KS1 Primary Games Mixed Sports Event MCSC – letter to follow
- 4th April – Mobile library
- 4th April – Last Day of Term. Easter Assembly in Church- TBC - early finish after assembly.

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