



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 3rd April 2025

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A Message from Mr Smith

Thank you to all those families who have entered in to the annual FOSS Scarecrow trail so far and it is not too late to enter or volunteer to help! Work has started in school on our entry and we are very much looking forward to the May Day weekend events. Please volunteer if you can by either making a scarecrow, helping on the stalls or baking treats to sell at the pop-up cafe! This is one of our biggest fundraisers for school and enables us to buy resources, furniture and to go on trips, so it is hugely valuable and directly benefits the children. Any help you can offer is massively appreciated. More information can be found below in the FOSS Section.

We were delighted to achieve so much last Saturday at our Volunteer Day, with staff members, governors and their families working hard to tidy up our outside area and plant wild flowers, herbs and trees. Thank you so much to the Morley family for giving up their time to join us and to the Bulmer family for delivering plants and chocolate brownies for the troops, which was really appreciated! We would like to say a big thank you to Castle Howard for kindly donating compost, tree supports, covers and logs for new bug hotels; and to the Slingsby Village Produce Show Committee for donating the plants and seeds.



As always, it was a pleasure to host our Slingsby Value Award winners in my office on Monday afternoon for hot chocolates and biscuits this week to celebrate their outstanding manners and behaviour; and I also managed to catch up with Class 2 winners on Wednesday afternoon from the last few weeks who had not been able to attend due to swimming lessons. I always thoroughly enjoy our chats over a hot chocolate and biscuit, and well done everyone!

Last week's house point totals were: Dragon: 262, Griffin: 291, Pegasus: 275 and Phoenix: 312. Congratulations to Phoenix house on your second consecutive victory. As we are in the final week of the Spring term, we will be adding your 'token points' to your point totals score to determine the overall winner and medals will be awarded at tomorrow's special Easter Celebration assembly at Slingsby Church at 1pm. We would like to warmly welcome all our families to attend. Rev. Jane Brown will be leading us; the classes will be performing songs/poetry and our weekly awards will be given out.

Finally, please take a moment to complete our Parent/Carer Questionnaire which will be emailed out before the end of term. Your feedback is important to us.

Have a great Easter and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 23rd April. Mr Smith



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School News

- Class 2 had their last swimming lesson on Monday. Well done Class 2 for pushing your boundaries and trying your best each week. Class 4 will be starting their swimming lessons after May half term.
- Class 1 and 2 had a wonderful day of learning at Monk Park Farm on Tuesday and enjoyed a huge range of activities including petting smaller animals, feeding goats, alpacas, lambs and sheep as well as exploring their habitat whilst enjoying a woodland walk. The children also enjoyed a ride on a train and digging in the enormous sand pit! The children represented Slingsby School brilliantly and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to the parent helpers, your help is always much appreciated.



- Mr Smith completed the Managing Visit Emergencies training on Tuesday morning.
- Mrs Jordan and Miss Pearce attended the Howardian Alliance Subject Leadership meeting via Teams on Tuesday evening which was a hugely beneficial discussion between teachers from all our local schools sharing ideas for improvement and best practice.
- Mr Smith attended a Climate Action Plan Information session after school on Tuesday.
- There was a Full governing body meeting on Tuesday evening. Thank you as always to our Governors for giving up their time to support our school community and to our clerk, Mrs Goodfellow, who sadly is leaving us this term. Thank you, Mrs. Goodfellow!
- The children enjoyed Mrs Saunders' special Easter Eggstravaganza lunch on Wednesday with delicious chocolate nests for pudding!
- Mrs Beale, the Year 7 Pastoral Teacher from Malton Secondary School, came into meet the Year 6 pupils yesterday who are moving up this year.
- Reverend Jane Brown visited Class 1 this morning as part of their RE topic. It was wonderful to show Rev. Jane around and we hope to see more of her in school.
- Children may leave after our Easter service which is taking place in All Saints Church tomorrow at 1pm. Please collect them from school at around 2pm and make sure they have brought home all their belongings including PE bags for a holiday wash! Sports Club will still be taking place for those who wish to attend and the school doors will close for the holidays at 4.30pm. Tuesday 22nd April is a staff training day and school will re-open on Wednesday 23rd April, when we will be celebrating international "Earth Day".
- Clubs remain the same next term from the first day back. Please book in and pay ahead as usual via Parent Pay.



FOSS Update

Scarecrow weekend & Slingsby May Day celebrations 3rd-5th May

With only a month to go the countdown is on for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! **Last year this event raised £3,559.90! But we need YOUR HELP to continue to make this a success, you can help by:**

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- Entering a scarecrow - 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. The deadline for entries has been extended to Monday 7th April. You can enter by filling out the online form in the link below, or email FOSS at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.com.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfj8BZAFoSlpoKYcC5HCLnCsikWW8MSfcqfh2ca3idW8X1FA/viewform?usp=header>

- **Volunteering - we desperately need volunteers** to help us over the weekend Saturday 3rd May Monday 5th May, we have 7 volunteer slots to fill across the weekend. If you are able to help at the following slots please email FOSS at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.com.
Saturday 3rd May 2-4pm
Sunday 4th May 12-2, 2-4pm
Monday 5th May 10-12, 12-2, 2-4pm
- **Donate for our jarbola on non-uniform day, Friday 25th April.** Fill a jar with something fun and bring to school on Friday 25th April for non-uniform day. Ideas include: craft items, sweets, toys, hair accessories.
- **Donate for our preloved sale:** Please bring good quality children's games, jigsaws and books to school on Friday 2nd May.
- **Donate baking:** We need baked items to sell in our pop-up café across the whole weekend, donations of sweet or savoury items such as cakes, traybakes, biscuits, scones and quiches would be greatly appreciated. Please bring baking to school on Friday 2nd May or directly to the Chapel on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

Please see the attached leaflet 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:

- ❖ 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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