



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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### A Message from Mr Smith

It has been wonderful to meet with our Class 3 and 4 parents and carers this week at our parent evenings and we are very much looking forward to meeting with our Class 1 and 2 families next week. If you have not yet made an appointment, please get in touch with the office.

This week is National Neurodiversity Celebration week so we have been learning about the talents and strengths of neurodivergent individuals such as Billie Eilish, Will.I.Am, Simone Biles and Michael Phelps and Greta Thunberg. We are very proud to support neurodiversity in our school community.

As you are aware, we have also been focusing on our Slingsby Values this half term and it has been a pleasure to see children receiving House tokens for their manners and positive attitudes. Continuing on this theme, we are in discussions with our governors on further initiatives to help further encourage calm and positive learning environments for all the children: details of which I look forward to sharing with you in due course.

Last week's house point totals were: Dragon – 278, Griffin – 353, Pegasus – 270 and Phoenix – 237. Keep up the hard work, earning Dojo points and tokens; and well done to Griffin on your victory.

Don't forget it is Red Nose Day tomorrow. The children may wear red/non-uniform and donations can be made via this link <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17495>.

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### School News

- Please be aware that we have a few cases of headlice in school. Please take a moment to check your child's hair and follow the NHS guidance [Head lice and nits - NHS](#) . We ask that long hair is tied back.
- Thank you to Mrs Noble- Coates for leading us in a very lively music assembly on Monday afternoon which everyone enjoyed!
- Class 2 had another excellent swimming lesson on Monday with some children swimming their first width without arm bands which made us very proud.
- Mrs Jordan completed her two day Paediatric First Aid course this week.
- Mr Pope, our Parent Governor, has spent time in school this week observing classes and looking at our Maths Curriculum.
- Our Local Authority Advisor has been in this week, reviewing our English Curriculum with Mrs Martindale.
- Class 1 enjoyed a walk around the village this week, looking for signs of Spring. The children enjoyed some beautifully sunny weather and we were fortunate enough to see Spring flowers and buds on the trees. No Spring lambs yet, but hopefully we will see those during our Farm visit in a couple of weeks.

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- Year 5 are heading to Malton School to watch “We Will Rock You” on Tuesday. We would be hugely grateful for donations to the transport costs to enable us to go, which can be made via Parent Pay.
- Class 1 & 2 parents/carers should have received a letter about their forthcoming trip to Monk Park Farm. Please provide your child’s lunch choice and complete the Consent Form by tomorrow. We would also be grateful for contributions towards the transport costs.
- Thank you for all the School Eco Code posters we have received already! There is plenty of time for the children to create them with entries to be in by 24<sup>th</sup> March. Details in the poster attached.
- We have already received donations for our Volunteers Day from some of our families, Castle Howard and the Produce Show Committee, for which we are hugely grateful. The tree saplings have also arrived from the Woodland Trust. We look forward to improving our outside area with as many volunteer helpers as possible on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 2pm.
- We have a new Sing Education teacher starting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April following the Easter holidays. Hannah Doherty will be taking over from Charlotte Spink. Hannah has worked as a curricular and peripatetic music teacher for North Yorkshire council for 10+ years, and is currently Musical Director for Lucy’s Pop Choir in North Yorkshire. We look forward to Hannah starting with us as we feel she will be a great fit for Slingsby!
- Please clear any Parent Pay debt by the end of the month as we have to have an accurate record of our finances for our financial year end.



## **Hot Weather Safety in School – sunscreen, hats & water bottles**

We are very excited that the sun has been shining so much this week. As it starts to warm up please remember sunscreen, hats and water bottles every day for the children: -

➤ **Sunscreen** - Please apply sun cream to your children at home before they come to school. If you wish your child to apply more sunscreen at lunch time, please send in a labelled bottle in your child’s PE kit and let a member of staff know. If they will need assistance from a member of staff, please complete a sunscreen application form- attached and available on the door.

➤ **Hats** - We require all children to wear a sunhat/cap on hot sunny days at break times, for PE lessons and on trips. We are not quite there yet with the weather but when it is hot and sunny, they will be asked to either wear their own hat or they will be given a school hat to wear. Please make sure hats from home are clearly labelled.

➤ **Water bottles** - The children will be reminded to drink plenty of water especially on hot days. We ask that all children bring a labelled water bottle and they will be given time to refill them in the afternoons.



## **ECO Committee Update from Mrs Breckon**

Thanks to everyone playing their part to help us recycle batteries, we are currently on **536**! We hope to make our **new target of 800** by the start of the summer term. A few weeks ago, I was lucky enough to have a tour around Allerton Waste Recovery Park a state-of-the-art facility treating ‘black bag’ waste from households across the county. This is where your general waste ends up that previously went to landfill. The process is used to generate enough energy to **power over 60,000 homes**. Each year they manage up to **320,000 tonnes of waste** - that's enough to fill more than 2,100 Olympic sized swimming pools!

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While on the tour they explained that **every week they have 3-4 fires** in the system that are caused by **batteries within the black bin waste!!** An amazing statistic that should make us realise how important it is to recycle batteries properly.



## **FOSS Update**

### **Mother's Day Stall - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

FOSS are hosting a stall on the green at 3.30pm on Friday next week selling Spring plants, home baked treats and raffle tickets to win a Mother's Day hamper. Please see the attached leaflet for more details.

### **Scarecrow weekend & Slingsby May Day celebrations - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Entry for this year's Scarecrow competition is now open so please get your entries in soon as there are less than 2 weeks to enter as entries close on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April!

You should have received an entry form in your child's book bag, or you can enter by filling out the online form in the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfj8BZAFoSlpoKYcC5HCLlnCsikWW8MSfcqfh2ca3idW8X1FA/viewform?usp=header>

Please enter if you can, you do not need to live in the village, we just ask that your scarecrow is a child friendly character that families will be able to guess with a clue from the trail.

Your support is also vital in helping to run our pop-up cafe and stalls across the weekend. A volunteer rota is on display in the school entrance and will be available at parent's evening so please put your name down for a two-hour time slot if you can. See the attached leaflet or get in touch with FOSS at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.com) 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](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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