



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th March 2026

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A Message from Mr Smith

On Tuesday we had the most wonderful time celebrating all our favourite books for our World Book Day!

We were so impressed with everyone's costumes, and the school was filled with a great buzz. During the day, the children travelled around the school in their House teams taking part in workshops in each class.

Miss Pearce returned to her youth and a bit of inspiration from Blue Peter! After watching an interview with author (and Paddington the musical composer) Tom Fletcher, the children made a "story cube" to inspire their own stories! The faces of the cube included a character, setting, "baddie", problem and whatever else the children chose. The creativity and care across the year groups was really inspiring! In Mrs Jordan's class, each group created their own story characters by drawing a head, body or legs and folding the paper over before passing it to another group to add the next part. Each group then had to unfold and reveal the character, describing it to the class. The children found the end result very amusing! In Mrs Martindale's class the children explored maps in books and then used rice and coffee to make their own fantasy maps. Finally, with Miss Secker, the children thought about their favourite places to read and designed their own reading nooks and items they'd like to take in there with them, including spaces in woodlands, beaches, and cosy corners in their homes.

We are super proud of how hard the children worked and how they really shone with our Slingsby Values of high expectations and caring for others, and we all enjoyed it so much we are thinking of having a termly House Carousel learning day!



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We are delighted to announce the winners of the most brilliant costumes from each class who won a Quentin Blake mug each:

Class Hamza - Alfie as the Titanic Captain and his incredible ship, which even had lifeboats inside

Class Bolt – Rowan as Victoria Stitch with her amazing wild black hair

Class Gold - Tabby who looked truly authentic as the lost girl from a Land of Roar

Class Curie - Pip as the adventurer Bear Grylls with all his survival gear

NYES Catering also provided a voucher for the cook to give a prize for their favourite character and they awarded it to Digby in Class Hamza who was Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk.

Last week’s house point totals were: Dragon - 334, Griffin – 320, Pegasus – 321 & Phoenix 271. Well done to Dragon house! There aren’t many more weeks left before we announce our Spring term overall winners, so keep working hard to earn those precious Dojo points!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, Mr Smith



School News

- Class Bolt have been impressing Mrs Jordan with their swimming ability on a Monday and continue to swim different strokes practicing various techniques under the expert tuition of the St Albans teachers.
- On Wednesday afternoon, Class Curie were invited to Norton College to participate in a Year 5 and 6 Football local primary schools’ tournament. We took three teams (the Slingsby Dragons, Slingsby Lions and Slingsby Serpents) and all children played well together and showed fantastic sportsmanship. Slingsby Dragons finished 3rd in their league and the Slingsby Lions and Serpents finished 2nd and 4th respectively. Well done Year 5 and 6!

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- We hear the Maypole dances are coming together nicely and the children have been practicing with the musicians which has been good fun. They are hoping to start rehearsing with the maypole and ribbons next week.
- The North Yorkshire Council Music Hub came in to school today to give a very impressive demonstration of wind, string and brass instruments to Years 2 to 6 and the children were enthralled! They played the Hedwig's theme from Harry Potter, the Little mermaid theme tune and many others, ending with a rendition of the Incredibles song. We hope it inspired some of our budding musicians!
- Parents' Evening appointment confirmations were sent out today. If you have not yet made an appointment and wish to have one, please email the school office.
- Don't forget that FOSS are hosting a Mother's Day Stall on the Village Green tomorrow after school. Please bring cash.
- On Wednesday Class Curie are attending a multi-sports event at Malton Community Sports Centre, a letter will be coming out in due course.
- Next week Friday, 20th March, is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day (not tomorrow as stated in the Key Dates previously). We will be fundraising for children and families in need by letting the children have a non-uniform day with a red theme in exchange for a donation. Please use this link to donate [Slingsby School Comic Relief Donation Page](#)
- Please can we remind our families to check Parent Pay for any outstanding debt and to book and pay ahead for lunches and clubs. It is our financial year end and we need our accounts to be up to date. There should be no debt on Parent Pay. Many thanks.



Menu Changes 13th and 19th March

Please note that tomorrow instead of fishfingers, the hot lunch option will be fish stars. Also, next Thursday, instead of spaghetti Bolognese the hot lunch option will be meatballs.



FOSS Update

Tomorrow 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

Scarecrow entry forms will be handed out to everyone soon, please check book bags and enter if you can! You don't need to live in Slingsby as we can allocate you a place around the village. Your scarecrow should be a child friendly character that families will be able to guess with a clue from the trail sheet.

Please get in touch with FOSS if you are able to help with the event by volunteering at a stall or in the pop up cafe, or by donating baking. Volunteer rotas will also be up at parents evening with time slots and look out for information on other ways you can help.

Bag2School Collection - Friday 17th April

If you are having a clear out over the Easter holidays, bring any unwanted clothing bagged up to school on the morning of Friday 17th April and help us raise money for FOSS. For a full list of the items that are accepted please visit Bag2School.com. More details to follow nearer the time.



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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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