



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th January 2026

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A Message from Mr Smith

As you will be aware from the news, school budgets – especially for small rural schools - continue to shrink and we have to be incredibly careful with our expenditure.

Unfortunately, despite being a small rural school, we receive no funding for transportation costs to take the children outside of the village, which means we need to ask our families to contribute towards the cost of travel so that we can offer the wonderful experiences and extracurricular activities: this is detailed in every trip/visit letter we send out. We massively appreciate your donations, as they make such a difference to the range of extra-curricular activities and fantastic opportunities that Slingsby Community Primary School are able to offer our pupils.

We have been noticing a fall in contributions from families, and school has been regularly subsidising the shortfall between contributions received and the actual cost of the coaches, but sadly, we can no longer afford to do this. We are therefore going to have to start making some difficult decisions to cancel events if not enough contributions are received, and reduce the number of trips that take place during the year.

We fully appreciate that the cost of living is being felt in every walk of life and we will continue to do our very best to give the children as many opportunities as possible, within the confines of our budgets.

Despite the raging winds and rotten weather, the children continue to impress myself and staff with their hard-working attitude and kindness to others; although we are all looking forward to a bit of sunshine which hopefully will not be too far away!

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend,

Mr Smith



Scarlet Fever

We have had a couple of cases of Scarlet fever in school. Scarlet fever is a contagious infection which requires antibiotics. Please take a moment to read about the symptoms [Scarlet fever - NHS](#). The spread of infection can continue for two to three weeks after symptoms start without medication and we follow the Government guidance that requires children to stay off school until 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics. Many thanks



School News

- On Friday 23rd January, Curie Class were visited by Mr. Lee and some of his sixth form Drama students from Malton School. They took part in a Masked Theatre workshop, where they were

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able to put their excellent practical skills to the test to match the emotions of the masks they were using and to create exciting characters and scenarios. The children were very creative and worked brilliantly as a team throughout. Well done Curie Class and thank you again to Mr. Lee and his team from Malton School for the fantastic and fun opportunity.

- Mr. Lee also visited Gold Class to deliver a workshop called Shadow Puppet Theatre. The children created their own narratives, based on a known fairy tale and learned how to use the puppets to retell their version of the story. This also consolidated their knowledge and understanding of their recent science topic – Light and Shadows. The children thoroughly enjoyed their morning of drama.



- Gold Class enjoyed a trip to Ampleforth College on Wednesday where they watched their performance of Beauty and the Beast in the theatre. They were also treated to a fruit lolly during the interval!
- All teachers are attending a training session tonight with our phonics program Little Wandle.
- Mrs Jordan is attending a Howardian Alliance Primary Schools SENDCo Network Meeting this evening as part of their professional development and to share support.
- Class Hamza are looking forward to Malton School Theatre returning to Slingsby to lead a Puppets and Storytelling workshop tomorrow morning.
- The first Maypole Dancing club starts next Wednesday. Confirmation emails have been sent out today.
- Nine children from Class Curie have been selected to represent Slingsby School at a Swimming Gala a week on Friday. A letter was sent out on Wednesday with details.



Children's Mental Health Week - 'COME AS YOURSELF' DAY Friday 13th February

We will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week from the 9th to 13th of February. The finale will be a dress down day themed "Come as Yourself" on Friday 13th February in exchange for a suggested donation of 50p or £1 (cash) towards the Place2Be Children's Mental Health Charity and our Eco Schools award cost. Children can wear an outfit which makes them feel most comfortable, confident, and like they truly belong — whether that's cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours, or something totally unique (and warm enough!). Celebrate what makes you, you!



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FOSS Update

Thank you everyone for supporting our tuck shop stall last Friday. We will be running another stall again in the next few weeks.

FOSS Meeting - Thursday 5th Feb

Everyone is warmly invited to our catch-up in the pub next week where we will be discussing the rest of the year's fundraising events. We are meeting at 6:30pm at The Grapes in Slingsby.

Scarecrow Festival and May Day Celebrations - 2nd May - Monday 4th May

The planning is underway for the annual Scarecrow Festival and May Day weekend which is one of the biggest FOSS fundraisers of the year.

If you are able to help with putting the event together for example by distributing posters and leaflets, sourcing prizes or running a stall, please email friendsofslingsbyschool.co.uk or speak to a member of FOSS.

We are also seeking some straw bales to use as seating and some prizes if you know anyone who could donate these items.



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)
- ❖ 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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