



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

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### A Message from Mr Smith

This week I have very much enjoyed visiting all classes around school; seeing Miss Pearce passionately teaching the children their phonics; Mrs Jordan and our special visitor Angela Pierson from English Heritage bringing the topic of Romans to life by making mosaics and clay oil lamps; Mrs Martindale and Ms Breese helping Class Bolt to master multiplication & division in maths; and Miss Secker & Miss Dorland helping Class Curie breathe life into their written compositions. I also very much enjoyed teaching Class Curie for the full day on Monday – they had such a great attitude to their learning. It was a pleasure to sit and chat to some of our Slingsby Value award winners over a hot chocolate too; these relaxed meetings with the children are heart-warming and often result in them giving me very honest feedback! I feel extremely proud of our community school, which is always buzzing with energy and enthusiasm.

We are holding our third Full Governing Body Meeting of the year next Tuesday. Parents and carers who wish to contribute with anything relating to school can do so through the parent representatives on the Governing Body by emailing [chair@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:chair@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk) or [apope@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:apope@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk). Your views are important to us; and our parents' evenings and termly questionnaires are also good opportunities for constructive feedback.

Last week's house point scores were very close indeed! Dragon - 405, Griffin – 379, Pegasus – 407 and Phoenix – 406. Congratulations to Pegasus house!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Smith



### School News

- We are still in need of some helpers for Class Bolt's swimming lessons starting on 9<sup>th</sup> February. We would be hugely grateful if any parents and carers have availability on either the 9<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of February or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. Please let the office know if you can lend a hand on any of those dates.
- Bolt Class enjoyed a practical afternoon of learning run by English Heritage all about the Romans. Fun was had holding artefacts and guessing what they might have been used for, learning about and creating our own mosaics as well as dressing as Roman children and making oil lamps out of clay.

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- On Friday, Class Curie will be taking part in a workshop with the Malton School theatre department on Mask Design; and Class Gold a workshop on Shadow Theatre.
- Class Curie are attending Ampleforth College's performance of Beauty & the Beast on Wednesday. Please remember to send your child with a labelled water bottle and a packed lunch from home if that is what they have chosen. We would also be hugely grateful for contributions towards the coach to enable this trip to go ahead.
- Menu Change – Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> hot option only will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup>'s hot option.
- On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, we will be entering participants from Year 6 in the Norton Community Primary School KS2 Swimming Gala. Letters will be coming home to those children who have said they would like to take part.



## **FOSS Update**

### **FOSS Meeting - Thursday 5th Feb**

We are having our next informal FOSS meeting on Thursday 5th Feb at 6.30pm in The Grapes and everyone is warmly welcomed to come along. We will be reviewing last term's events so any feedback is encouraged and we will also be planning the rest of the year ahead.

### **Scarecrow Festival and May Day Celebrations**

We are in the early planning stages for the Slingsby Scarecrow trail and village May Day event which will take place over May Day weekend on **Saturday 2nd May - Monday 4th May**. This was our biggest fundraiser last year and it takes a team of volunteers to run this event. If you are able to help behind the scenes we would love to hear from you, there will be a couple of short meetings involved to discuss and share tasks, such as putting up posters, distributing leaflets, sourcing prizes and running stalls.

We are also seeking some straw bales to use as seating and some prizes.

If you are able to help in any way please email [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk) or speak to a member of FOSS.

### **Dates for the diary:**

FOSS Meeting: Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> February

Mother's Day Sale: Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March

Scarecrow weekend: Sat 2nd - Mon 4th May

Duck Race: Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June



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## **ECO Schools Update – The Big Garden Birdwatch**

Why not take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. It takes place this weekend, 23-25 January. It only takes an hour and gives you an insight into which birds visit your garden and can be a mindful time for your wellbeing, observing nature without distraction. This is a great activity for all the family. Bird identification charts are available on the RSPB site.

For more information see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Happy Birding!



## **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)
- ❖ Mrs. R. Welch (Safeguarding Governor)

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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