SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 5th November 2026

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'Be Ready. Be Safe. Be Kind.'

A Message from Mr Smith

Welcome back to everyone following the October half-term break! I hope all our children, families and staff enjoyed a restful and enjoyable week and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week and see them settling so enthusiastically into their learning. We have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead, with lots to look forward to as we move through the second half of the autumn term and begin preparations for Christmas.

On Wednesday, we took our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils to compete in a local school football and benchball tournament at Malton Community Sports Centre. The boy's football team (Slingsby Dragons) won one, drew two and lost one game (only conceding 1 goal in their four matches!). Our girl's football team (Slingsby Lions) won 2 and lost 2 matches (with one fewer player than all the other teams!); and the Slingsby Tigers benchball team won one and lost three but did not let their heads drop and were really fantastic in their support of each other. We are very proud of all who took part.







As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another happy and productive half-term here at Slingsby.

Mr L Smith Headteacher

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Attendance - Every Day Counts

Here are the attendance figures for the week 19-23 October:
Class 1 (Hamza) - 97.02%
Class 2 (Bolt) - 99.40%
Class 3 (Currie) - 98.50%

Whole School – 98.30%

Congratulations to Class 2 for taking the top spot!

House Points

This week's points total will be added to the points collected during the final week of Autumn 1 (update next Thursday)





Class 1 Hamza (Years R and 1)
Class Hamza have had a great start to the new term. In anticipation of our visit to Church next week, the children have been learning about the poppy and why we wear it. The Year 1 children have enjoyed making poppies for a wreath to lay at church whilst Reception have created a field of poppies using finger paints. In History we have started a new enquiry learning about toys and how they have changed. We started by looking at toys from the past using a fantastic resource to bring museums into the classroom from the Scarborough Museums Trust. The large box (which prompted much interest) included lots of toys from the past, including a tudor doll, viewfinder, kaliedescope and Nintendo! The children enjoyed exploring these artefacts through an afternoon of play.

Class 2 Bolt (Years 2 and 3)
Class Bolt have made a positive start to the new half term and have started a new topic in geography. The first challenge has been to learn the names of the seven continents. We enjoyed looking at Google Earth as well as finding different countries in an atlas. The year 3 children had a fun filled afternoon at Malton Sports Centre whilst the year 2 children enjoyed painting and making poppies for a class wreath. We have learnt more about how animals adapt to different habitats and have drawn a food chain, labelling the producer, prey and predator.

We are looking forward to starting swimming next Monday and a new topic in science looking at micro habitats.

Class 3 Currie (Years 4, 5 and 6)
I have been so impressed by Class Curie's great attitude since we returned to school on Monday! Everyone has jumped back into their learning with a lovely effort and this has been wonderful to see. We have gotten stuck into programming and coding using Scratch in our Computing sessions, and the children have been using their developing skills to create their own music and soundtracks! They have really enjoyed working together, combining their ideas and exploring the different features in the programme, including changing the instruments and the notes they play, adding new characters and changing the backgrounds too. Well done Class Curie for a fantastic start to the new half term!

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Key Information

Parents' Evenings
Our upcoming Parents' Evenings will take place on the following dates:
Classes 1 and 2: Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November
Class 3: Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th November.
Appointment times have now been sent via email to all parents and carers who requested an appointment. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing your child's progress and achievements so far this term.

Class 2 Swimming – Monday 9th November
A reminder that Class 2 swimming lessons begin on **Monday 9th November**. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit, including a towel, on each swimming day.
We hope the children thoroughly enjoy their swimming sessions over the coming weeks!

Children in Need – Friday 13th November



Curriculum Newsletters
Our latest curriculum newsletters for all classes are now available to view on the school website.
These newsletters provide an overview of the exciting topics and learning opportunities planned for this half-term. We encourage parents and carers to take a look to find out what their children will be learning in school.

Christmas Nativities – Save the Dates!
We are looking forward to our Christmas Nativity performances, which will once again take place at the **Village Hall**. We can't wait to share these special festive performances with our families!
Dates and times can be found on the 'Christmas Plans' poster within this newsletter.

Whole School Pantomime Trip
There are only a few days left to complete the online form with your child's preferred choice of lunch for the Pantomime trip in December. Thank you to all parents/carers who have already completed the form. If you have not yet completed the form, please do so by the deadline **Monday 9th November**. Thank you.
Whole School Pantomine Trip - 4th December 2026 – Click here to complete form

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Christmas Plans

at Slingsby Community Primary School

We are very excited to tell you about our extra special treats we are planning for Christmas 2026.

Pantomime Trip

Whole School

Friday 4th December

We are looking forward to taking our children on a very special trip to the Pantomime at Scarborough Spa to watch **Robin Hood and The Babes in the Wood (OH YES WE ARE!)**

It promises to be a fantastic day filled with laughter, music, excitement and plenty of festive fun! We're sure there will be lots of smiles, giggles and maybe even a little bit of audience participation along the way!

OH YES WE ARE!

A Magical Christmas Surprise

Monday 7th December

We have a little bit of Christmas magic planned for the children on **Monday 7th December.**

We can't give too much away just yet, but there mey be a very special festive surprise waiting for them!

We can't wait to see the children's faces when they discover what we have planned!

Shh... It's s Surprise!

Christmas Chapel with Rev. Jane Brown

Wednesday 9th December

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Jane Brown to our school in December thr a special Christmas event at the Chapel.

All of our children will have the opportunity to take part in a Christmas-themed craft activity and celebration, with time spent at the chapel eryoying a special Christmas journey.

We look forward to sharing this lovely experience with the children and beginning our Christmas celebrations together.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10th December

We're getting into the festive spirit at school on **Thursday 10th December.**

Children can enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch and celebrate Christmas Jumper Day by wearing their favourite festive jumper to school.

We are looking forward to a fun and festive day!

Christmas Nativity Play

We are delighted to invite families to our Christmas Nativity Plays, which will take place in the Village Hall.

Class 3
Thursday 10th December at 6pm

Classes 1 and 2
Tuesday 15th December at 1.30pm

Christmas Church Service

Friday 18th December

As we wrap up a wonderful term, we invite all families and friends to join us for our special Christmas School Church Service tn the last day of term.

This traditinnal service is a wonderful opportunity for our cchool commventy to come togatter, celebrate the festive season, and reflect on the true meaning af Christmas through. carols and readings by our children.

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ECO Committee

We are delighted that seven new Eco Champions have been nominated this year who will represent each class. They will take part in regular meetings with Mrs Breckon to plan and encourage green actions across the school. They met for the first time this week. Our first big effort will be the promotion of Cut Your Carbon November.

November is the National Eco Schools 'Cut your Carbon' month and your children will be bringing home a challenge leaflet today (a copy is also included as a flyer with this newsletter)
'Eco-Schools is once again inviting all schools, colleges, and nurseries to join the free carbon-cutting campaign, running throughout November.

In school we will be reinforcing the idea that everyone can make a difference protecting our planet by making small changes to how we live, such as: remembering to turn lights off; keeping doors shut to retain heat; recycling responsibly and not wasting products or materials. We hope that as many of our families can engage with the challenges detailed on the leaflet/challenge sheet coming home this week, as your children will need your support to do so fully (ie: one challenge is to prepare 3 plant-based meals during November). Each child will receive 2 Eco Green Dojo points for completion of each challenge and a certificate will be awarded to all children who complete the 9 challenges and return their form signed off by a parent/carer before the end of November Good luck!



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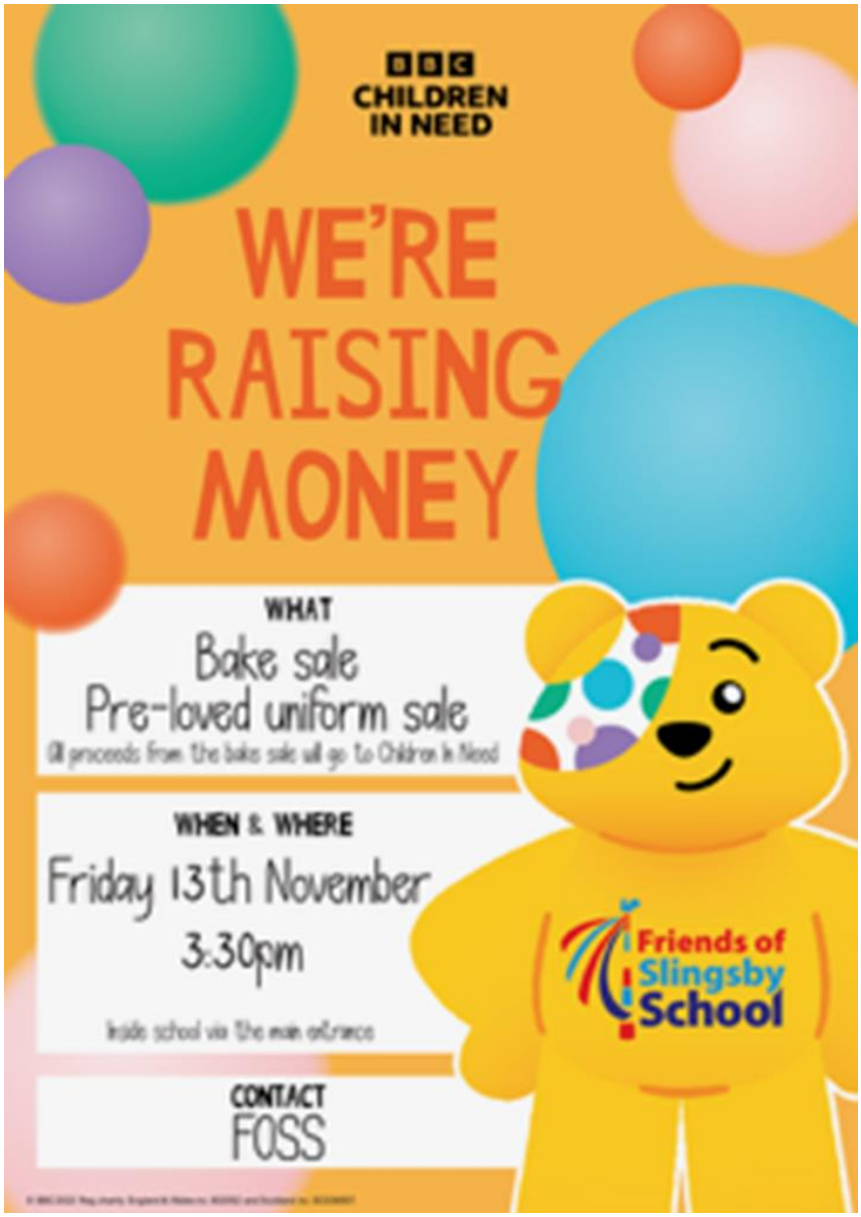
FOSS Update

Children in Need Bake Sale and Preloved Uniform
We will be holding a preloved uniform and cake sale next Friday 13th November at 3:30pm. There will be all sorts of uniform all bearing the school logo in a variety of sizes so come along if you need anything. There will also be a whole host of Pudsey-themed goodies to celebrate Children in Need. Please bring cash.

FOSS Halloween Party
Thanks to everyone who joined us for the Halloween party. We're pleased to say we raised £450. Thanks again for everyone who helped make the event such a success, particularly DJ Frankensmith.

EasyFundraising
You can support FOSS every time you shop online with EasyFundraising. Simply sign up and become a Friends of Slingsby School supporter. Do your usual online shopping via EasyFundraising's website or app and FOSS will get a cashback donation at no extra cost to you!

Thank you to everyone who signed up last month - you helped us earn a £50 bonus donation. It is never too late to sign up, this month we receive a £2 donation for every new person.





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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 9th November	Class 2 Swimming commences
Tuesday 10th November	Year 6 Christmas Tree Decorating – Castle Howard
Tuesday 10th November	Parent Evening – Class 1 & 2
Wednesday 11th November	Whole School Remembrance Assembly - Chapel
Wednesday 11th November	Parent Evening – Class 1 & 2
Friday 13th November	Children in Need – NON-UNIFORM DAY. **Pudsey Fun Run – Children to come to school in spotty or stripy sports wear and trainers**.
Friday 13th November	Meet FOSS, pre-loved uniform sale and Children in Need Bake Sale
Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks to school day
Monday 16th November	Class 2 Swimming
Wednesday 18th November	Class 2 Flamingo Land Zoo Trip
Wednesday 18th November	Parent Evening – Class 3
Wednesday 19th November	Parent Evening – Class 3
Monday 23rd November	Class 2 Swimming
Wednesday 25th November	School Photographs
Monday 30th November	Class 2 Swimming
Friday 4 December	Whole School Pantomime Trip - Robin Hood & The Babes in the Wood
Monday 7th December	Class 2 Swimming
Monday 7th December	A Magical Christmas Surprise
Wednesday 9th December	Chapel Christmas Activities – Whole School
Thursday 10th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Nativity – Class 3 6.00pm Village Hall

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (Continued)

Monday 14th December	Class 2 Swimming
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Nativity – Classes 1 and 2 1.30pm Village Hall
Thursday 17th December	FOSS Christmas Party
Friday 18th December	Whole School Christmas Service – Slingsby Church
Friday 18 December	Last Day of Term
Saturday 19 December to 3 January	**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED**
Monday 4 January	**Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils**
Tuesday 5 January	First Day Back for Pupils

Child Welfare and Safeguarding – Who to speak to

At Slingsby Primary, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do to keep our pupils safe, happy and supported. If you have any concerns about a child's welfare, please contact one of our school safeguarding team members:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Mr Leigh Smith Headteacher@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) – Mrs C Jordan

Safeguarding Governor – Mrs J Breckon

External contacts and further advice:
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) – 01609 533080
Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) – 0300 131 2131
North Yorkshire Policy – 101

Full details and policies can always be found on our website under Safeguarding and Child Protection

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