



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Mr Smith

Last Friday was Miss Cartwright's last day cooking for Slingsby School. The children have all thoroughly enjoyed Miss Cartwright's yummy meals and were sad to see her go. The children certainly gave her a very cheerful and tuneful send-off, as is tradition, and she was very touched by the card and gift we presented her with: we wish all the best in her new job.

During this week's governing body on Tuesday, we warmly welcomed our newest parent governor, Mr. Joel Owen. On behalf of the governing body of Slingsby School, I would like to say a huge thank you to Joel for taking on the role and believe he will be a brilliant addition to our hard-working team.

This coming Monday, we will be warmly welcoming Mr Slingsby, Head of Years 7 & 8 at Ampleforth College, into school to lead a workshop with Year 4 and 5 on Monday afternoon. Mr Slingsby will then be hosting a meet and greet for parents and carers at 3.30pm. Parents and carers from any year groups are warmly invited to come into school at 3.30pm to chat to Mr Slingsby and hear about opportunities at the college. Please see the invitation which accompanies our newsletter.

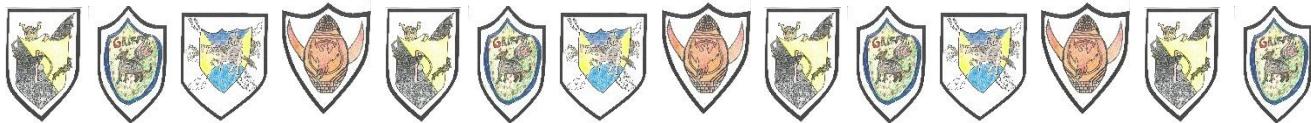
In last week's newsletter, I did not include an update for our house points, so include two sets of results today:

For the week ending Friday 23rd January, Dragon scored 265 points; Griffin collected 302 points; Pegasus achieved 265 points; and Phoenix were awarded 251 points. Well done to Griffin house!

Last week's totals were incredibly close! Both Griffin and Pegasus collected 233 points; Dragon and Phoenix scored 250 points! Congratulations to Dragon & Phoenix! The close results really do emphasise just how important every point is, so keep working hard to follow our Slingsby Values everyone!

Wishing you the best of weekends,

Mr Smith



School News

- We have been notified of a couple of cases of head lice. They are very common in children and are picked up by head-to-head contact. We ask that long hair is tied back for school to prevent further spread. Please take a moment to read the NHS advice and check your children's hair at home this evening [Head lice and nits - NHS](#).

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- Class Hamza enjoyed a fantastic puppet workshop with Mr Lee from Malton School which included exploring the Revolting Rhymes tales by Roald Dahl. The children were very enthusiastic and immersed themselves in these fantastic stories.
- Our Governors met for a Full Governing Body Meeting on Tuesday evening, which was very productive as always.
- Mrs Breckon led the first Maypole Dancing club session yesterday with our KS2 children. The children were told about the longstanding tradition and were coupled into their dancing pairs.
- We have welcomed Miss Walker into school today, an adult nursing student from York St John University, who will be completing her Enrichment placement with us this term.
- Nine children from Class Curie have been selected to represent Slingsby School at an inter-schools Swimming Gala at Derwent Pool tomorrow. Good Luck team Slingsby!
- The library bus is here tomorrow so if you have any library books to return, please send them in to school.
- Class Bolt start their block of six swimming lessons next Monday. We will send a reminder to bring swimming kits via the Eduspot app on a Sunday evening!
- A letter has been sent out to all Year 1 and 2 families with details of next week's Dodgeball Tournament on Wednesday. We would be hugely grateful for contributions towards the cost of the coach.
- Next Friday is a non-uniform day for Children's Mental Health week. More details below.
- On Monday 23rd February we will be celebrating Scout and Guide World Founder's Day where we ask all our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers to wear their uniforms to school.



Children's Mental Health Week - 'Come as Yourself' Day- Friday 13th February

In partnership with our Eco School programme, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week all next week and this year's theme is '**This is My Place**'. The aim is to support the systems around children to help them feel they belong. That means feeling like you're part of something and these happy moments help us feel connected, valued, and accepted. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play. It helps us grow strong in our minds and bodies, and it makes it easier to make friends, do well in school, and feel good about ourselves.

We will be supporting this initiative by participating in various activities over the course of the week including a whole school assembly. For Art/PSHE the children will create a personal map as part of the This is My Place Art Project. The children will also be taking some mindful moments during the week with yoga and listening to songs that convey the week's theme. These activities will also contribute towards completing our Healthy Living topic in Eco Schools.

The finalé will be a dress down day themed "Come as Yourself" on Friday 13th February in exchange for a suggested cash 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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World Book Day – Tuesday 10th March- “If You’re Into It, Read Into it”

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 10th March (we are unable to do it on the national day of 5th March because this is a Thursday and we have our PE lessons with Malton Community Sports Centre!). On Tuesday 10th March, we are inviting children and staff to come to school **dressed as a favourite character, author or illustrator, bringing the book that inspired them**. We will be giving the children their WBD book tokens next week and we would love it if the children could send a photograph into school of them buying their chosen book with their token to help us celebrate the books we all love.



FOSS Update

FOSS Catch Up - Tonight!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our catch up this evening at 6.30pm in The Grapes.

Getting Involved

We are busy planning a jam-packed calendar of events for the rest of the school year, including two of our biggest fundraisers, the Scarecrow Trail and May Day Weekend, and the Duck Race. We need **YOUR** help to make these events a success and raise lots of money for our wonderful school!

There are lots of ways you can help, some people prefer to help with the planning (booking attractions, sourcing raffle prizes, or advertising the event for example), others prefer to donate baking, or volunteer an hour or two to run a stall. Every offer of help makes a massive difference to our small team.

We especially welcome volunteers from the lower year groups to ensure that the fun events and fundraising can continue for many more years to come! If you would like to find out more then pop along to our team catch up tonight for a drink and a chat at The Grapes, or drop us an email at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Easyfundraising

The easiest way to support FOSS is to sign up to Easyfundraising! It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation. This month only, if you register to support FOSS via their app, we'll get a free £2 donation for every person that registers with the Easyfundraising app, plus when 10+ people register we'll unlock more bonus funding!



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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We are all guided by the Slingsby Values for Life: Respect, Honesty, Resilience, Expectations and Caring for Others