



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 5th March 2026

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A Message from Mr Smith

I hope you have all been enjoying the sunshine this week as much as we have! The children have been enjoying more time in the nature area, now that it is much drier; and we have been able to open the upper-yard sand pit too.

I really enjoyed working with Class 2 for the day on Wednesday, learning all about Antarctica. They wrote some super postcards home, from the point of view of a researcher; tracked Earnest Shackleton's adventures using 4 figure grid references and created a great Antarctic scene! They are looking forward to taking these home.

On Friday morning, we are also taking the whole school to the Village Hall to watch a performance of a short version of Peter Pan, by the pupils of Malton Secondary school; then Mr. Lee will be doing 'Physical Theatre' workshops with Year 2 & 3.

Our maypolers continue to improve their skills on Wednesday afternoons with our school governor, Mrs. Breckon, and she is really pleased with their progress in learning the dances – well done.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day "If You're Into It, Read It" on Tuesday, and to seeing the children's costumes of their favourite characters, authors or illustrators! Don't forget to send us photographs of your children with their books before Tuesday.

Last week's house points totals were: Dragon – 264, Griffin – 255, Pegasus – 279 & Phoenix – 258. Well done to Pegasus house!

Hoping the sunny weather continues into an enjoyable weekend for you all,

Mr Smith



School News

- Bolt Class had their third swimming lesson at St. Alban's Sports Centre on Monday and are progressing really well.
- On Tuesday, there will be a special World Book Day menu of Beasty Burgers with Fries and Matilda's Marvellous Mousse Cake. The sandwich and jacket potato will remain the same.
- Mrs Breckon has reported that maypole rehearsals are going well. Last week was their first session with the musicians which the children really enjoyed. The musicians were also impressed with how far they had already come in just a few weeks. Keep up the good work everyone.
- Please remember to book your children in to clubs ahead of the sessions. This enables us to ensure we have the correct staffing and resources ready. Thank you.

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ECO Champions Update

The Eco Champions met on Tuesday to reflect on how the Children's Mental Health Week had gone. They all enjoyed different aspects including the yoga sessions and the Make a Map to reflect yourself activity. A big thank you for your donations from Friday's non uniform day. We raised approximately £80 which will be split between the Mental Health Charity and the cost of our Eco Schools award renewal.

We have also confirmed our final two topics we need to complete in order to retain our Eco Award. These are Energy and Global Citizenship so watch this space to find out what we will be doing to complete these. In other good news, the Slingsby Produce Show Committee have very kindly donated £100 to put towards further school Eco committee projects!

FOSS Update

Thanks for supporting our bake sale last Friday which raised £85!

Friday 13th March - Mother's Day Stall

FOSS will be hosting a stall on the green at 3.30pm selling beautiful plants donated by Castle Howard from £2 and home baked goodies so come along and pick up some treats! Please bring cash if possible!

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th March - Pre-loved Uniform Sale

We will have our wide selection of excellent quality pre-loved uniform on display every day from Monday 23rd until Friday 27th March in the Chapel School Rooms. Pop along and have a browse between 3-4pm.

Scarecrow weekend & Slingsby May Day celebrations - Saturday 2nd May - Monday 4th May

It's time to start thinking about your entry for this year's Scarecrow trail! Please enter if you can, you do not need to live in Slingsby as we can allocate you a place. We just ask that your scarecrow is a child friendly character that families will be able to guess with a clue from the trail sheet. Entry forms will be handed out to everyone in the next 2 weeks.

As one of our biggest fundraisers we need lots of support, you can do this by submitting a scarecrow entry, volunteering to help at our pop-up cafe and stalls, donate baking and donate filled jars for our jarbola. Rotas will be up at parents evening for volunteer slots and look out for information on other ways you can help.



Hovingham Repair Café & Community Hub

The next Repair Café and Community Hub is coming up on Saturday 14th March 10:00-12:00, Hovingham Village Hall. Other dates this year are Saturday 13th June and Saturday 12th September. Please see the attached posters for further details.



Easter FEAST Vouchers

Children and young people receiving benefits-related free school meals are automatically eligible for free places at FEAST activities. The school can also make a small number of additional children eligible by exception. On 9th March at 12 noon, FEAST vouchers will be emailed to eligible families. Activities will be launched on the HolidayActivities website and families will be able to request a space

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on an activity from this date (don't forget you need to join a waiting list first). On 11th March, spaces will start to be accepted. This short wait gives everyone time to browse activities and express interest before places are allocated. HolidayActivities have put together lots of instructions and information documents that cover almost all of the questions you might have. Their support page is amazing for parents - [Holiday Activities](#)



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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