



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 21st November 2019

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School News

- The annual parent/carer questionnaire was sent home on Tuesday of this week and we look forward to receiving your feedback. As you know, your views are important to us.
- We raised a super £186.50 for Children in Need last Friday so thank you to everyone for joining in and making a donation. The money has now been donated.
- The Head Teacher from Nawton Primary School led a Teaching Assistant session at Slingsby School on Wednesday.
- Class 3 had their 3rd swimming lesson at St. Alban's Sports Centre on Thursday morning.
- The School Choir will be singing Christmas Carols at the Village Christmas Soupa Lunch on Wednesday 18th December in the Methodist School Room in the Chapel. Please return the permission slips for choir members if you haven't done so already.



After-School Clubs – please keep your account in credit

We are pleased to announce that debt for meals and clubs has substantially reduced this week which means that for now, clubs will continue but please note they are continuously under review by staff and Governors. **Please remember to top up and keep your payment items in credit - there should be no debt!** The outstanding debt for clubs this week stands at **£394** and **£165.90** for lunches. 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 if payments have not been kept up to date, the school Governors will have a difficult decision to make.**

There should be no debt.



Budget concerns

Our midway budget review has taken place for 2019/2020 by our Finance Officer and Mrs Metcalfe, both of whom forecast down the path of worst case scenario. The future does appear bleak for state primary schools especially because there are significant deficits in the main educational money pot at NYCC which has a direct impact on our income. We have been asked to give our views on a Consultation regarding future funding which we have done. As you may be aware, all the parties in the forthcoming election are making many promises but in our experience, they announce massive increases in funding for schools but what they do not announce is that they take it away in other areas so until we see solid action we must continue to tighten our purse strings. Our Finance Officer has praised Mrs Metcalfe for her very careful and considered spending and management of the school budget, however, we have to keep walking on a tightrope and remain hugely grateful for all your support, donations and paying credit on Parent Pay!



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Touring Pantomime – 4th December 2019

West End in Schools will be bringing a performance of Aladdin to Slingsby Village Hall for all the school children on Wednesday 4th December at 1.30pm. Friends and family are also welcome and details of tickets have been sent home in a letter on Wednesday this week.



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 has been put in the entrance area for you to place your donations. Thank you.



FOSS NEWS

Bags2School - The Bag2School collection on 15th November raised £80 and FOSS would like to thank everyone who contributed. It's a very easy way to make a bit of extra money and well worth the time.

Save the Date - Christmas Party - The FOSS Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 11th December from 3:30-5:30pm and school will take children across to the Village Hall.

Christmas Tombola – We will be holding a non-uniform day on Monday 9th December and asking for donations of chocolate by way of a fine. These donations will be used for the tombola at the Christmas Productions.

Easyfundraising - Friends of Slingsby School have recently registered as a charity on an affiliate scheme called easyfundraising whose associated retailers, over 3,600 including Amazon, John Lewis, NEXT, Morrisons, make a small donation to your chosen cause if you use easyfundraising to shop online. Their website is www.easyfundraising.org.uk and details of what you need to know are on the site. If you'd like to register, search for Friends of Slingsby School and click support us. In the lead up to Christmas, it might make a difference to the amount we raise for the School, just by shopping online. Thank you.



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We are all guided by the Slingsby Values for Life: Respect, Honesty, Resilience, Expectations and Caring for Others