

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Friday 4th May 2018 The Green Slingsby North Yorkshire YO62 4AA (01653) 628370

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School News

- Ms Wray, our EYFS Governor has been in for her May visit. She got to know Class 1 really well and enjoyed discussing assessment methods in the Early Years.
- As you may have heard, poor Mr Mortimer has had his operation cancelled. We will let you know when it is re-scheduled.
- Mr Smith and Mrs Metcalfe met with the Deputy Head at Amotherby School to discuss a Maths Mastery Programme.
- Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Jordan have completed an application form to join an English Hub. This
 invitation came out of the blue from the Department of Education. The DFE are looking to appoint
 35 schools across England to form English Hubs and to support other schools. They have chosen our
 school as we have successfully supported:
 - 90% or more year 1 pupils to meet the required standard in the phonics screening check over the last three academic years; and

• an Ofsted rated of good and 'effectiveness in leadership and management' rating of good. The DFE stated "We think that your school could be suited for this role and we would like to invite you to submit an expression of interest." Whilst Mrs Jordan and I are very honoured, we do feel as a small rural school the likelihood of us being chosen is small.

FOSS NEWS

Thank you for all the scarecrow entry forms received and donations for the forthcoming Scarecrow Weekend. There are going to be 34 scarecrows around the village which is fantastic and some amazing creations have been made. We are still short of volunteers for the refreshment stall on Sunday so if you are able to lend a hand, it would be hugely appreciated. Also cakes would be gratefully received and can be delivered to the Chapel at any point over the weekend. Please can any Bag2school bags be dropped off outside the Reading Rooms on Friday 11 May.



NEW WILDLIFE AREA

You may have noticed lots of activity and diggers at the back of the Reading Rooms this week where our new wildlife garden is going to be. We have had contractors in to bury the School House gas tank underground ahead of the final volunteer working party on Saturday who will be covering the area in bark chippings, weaving a willow tunnel and planting up tubs. We are all very excited about the project and a big thank you to Mr Mortimer and his team of assistants for securing the grant funding, planning the works and creating a wonderful wildlife area for our children to enjoy.



Mr Mortimer wanted to remind the parents of pupils in Class 1 that they are very welcome to join us with any siblings at Ebberston Play Park for our packed lunch from 11:30am.

April Accounts

April Accounts have gone home today in book bags. Thank you for all monies received to date. We are currently still owed **£502.50** from March and **£784.50** from April broken down as £436.50 for school dinners and £348.00 for clubs. These accounts are in arrears therefore please arrange for prompt payment as non-payment will result in the NYCC debt collection service being activated. Thank you.

