



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 7th November 2019

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School News

- Blue Watch from Malton Fire Station came to speak to all the children about Fire Safety on Tuesday and demonstrated the workings of their fire engine which was enjoyed by all!
- Castle Howard have been in this week together with the Wildlife Trust to lead a Wildlife Workshop for Class 3 and 4 which involved the children designing Christmas baubles around a wildlife theme. The Year 6 children will be decorating the charity Christmas tree at Castle Howard with these baubles next week. (letter to follow).
- We were pleased to successfully pass our Sport Safe UK inspection on Monday.
- The school nurses from the NYCC Health Team have been in to do their annual height and weight survey with Year 6 and to complete Health Questionnaires with these children.
- Class 1 Parents' Evening appointments are taking place last night and tonight.
- Class 3 had their first swimming lesson at the St Albans Centre in Ampleforth.



Toilet Twinning Appeal

Thank you for all your kind donations at the end of last half term for the Toilet Twinning Project. We raised a total of £234.40 and will let you know once we receive confirmation of where our new twinned toilets are!



School Attendance and Lateness

You should have all received a letter this week about school attendance and lateness. Please take time to read this letter and be reminded of our absence policies which are taken from legal guidance and the Education Welfare Service. Please assist us in our duty of care to provide a high standard of consistent and uninterrupted education to your children 190 days a year. Children should be in school ready for the bell at 8.50am to enable classes to register and start learning prompt at 9am.



After-School Clubs – Please pay in advance!

The outstanding debt for clubs stands at **£1,106** and **£476.40** for lunches. Due to workload, registers have just been updated on accounts this morning for the week so far, however, can we remind parents that payments for clubs and dinners can and should be made in advance via Parent Pay. . 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. We liken it to shopping at a supermarket...you would have to pay there and then and not wait a few weeks! **There should be no debt** and we are disappointed that we still have some. Thank you so much to the majority of parents who keep up to date with payments and to those who have raised their concerns about the debt they can see we accrue in this newsletter.



Menu Change to Week 3

The meal on a Wednesday on week 3 has been changed from Cheesy Chicken Bake to Chicken Casserole. Please see the attached amended menu which is also available on the school's website.

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Parent Pay- Refresher Guidance

This was in the last newsletter but we thought it would be helpful to keep these top tips in for another week! As mentioned previously, there is a new page on the school website for ParentPay Key Information. We have uploaded a number of parent guidance notes that we hope will help and assist going forward. Key points to remember:

- Scroll down the menu screen to see **ALL** outstanding arrears as it only displays a few on the front screen.
- To see details of specific historic club attendances go to the menu on the left hand side and select Transaction History and then Payment History. Select which club you wish to look at and amend the date range to suit and it will list all the sessions attended.
- You can pay for clubs and dinners in advance. Money can be credited to these payment items - you should not wait until they are in arrears before you 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.



Date Change for Christmas Performances!

Please note that the Christmas performances will now take place on **Friday 13th December** at 2pm for KS1 and 6pm for KS2. There will be **no** performances on 10th December as stated on the Important Dates sheet you received in September. This is not due to school; this is due to a booking clash at the Village Hall.



Children in Need – Friday 15th November

Everyone is invited to wear something yellow, spotty or stripy and to pay a fine for the privilege in aid of Children in Need.



FOSS NEWS

The FOSS AGM was held on 15th October, along with an ordinary meeting. The minutes of both meetings are attached on e-copies or are available on the website. Thank you to everyone who came along or volunteered to assist on the committee. The FOSS office bearers for 2019/2020 are Liz Wilson (Chairperson), Sonja Sedran (Treasurer) and Mel Staley (Secretary).

Halloween Thanks!

FOSS would like to thank everyone who helped out to make last week's Halloween Party a success, not least, DJ Frankensmith. We hear some children thought he was an actual monster! Thank you also to everyone who came along to the party - the costumes and pumpkins were fabulous as always. FOSS raised approximately £420, which is significantly up on last year.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets were sent home in book bags the week before half term. They are £10 a book (£1 each). We have a fantastic first prize of a 3 course Sunday lunch with a bottle of house wine at The Star Inn at Harome and many other lovely prizes, including the FOSS Hamper. It would be wonderful if every family could sell a book or two. More books are available from the office if you sell through yours. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 13th December at the evening Christmas production.

Bag2School

FOSS is running a Bag2School collection on Friday 15th November. It's a very easy way for us to raise money for the school. Bags were sent home in book bags on Tuesday. We would be grateful if you would gather up anything for donations and bring your bags to school on the morning of Friday 15th November by 9am. You can use regular bin liners or more bags are available from the office. They accept all clothing, accessories, bedding and linen except school uniforms, workwear/uniform, duvets, blankets, carpets/mats, pillows, cushions, textiles/yarn or anything soiled, painted, ripped or wet.



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