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SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Absences from school

Thank you to everyone who remembers to send in a letter explaining an absence in school, we appreciate people have busy lives and these things can get forgotten. Letters are very important for our school records and attendance data. If a child is absent from school due to illness please send in a note on their return stating the reasons why. If a child has a medical or dental appointment and is going to miss any part of the school day, please write in advance to let us know the appointment time, where they are going and when they will return to school. If this information is not submitted it may result in a child being recorded as 'unauthorised absence'. Holiday forms are available from the school office and must be submitted in advance. Many thanks.



Lego Workshop

Due to an incredibly generous and kind donation of £500 from a grandparent of a child in Class 2, we have been able to organise an exciting Lego Workshop Day for the whole school on Monday February 13th. This is the sort of activity that schools generally nowadays just cannot afford, but this donation, specifically given to benefit the children, has made this possible. We are very touched and grateful for this donation. Many, many thanks!

Lego Appeal

We are considering an after school Lego Club but we do not have much in school. If anyone has any spare or knows a grandparent or relative who has some they do not use, please would you consider donating it to us? Without enough Lego, we are currently not able to run a club!



Staff News

So far this month:

- The whole school staff training day was spent planning together, organisation of classrooms, paperwork and a discussion around Ofsted and what we need to continue to do to reach Outstanding
- Mr Smith has attended a course on 'Book Scrutiny' this is a vital part of school monitoring as Ofsted particularly focus on work in books, presentation and content.
- Mrs Jordan has attended a course on Spelling in the curriculum. As Mrs Jordan is our Literacy Co-ordinator, courses such as these are important for her own professional development and to improve standards in school.
- Mr Mortimer has attended the Early Years Moderation session held by our cluster schools. This is also good, as we get to look around other schools, compare work and moderate together. Moderating together ensures that our own judgements are secure.
- Mrs Metcalfe has worked (voluntary) at Ripon St John University conducting interviews for the undergraduate and post graduate teaching courses. This is a very interesting opportunity to work with the university and see the teachers of the future.

All staff who attend course or training disseminate the information at staff meetings so that everyone can benefit. This also cuts down on costs as only 1 person need attend!

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January 27th, 7pm in the Village Hall – Quiz and Curry night. Please purchase tickets before this event as catering needs to be planned. This is a really fun night with delicious food and as I am unable to attend this year due to a prior engagement, you will not have to listen to me sing! (Mrs M)

A huge thank you to Mr K Magson and Mr A Magson for writing the quiz as this isn't as easy as you might think and takes a lot of time and effort.



Students in School

Miss Dobson has settled well into Class 3 and had her first appraisal which went well. Miss Dobson is a final placement student in her 3rd year of training. She is currently teaching Year 4 and 5 whilst Mr Smith focuses on SAT preparation with Year 6.

Miss Dewsnap and Mrs Mitchell are working very hard in Class 1 and have also settled well into our school family. Miss Dewsnap and Mrs Mitchell are 1st year students just embarking on their teacher training.



Chill Club

Thank you to those parents who responded to our enquiry about reinstating Monday Chill Club. I now have 2 parents interested so if there is one more it will be possible to carry on. Please see Mrs Metcalfe.

School Nurses

Unfortunately, and we don't know why, the school nurses didn't arrive on Monday to do sight tests for Reception children as expected. They did, however, come on Thursday and conducted weight and height measurements for Reception and Year 6 children. According to them, parents will be informed directly of the results.

Assembly Rota

We visit Church and Chapel for assembly every Monday at 3pm. I invited the worship group to come and work with us and we are very grateful to them for doing so. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Prest, Mr and Mrs Bishop, Mrs Hayes, Rev Ruth and Rev Anne for working hard to bring us thoughtful and interesting assemblies. Rev Allwood also comes into school or church when we invite him.



Swimming at Norton Pool

On Monday February 27th Class 2 will be going swimming at 10.30am for 6 weeks. Class 1 will start swimming on Thursday March 2nd at 10.30am, also for six weeks. Letters for this will follow. We are still waiting for the pool to let us know when Class 3 can go, but this will hopefully be after SATs in May.

