



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## NSPCC – Top Pants

There is a new NSPCC campaign designed for parents and carers to help keep their children safe from harm. We recommend that you look at this website and consider sharing the films and activities as a family. The information is really fun and useful and we hope that you find it useful and helps you to tackle a sensitive issue.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/)



## Internet Safety Assembly for Parents Only

Just to remind you about our Internet Safety assembly for parents on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>. This is being delivered by North Yorkshire Police and will commence at 9am. It will only last about 30-40 minutes. Increasingly, schools are having to deal with issues around social media and according to the police it is becoming one of the main sources of conflict they have to deal with. We do deliver internet safety training in school for our children but it might be really useful to keep up to date with current trends. Please write your name on the board in the foyer so we can arrange seating.



## Breakfast Rangers

Our breakfast club continues to be a valuable additional service for many parents and after a term of experimenting with a new healthy menu including a wide range of fruit choices, hard boiled eggs, savoury and fruit muffins, wholemeal bread and pitta, cereals, porridge and pancakes, Mrs Massey has worked out what is most popular with our Breakfast Rangers and what is a big no no!

The menu has therefore been slightly changed to ensure we have minimal waste whilst still giving the children what they most enjoy. Details are in the school entrance and on the door to Breakfast Rangers on a morning.



## Students in School

We currently have Miss Alison Hemsley in Class 3. Alison is on her final placement in her third year at university and we are delighted to have her with us.

Miss Charlotte Scotter and Miss Jade Allam are first year students gaining experience in Class 1. We support the University of York St John and hope that all students have a very productive time with us.



## School News

- Mrs Metcalfe attended Ripon St John university to conduct undergraduate interviews for the teacher training course.
- Mr R Williams brought some former Slingsby School pupils to give an insight to our children on life at Malton Secondary School. It was an excellent assembly and so lovely to see children who are

growing into (even more fabulous) lovely young adults. We were incredibly proud of all of them and it's great to see how they have grown in confidence.

- Health and Safety adviser, Mr W Thickett has been into school and given us a clean bill of health!
- The School House project continues to develop at a good pace. Mrs Jordan and I were very excited to see the special school lighting going up!
- Mr Smith and Mrs Jordan attended the Warthill Primary School maths moderation. Moderation is always very useful to us as it ensures we are accurate in our assessments and gives us an opportunity to work with other schools.
- Mrs Metcalfe has been approached by a local authority adviser to provide 'best practice' support to other schools through visits to Slingsby for their staff.



## **OFSTED News**

Please see a statement from the [www.gov.uk/Oftsed](http://www.gov.uk/Oftsed) website highlighting changes (again) to the inspection system.

**When inspectors have reason to believe that a school may be improving to outstanding, we will publish a letter setting out the school's strengths and priorities for further improvement, and confirming that it is still good. A section 5 inspection will then be carried out within one to two years.**

As you may be aware, the staff here at Slingsby have worked incredibly hard on the few issues that were raised at the last inspection and at our last inspection the Inspector stated that we would be 'shortly Outstanding'. We have addressed the issues and continued to forge onwards.

Guidance from the Local Authority and from independent reviews encourages us to feel that we edge ever closer to the Outstanding criteria and indeed have met much of it. However, this new announcement by Ofsted is basically stating that even if you are Outstanding, the inspector will not judge you as so, but come back in a year or so to confirm it. This new regime has gone out to consultation to unions, and has not been met positively. It may of course be subject to change if enough concerns are raised.

This has led to us all feeling rather deflated and somewhat concerned that though massive improvements have been made, and continue to be made, all our efforts will lead to the same judgement. In a sense, a school cannot be Outstanding at their next inspection! This has not really made the news headlines yet, but we wanted our parents to be very aware of what was going on. We do thank you for your continued support and many positive comments and we assure you that we will continue to provide the very best environment and education we can for your children.



## **FOSS**

- Quiz & Curry Night – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 7pm start in the village hall. Tickets (priced £5 for adults, £2.50 for children) are now on sale from the school office. Please buy in advance for catering purposes. Bring your own drinks. First prize in the quiz is a voucher for The Jinnah at Flaxton. Please support this social event!
- Refreshments at KS1 football tournament – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February (afternoon) – FOSS have agreed to provide refreshments after the tournament. If you are happy to help serve these please see Liz Wilson (Poppy Y2's mum).

