



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 24th October 2019

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## School News

- Applications for the School Council are now open. If your child is interested they should ask their class teacher for an application form and submit them to the school office by the 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- Kate Giles, one of our School Governors, kindly arranged Hard Hat tours to the church roof project as part of the Heritage Lottery Fund last week for Class 4. The tour began in the church explaining the loss of roofing material, then they went up the Tower and onto the scaffolding to see the roof structure exposed, and hear from the builders how they are tackling the repairs. The children were all provided with hard hats and high-vis vests. They ended the tour by thinking about the different kinds of careers involved in a project like this.
- Parents' Evenings for Class 2, 3, and 4 have taken place this week. Class 1 Parents' Evenings are on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please book your appointment if you haven't already.
- Class 2 have had their last swimming lesson today. It has been a successful six weeks and the St. Alban's Centre have been very impressed with the good behaviour of the children.
- Class 3 swimming lessons will be starting the first week back after half term. The letter was sent out last Friday. Please return the slips highlighting your child's swimming ability no later than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



## Parent Pay

A few parents have contacted the school office with queries about how to navigate around ParentPay so we have created a new page on the school website for ParentPay under Key Information. We have uploaded a number of parent guidance notes that we feel will help and assist going forward. Key points to remember:

- Scroll down the menu screen to see ALL outstanding areas as it only displays a few on the front screen.
- You can pay for clubs and dinners in advance. Money can be credited to these payment items - you don't have to wait until they are in arrears before you can credit them.
- Set up alerts on your account so that you receive notifications when your balance is low or when a new payment item has been added. To do this simply login, go to Communications, go to Alert Settings, select the type of Alert (low balance and/or new item) and select how you want to receive alerts, email and/or text. **Email alerts are free of charge.** If you opt for text alerts there is a small charge per text.



## After-School Clubs – Please pay in advance!

The outstanding debt for clubs stands at **£1,134.50** and **£449.40** for lunches. Before and after school provision is a weekly item under review. School have staffing costs to cover these activities and unless bills are paid promptly and kept up to date the school may have to make some very difficult decisions. Please can you clear your debts before next half term.

**Payments should be made in advance of clubs via Parent Pay, there should be no debt.**



## Non Uniform Day/Harvest Festival – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Don't forget we'll be having a non-uniform day tomorrow. Please bring your donations and fine for not wearing uniform into school on the day and all proceeds will be donated to the Toilet Twinning Project <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>. It will also be our Harvest Festival at Slingsby Chapel at 1:15pm next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - all welcome. Please note the change of venue due to maintenance works currently being carried out at Slingsby Church.

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## Year 6 Questionnaire

As part of the Healthy Child Programme, a letter and information sheets went home with your child on Tuesday. Please complete the health screening questionnaire for your child within 2 weeks of receipt of the letter (05.11.19). It should only take 2 minutes to complete.



## Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education

The new curriculum for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education will be mandatory from September 2020. Slingsby CP School will be rolling out the new curriculum following a consultation with parents and staff. A guide for parents was sent home on Monday.



## Date Change for Christmas Performances!

Please note that the Christmas performances will now take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 2pm for KS1 and 6pm for KS2. There will be **no** performances on 10<sup>th</sup> December as stated on the Important Dates sheet you received in September. This is due to bookings at the Village Hall.



## Uniform Reminder

We have a strict uniform policy in school for uniform and expect parents and children to adhere to this. Staff have noticed recently that there has been a few incidences of uniform rules not being followed so a reminder : School Uniform- Navy blue/black/dark grey skirt (knee length), dresses, trousers or shorts; Sky blue gingham dresses with white socks in the summer; Sky blue polo shirt; Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with logo; Navy blue/black/dark grey socks or tights; Navy blue book bag. PE Kit- Navy blue shorts; White polo shirt / T – shirt; Plimsolls and trainers; Navy blue/black track suit; Extra pair of socks; Navy blue PE bag



## Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School - September 2020

If your child is moving up to Secondary School in September 2020, you need to apply online by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**. Please click the following link for further details <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school>



## FOSS Update

**Halloween Party - 24 Oct @ 4-5.30pm (arrive from 3.45pm) Roster** - There is a volunteer roster in the foyer. We would be very grateful for some extra hands. **Tickets & Pumpkin carving** - If your child doesn't yet have a ticket, they can be purchased for £5 on the door. Pumpkin entry is £1. Please ensure names are written on the bottom of the pumpkins. **Children must be accompanied by an adult**-You can make arrangements with other parents but please ensure the school is informed. **Food** will be served- **If your child has a food allergy please let us know so we can cater for them.**

**Christmas Raffle Tickets** - Your child has come home today with ten raffle tickets priced at £1 each for the annual FOSS Christmas Draw. We would very much appreciate it if you could sell these to family and friends and the draw will take place at the Key Stage 2 Christmas performance on Friday 13th December from 6pm in the Village Hall. There are a fantastic range of prizes. Please return all sold tickets with accompanying money and any unsold tickets to school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Your support is very much appreciated.



## Light Party

Brandsby Village Hall is hosting a Light Party on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 4-6pm supported by Rev Liz Hassall and Rev Catherine Reid focusing on Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." There will be fun, games, treasure hunt, bonfire, and sparklers. All children must be accompanied by an adult and wear warm clothes suitable for crafts and a bonfire. Please telephone for more information and to book your place on 07930 380918. Spaces are limited.

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