

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Friday 23rd November, 2018 Slingsby C.P. School The Green Slingsby North Yorkshire YO62 4AA (01653) 628370

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School News

- Class 4 have had a fantastic week at Peat Rigg facing all weather conditions whilst participating in activities such as the high zip wire, bush craft, archery, canoeing, abseiling and even a night walk! They may take a while to dry out but have assured us it was well worth it!
- Mrs Metcalfe has completed a mindfulness course this week as part of our ongoing focus on mental health awareness training for both children and adults which will be disseminated to the whole staff team. Anyone who wishes to learn more about this, please speak to Mrs Metcalfe and she will be happy to share course information.
- Mrs Jordan has attended writing moderation at Langton school.
- Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed part two of their seed sowing and tree planting project at Castle Howard in Terrington woods on Thursday. Each child's tree has been named and will be given a permanent label so the children can continue to visit their own tree in Slingsby School's plantation for years to come.

Morning Drop-Off

Please can we remind all pupils and parents that when you arrive at school in the morning, you are to go straight onto the school yard. There should be no one in the classrooms. Please seek permission from a class teacher if you wish to access the classroom. Thank you.

Important Ofsted Notice regarding Parent View

Parent View is a site that we monitor very closely and regularly and we have documented that from early November 2018 up to Friday 16th November at 12 noon there was a significant amount of negative activity, which was felt to be highly suspicious. This activity was immediately reported to OFSTED. Following on from their own investigation we have received the following:

Thank you very much for your contact with Ofsted regarding your concerns about recent Parent View activity at your school. The team with oversight of this has had a look and can discern that there is a certain amount of duplication, with inputs coming from the same address within a timescale that is too short. These will be removed. If you notice any further concerns, perhaps you could let us know.

Your own questionnaires and day by day contacts will also give you keen insights into how parents and families regard the valuable service you offer.

Please note the following extract taken from the DFE OFSTED Parent View website:

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As a school we are currently carefully considering what further actions we may wish to take over this matter. OFSTED have assured us that they will work closely with any other agencies involved, specifically if it occurs again. Staff are deeply saddened and disappointed.

However, we would very much like to thank the many, many families, who have completed and returned their parent feedback questionnaires and to thank you wholeheartedly for your support and obvious genuine love for Slingsby School and all the staff here. We feel incredibly privileged to work with you and your children.

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Congratulations Mr Bosanquet

Huge congratulations to Mr Bosanquet for graduating from York St. John University this week in a ceremony held at York Minster. We are all very proud of him and thrilled to have him as part of our team.



Reception – Year 5 Flu Vaccinations

If you have given your consent online for your child to receive the flu nasal vaccination in school, the school nurse will be in on **Tuesday 11th December**.

Harvest Festival Gifts

Thank you for all the amazing and generous gifts received so far in school for the Harvest Festival Salvation Army appeal. You can continue to donate until 30th November.

FOSS Update

Bags2School - Bags2School collection is this coming **Thursday**, **29th November at 9am**. Would you please leave your bags at the ramp near the Reading Rooms. If it is bad weather we will have a tarp out and please put your bags underneath it. More bags are available from the school foyer.

Christmas Raffle Tickets - We hope you are all selling lots of raffle tickets! We have some great prizes this year including a very generous voucher from The Star Inn, beautiful handmade items and a FOSS hamper packed with lovely local products. If you need more books of tickets, please ask at the office. Winners are drawn at the Christmas Productions on 12th December.

Christmas Party Volunteers and Party Food - There are volunteer lists up in the foyer for the Christmas Party on **13th December** and the party food prep for your child's class. Please have a look at the lists and put your name down to bring some food along for the party and/or to help set up and run the party if you can. Any and all help is very much appreciated, even if you can't be there for the full time slot!

Christmas Tombola and non-uniform day - There is a non-uniform day on **Monday 10th December** and children are asked to bring a forfeit of a tombola prize of chocolate or sweets. Children can wear something Christmassy this day if they like, but there will be a separate Christmas jumper day.

The Greatest Journey – 9th December

There will be an evening of festive fun for all ages at Slingsby Methodist Chapel at 5pm on 9th December including Christmas crafts, a short nativity (inspired by "We are going on a Bear Hunt") and tea.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A <u>NUT-FREE SCHOOL</u>. WE KINDLY REQUEST <u>NO</u> NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN PACKED LUNCHES OR AS SNACKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.