



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### A Message from Mr Smith

It is wonderful to have everyone back in school for this Summer Term, which promises to be jam packed with lots of fun, as well as learning! Key dates for the term are at the end of this newsletter, and it is only one week to go until the big Scarecrow weekend! We hope your scarecrow creations are coming on well and don't forget it is a non-uniform day tomorrow for the FOSS May Day Jarbola. FOSS still really need helpers especially on the Monday, please let them know if you can help.

We are continuing to focus on the importance of our Slingsby Values and have incorporated these into our celebration of Earth Day on Wednesday and Thursday with Class 1 looking at ways of **caring** for our planet; Class 2 discussing how to show **respect** for the Earth; Class 3 thinking about individual and collective **expectations** for doing our best to look after our planet; and Class 4 considering how our values of **honesty** and **resilience** can be important to ensuring we protect our biomes and reduce global pollution and further warming.

It was also a pleasure to welcome Mr Rutherford and Ms Dalby from Environment Bank into school on Wednesday as part of our Earth Day learning. They are leading a significant project with Castle Howard to rewild 440 acres of their estate in the Bog Hall area and have invited us to be involved. The children have been asked to draw the animals we hope to see return to the area as a result of the rewilding work. They will help create signage around the rewilding area to communicate what they are doing and why. Victoria and Nick Howard will be judging the drawings so this is a great opportunity for our children. More details on the project can be found here [Bog Hall Habitat Bank](#) | [Environment Bank](#) | [Nature Shares](#)

It was lovely to see so many friends and families in attendance at our end of Spring term special assembly at Slingsby Church before the Easter break. In the last week of term, the house point totals were: Dragon – 262, Griffin – 291, Pegasus – 275 and Phoenix – 312: well done to Phoenix. The overall house point totals for the Spring term were: Dragon – 2902, Griffin – 3096, Pegasus – 2815 and Phoenix – 2813, so HUGE congratulations go to Griffin House for winning the most house points for last term. We look forward to seeing who will end up as the Summer term champions!

As always, have a super weekend. Mr. Smith



### School News

- We would like to say a big congratulations to Mrs Saunders, our amazing cook, for achieving a 5-star rating from Environmental Health for her kitchen food safety and hygiene!
- Please remember to book and pay for all school clubs in advance via Parent Pay. A lot of children have attended this week who were not booked in. We need to know in advance so that we can plan staff cover and resources. Many thanks.
- It is not too late to complete your Parent/Carer Questionnaire which was emailed out to you on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025. [Parent/Carer Questionnaire](#) Your feedback is hugely valuable, the closing date is Friday.

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- It is also not too late to confirm your child/ren will be able to sing with the choir on May Day! This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to perform for the village and the more voices we have the better! Children who are in Maypole can also sing with the choir as they will take place at different times. Please complete the online form, if you haven't already, to confirm if your child will be able to attend to sing. [Confirmation of Choir attendance Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – please complete](#)
- Mrs Breckon will be sending a letter out this week to the Maypole Dancers to confirm costume fittings, clothing and timings for May Day.
- It is a non-uniform day tomorrow in aid of the FOSS May Day Jarbola stall. For wearing non-uniform, please bring a jar filled with something fun such as craft items, sweets, toys or hair accessories. We have spare jars in school if you need one. More details below.
- Class 2 & 3 will be introduced to the North Yorkshire Moors *Birds on the Edge* project tomorrow to help conserve birds in the North York Moors National Park area. It is funded through the National Lottery Heritage Fund and they are working with the Howardian Hills National Landscape conservation team to improve habitat for birds which have suffered significant population declines during the last 30 years. We will keep you updated on our bird watching results!
- Please note a heat wave is due next week! Children must have sunscreen applied at home before school, must wear a sunhat at all break times and need to bring full bottles of water to drink through the day. More details of our hot weather safety are below.
- Mrs Martindale is starting up a Writing Club for all our enthusiastic KS2 writers and story tellers this term. A letter will be coming out shortly.
- There is a cross country and a rounders event at Malton Sports Centre next Wednesday for our older children. Details to follow.
- **Class 1** (not 4 as previously communicated) will be starting their swimming lessons at the start of Summer term 2.



## **Uniform Reminder**

Please be reminded that children are expected to wear black shoes to school; sportswear and trainers are only to be worn for PE. Children should not wear jewellery or fashion accessories in school, other than stud earrings and watches (non SMART). For health and safety reasons, if ears have been pierced then stud earrings may be worn, but must be removed for P.E, as should watches. If a child needs to wear a piece of jewellery for medical or religious reasons, it should be removed or covered up with medical tape during physical activity.

We believe that fashion items are best kept for home, and for reasons such as health, safety and inclusion for all, fashion accessories including make-up, nail polish, hair gel and jewellery should not be worn in school. This helps us all to remain focused on our learning. Thank you.



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

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 request form- copy attached and available on the door.

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➤ **Hats** - We require all children to wear a sunhat/cap on hot sunny days at break times, for PE lessons and on trips. Children can bring their own 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.



## **FOSS Update**

**Scarecrow weekend & Slingsby May Day celebrations are next weekend!** Last year this event raised £3,559.90! But we need YOUR HELP to make this a success again, you can help by:

• **Volunteering - we need volunteers** to help us over the weekend and still have the following slots to fill, if you are able to help please email FOSS at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.com).

Saturday 3rd May 2-4pm

Sunday 4th May 12-2pm

Monday 5th May 12-2 and 2-4pm

• **Donate for our jarbola on non-uniform day, tomorrow 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 at drop off 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.

• **Visit over the weekend** - buy a trail, spot the scarecrows and support our pop-up café, bar, sweet stall and children's stall, with glitter face painting and traditional favourite's such as bat the rat!

*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](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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## **SUMMER TERM KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

*Please note that these dates are subject to change and more dates will be added. Any changes and new dates will be notified to you via the weekly newsletter highlighted in yellow.*

25<sup>th</sup> April – Non-uniform day in aid of the FOSS Jarbola  
25<sup>th</sup> April – Class 2 & 3 Birds on the Edge Workshop  
28<sup>th</sup> April – Maypole Dancing Club  
30<sup>th</sup> April – Class 3 Malton School Science Bus visit  
30<sup>th</sup> April – KS2 Cross Country and Rounders event – letter to follow  
2<sup>nd</sup> May – Library bus  
3<sup>rd</sup> May – FOSS Slingsby Village Scarecrow weekend  
4<sup>th</sup> May – FOSS Slingsby Village Scarecrow weekend  
5<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Celebrations, Maypole Dancing and Choir  
7<sup>th</sup> May – School nurse height and weights Reception and Y6  
8<sup>th</sup> May – VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Outdoor Classroom Day  
12<sup>th</sup> May – SATS week for Year 6  
16<sup>th</sup> May – School photographs  
20<sup>th</sup> May – World Bee Day  
21<sup>st</sup> May – New Reception Starters Parents' Evening 5pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day of half term, usual finish times  
2<sup>nd</sup> June – First day back after half term  
2<sup>nd</sup> June – Class 1 first swimming lesson  
2<sup>nd</sup> June – Y4 Timetables checks this week  
4<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Summer Sports Event at MCSC – letter to follow  
5<sup>th</sup> June – World Environment Day/ World Oceans Day  
6<sup>th</sup> June – Quidditch Day  
9<sup>th</sup> June – Class 1 second swimming session  
9<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics screening week  
11<sup>th</sup> June – Simon Carson Game of Actual Life Day – TBC  
12<sup>th</sup> June – Class 1 & 2 Duncombe Park NYM Day  
13<sup>th</sup> June – Wear something green - Big Green Week  
13<sup>th</sup> June – Slingsby Church Flower Festival event  
13<sup>th</sup> June – FOSS Krispy Kreme donut sale  
16<sup>th</sup> June – Class 1 third swimming session  
20<sup>th</sup> June – New Reception Starters first settling in session AM  
23<sup>rd</sup> June – Class 1 fourth swimming session  
24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Bikeability  
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27<sup>th</sup> June – FOSS non-uniform day for tombola  
27<sup>th</sup> June – Library bus  
27<sup>th</sup> June – New reception starters second settling in session PM  
30<sup>th</sup> June – Class 1 fifth swimming lesson  
2<sup>nd</sup> July – Y3&4 Netball and Basketball event  
4<sup>th</sup> July – Sports day PM on the Sports Field  
5<sup>th</sup> July – FOSS Duck Race Day  
7<sup>th</sup> July – Class 1 last swimming lesson  
8<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Sports day date in case of poor weather on 4<sup>th</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Science Bus  
10<sup>th</sup> July – Entertainment Evening 6pm  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Crucial Crew visit  
11<sup>th</sup> July – New reception starters last settling in session PM  
15<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Beach Day  
18<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term and Leaver's Assembly

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