

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 5th December 2019 Slingsby C.P. School The Green Slingsby North Yorkshire YO62 4AA (01653) 628370

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School News

- We are delighted to welcome Mrs Robshaw to our school. Mrs Robshaw is a Midday Supervisory Assistant and is working 2 lunchtimes per week.
- A member of staff had a very special birthday last week. The children all sang Happy Birthday to Mrs Hindby in the dinner hall and Mrs Metcalfe presented her with flowers and a card from all.
- West End in Schools came on Wednesday to perform Aladdin to the school which was much enjoyed!
- Reverend Douglas Robertson, the Chaplin from Castle Howard attended celebration assembly last Friday and also gave an assembly in school on Monday. His theme was around friendship and how we can help each other.
- The Police came into school on Tuesday and gave a talk to the children in Years 1-4 about personal space. The children made him feel very welcome and it was a very useful and informative session.
- Class 3 had their 5th swimming lesson at St. Alban's Sports Centre on Thursday morning. It'll be their last session next week.

<u> After-School Clubs – please keep your account in credit</u>

The outstanding debt for clubs this week stands at <u>£253.13</u> and <u>£123.30</u> for lunches. Please remember to top-up and keep your payment items in credit - there should be no debt! 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.

Advance Warning – No After School Clubs on 19th & 20th December

There will be no Games Club or Chill Club on Thursday 19th December due to staff training and there will be no Art Club on Friday 20th December because it is the last day of term and the Church service will finish at approximately 2pm when the children may go home.

Advance Warning – No Celebration Assembly on Friday 13th December

There will be no Celebration Assembly on Friday 13th December due to the Christmas performances. School will finish at the usual time of 3.30pm.



Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 11th December- ordering deadline is tomorrow

If you haven't done so already, please can you complete and return the slip for your child/ren and pass it to the school office **no later than tomorrow** to enable Ms Wright to place the food order in advance. Thank you.



Christmas Performance Costumes

Class 1 and 2 will have costumes provided by school. Class 3 & 4 pupils have been sent home with a letter if a costume is required from home. Please return the slip attached as soon as possible if your child has received a letter.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL.

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.

Non- Uniform Day next Monday 9th December

Please bring a chocolate donation for the FOSS Christmas tombola as a forfeit for not wearing uniform.

Malton Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal 2019

Please be reminded that 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.

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FOSS NEWS- HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

Easyfundraising - Please don't forget to use the easyfundraising app for your Christmas shopping! It is really easy and you can register on your computer or any device. For every penny you spend at online retailers such as Amazon and supermarkets, they make a small donation to FOSS. Their website is www.easyfundraising.org.uk, choose FOSS, and details of what you need to know are on the site. We have already raised about £40 in the last week or so, just by a few of us using it for groceries or Christmas shopping!

Christmas Raffle Tickets - Please bring in your sold raffle tickets, money and any leftover tickets to the office by Monday 9 Dec. More books are available from the office. We have wonderful prizes including a 3 course Sunday lunch with a bottle of house wine at The Star Inn at Harome, the FOSS Hamper, Queens Beauty Boutique voucher, Castle Howard family pass, Castle Howard hamper, Florio's voucher, a Beadlam Grange breakfast for 2 and many other great prizes. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 13 December at the evening Christmas production.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER! - Christmas Party (11th Dec) and Productions (13th Dec)

The party and productions rosters are up in the school foyer. We really need help for these things, especially set up for the Christmas party. Please have a look and put your name down to help us. Bring your Christmas cheer! We also need your donations of mince pies for the refreshments stand at the productions. Please place them in the box in the foyer. School staff will accompany children to the Village Hall from school and some staff will stay on at the party. Parents should collect children from the Village Hall by 5.30pm. Children may bring party outfits to school with them and can change before going to the party.

Christmas Party Food Lists- Lists for party food donations by class are up in the foyer. Please have a look and sign up to one item only and either bring them to school in suitable packaging on the morning of the party (11 Dec) or to the Village Hall for 3pm that day.

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Swinton and District Training Band

Swinton and District Excelsior Band are holding an Open Evening on Friday 10th January from 6.30pm. They are a local village brass band and have a training band which meets most Fridays between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. They teach you how to read music and play a brass instrument, and will even loan you an instrument. There are no charges or subscriptions to pay you just need to commit to practising at home and coming along each Friday. Learning to play an instrument helps with focus and concentration and it is believed to help with the development of other brain functions, playing and listening to music also has the feel good factor. If you'd like to find our more, go and see them, have a go at some instruments and ask any questions you might have with absolutely no obligation. Ideally learners should have their adult front teeth, there is no upper age limit so adults are equally welcome. To book a slot or if you have any queries contact Steve and Tracey on 01653 696417 or email tpopam1@yahoo.co.uk or have a look at their Facebook page.

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