



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 14th November 2019

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School News

- The whole school gathered for a special Remembrance Day assembly on Monday morning with a two minute silence at 11am.
- The Year 6 pupils went to Castle Howard on Tuesday to decorate the charity Christmas Tree with the Christmas baubles Class 3 and Class 4 made last week in the Wildlife Workshop. The children got a preview of the Christmas decorations in part of the house. They met with Reverend Robertson and were invited to write a prayer to be delivered in his service on Christmas Day at Castle Howard. The children were all very well behaved and the Christmas tree looked spectacular! Castle Howard has also kindly given every child in school a child's complimentary ticket for Castle Howard which is valid until 5th January 2020.
- Class 3 went to see The Grinch on Wednesday as part of the Into Film Festival which was enjoyed by all.
- We passed our annual paper documentation Health & Safety review with the inspector commenting that we scored in the top five schools out of over 150 in the County!
- Staff attended a NYCC twilight training session on Wednesday evening on the subject of Adverse Effects of Childhood Experiences.



Castle Howard – Year 6 Mini Guides

Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Mason (Archive & Documentation Manager at Castle Howard) have been very busy planning and plotting and it was revealed to the Year 6 pupils at Castle Howard on Tuesday that they'll be trained up to become Castle Howard's Mini Guides of 2020! The children were all very excited to hear this news and had already impressed Mrs Mason with their observations and questions. A letter will follow shortly to explain in more detail along with dates.



Children in Need & Bags2Schools – Friday 15th November

Don't forget it is non-uniform day tomorrow to raise money for Children in Need. Everyone is invited to wear something yellow, spotty or stripy and to pay a fine for the privilege. Please also remember to bring in your filled Bags2School bag – for more details see the FOSS section of last week's newsletter.



After-School Clubs – FINAL WARNING!

The outstanding debt for clubs stands at **£1,036.50** and **£404.40** for lunches which is very disappointing to see. If your child attends clubs on a regular basis please can we ask that those parents set up balance alerts on their accounts and/or set up auto top-up's with the NEW Bank Transfer option (for more details please see the ParentPay section of the newsletter). **School have staffing costs to cover these activities and because payments have not been kept up to date, the school governors now have a very difficult decision to make.**

There should be no debt.



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Malton Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal 2019

This year, school is participating in the Malton Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal 2019. The Malton Salvation Army is running its annual Christmas present appeal from 1st November until 14th December 2019 and ask that you will support us with this. You can support us by either donating NEW toys and/or gifts for children, or by collecting gifts on behalf of the appeal. Any donation of gifts suitable for children from age 0 -16, particularly for teenagers, will be greatly appreciated. All donation received will directly benefit those in need in our community. A box will be in the entrance area for you to place your donations.



Parent Pay – NEW Bank Transfer and Auto Top-Ups

Parent Pay have introduced Bank Transfer which enables parents and carers to pay for any school item directly from their bank account and it is guaranteed by the Direct Debit service. There is no need to add or store debit or credit card details in ParentPay but it does require a Direct Debit mandate to be authorised by your bank before payments can be collected (up to 3 working days normally or 6 working days for initial setup). This allows parents and carers who do not have credit facilities to make online payments and enables new automated payment processes (e.g. auto top-up). As part of the Bank Transfer facility, Auto Top-Up assists parents and carers in ensuring their child's school meal balance is always in credit. It does so by allowing a payer to set a minimum balance threshold which, when breached, automatically credits the meal balance by a fixed amount (payer configurable) using a Balance Transfer payment. In order to use Auto Top-Up, payers are required to set up and submit a Bank Transfer Direct Debit mandate. Once complete the payer will have the option to use the auto top-up feature. There is video guidance on the Parent support site to assist parents in setting up Bank transfer <https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faq/> and also written guidance <https://www.parentpay.com/bank-transfer-and-auto-top-up/>. Both links have been added to the ParentPay page of the school's website.



Toilet Twinning Appeal

Thank you for all your kind donations at the end of last half term for the Toilet Twinning Project. On final count we raised a total of £240 which means we are able to fund a school toilet block! The money has been donated and the country in which the toilet block will be built will be announced in due course.



FOSS NEWS

Bag2School - Collection is on THIS Friday at 9am

We would be so grateful if everyone could remember to bring in their Bag2School donation this Friday morning by 9am. Please refer to last week's newsletter for details.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets were sent home in book bags the week before half term. More books are available from the office if you sell through yours. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 13 December at the evening Christmas production.

Big Book Boost

The Book People are running a promotion where for every order you place over £10, they will donate £1 to a school of your choice. You can order at www.thebookpeople.co.uk or by calling 03456024040.



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