



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 30th January 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

The children had an amazing time last week working with Paul Sturgess – the tallest man in Europe, movie star and amazing NBA basketballer. They all had fun listening to Paul's story and trying out skills like dribbling and spinning a basketball on their finger. I'm sure the children were full of excitement telling you all about their special day; and Paul said he would love to come back because he was very impressed by how well the children listened and behaved.



This week I have been speaking to classes about using their 'inside voice' as – on occasion – some do get quite loud in the dining room and classroom activities. We would appreciate all our families reinforcing the importance of only talking in a volume needed when independently or discussing what they are learning during paired or group work; and using 'restaurant' manners when then are enjoying their lunch in the dining room – thank you. Many of our pupils are working with extreme focus, quiet voices and respectful manners at all times and this is fantastic – keep it up!

I am thrilled to be able to announce and welcome Mrs Rebecca Welch who has been newly appointed as a Co-Opted governor. We are really looking forward to working with Rebecca. We currently have one parent governor vacancy on our governing board. We will be emailing a letter out next week to explain what the role involves and about the recruitment process.

Last week's House Dojo points were: Dragon – 196, Griffin –205, Pegasus – 185 and Phoenix 211. Congratulations to Phoenix house on your victory!

Have a lovely weekend. Mr. Smith

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School News

- There was a Full Governing Body meeting on Tuesday where we discussed priorities for further school development and how the governing body can continue to best support our school community.
- On Tuesday, Miss Pearce & Mr Smith attended a Little Wandle training event and it was very useful to speak with teachers from other schools to see how we can work together to further improve the teaching of phonics.
- A letter was emailed out to parents/carers of all children who are currently in Year 4 and 5 on Tuesday about the exciting 5-day residential trip at Peat Rigg next academic year. A £20 deposit per child is to be paid via Parent Pay by 31st March 2025 to secure your child's place. Nearer the time we will be holding a presentation in school for the children and parents/carers, during which we will provide more details about departure and return times; confirmation of the activities; consent forms; and kit lists, as well as answer any questions you and the children may have.
- Years 1 and 2 had a wonderful afternoon playing dodgeball against a number of other local schools. The enthusiasm and attitude of all the children was amazing as were their dodgeball skills.



- School Council held their second meeting of the new year this week. Discussions are still ongoing about plans to improve the landscaping of the playground. The children are keen to start up Chess and Comic Clubs at lunchtimes and we are hoping that these will begin before half term. If any families have any comics or chess sets that they no longer use, donations would be very much appreciated.
- Mr John Lee from Malton Secondary School is visiting Class 3 tomorrow morning to deliver a Story Telling Through Drama session to our Year 3 & 4 children as part of their brand-new Arts Liaison Programme. The programme includes activities in drama, dance, music and art to compliment the curriculum.
- Mrs Breckon will be leading the first maypole dancing session next Monday, 3:30-4:30pm in school. Places were confirmed via email last Friday.
- We are taking two squads of swimmers to represent Slingsby School in the annual local school swimming gala at the Derwent pool in Norton next Tuesday morning. Letters have gone out to all pupils who are involved.
- We have also been invited to take two Under 11 netball teams to an all-girls netball tournament at Ampleforth College next Tuesday afternoon. A letter was emailed out this morning to parents/carers of all girls in Year 4, 5 and 6. Please complete the online form detailed in the letter before the end of tomorrow to confirm your child's lunch option and photograph consent.
- Emma Peel, the Family Health Assistant for the Whitby, Scarborough and Ryedale area will be carrying out the National Child Measurement Programme for children in Reception & Year 6 in school next Wednesday 5th February 2025. If you **do not** want your child's height and weight to be measured, please contact Harrogate & District Foundation 0–19 Children's Services on 0300 3030916 or email hdfn.ncmp@nhs.net



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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



FOSS Update

FOSS Meeting - Thursday 13th February

We are having our next informal FOSS meeting on Thursday 13th Feb and everyone is warmly welcome to come along. We will be reviewing last term's events so feedback is welcome and also planning the rest of the year ahead. The meeting will be held at The Grapes in Slingsby from 6.30/7pm.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale - Friday 28th February

We are holding a pre-loved uniform sale from 2.30 - 5pm on Friday 28th February in the Chapel School Rooms so pop along to stock up on uniform for the new year. We have good stock levels of pre-loved uniform in excellent condition.

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 enable us to continue to run these family social events for years to come.

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.



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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