



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 12th December 2019

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School News

- Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic morning at Hope Central again this year making Christmas crafts and travelling back in time 2019 years through a time portal to Bethlehem where they met Tom the forgetful shepherd, a wise man and Mary, Joseph with baby Jesus. Luckily the Roman soldiers didn't find them and everyone returned back to school safely!
- A huge thank you to Miss Wright for preparing a really delicious Christmas lunch for us all on Wednesday.
- Class 3 had their last swimming lesson at St. Alban's Sports Centre this week. There will be no swimming for any classes next term.
- Mr Smith & Mr Cash attended a Foundations Subjects meeting with all the schools in the Howardian Alliance on Monday night at Leavening School which was very useful.
- Miss Hope & Mrs Massey had a helpful GDPR audit review on Monday with our Data Protection Officer from Veritau who praised the school for our tight systems and progress in bringing the school in line with new regulations.
- A very special visitor surprised the children at the Christmas Party on Wednesday! All the children loved meeting Father Christmas in his impressive grotto and had a lot of fun at Magic Mike's disco. A big thank you to FOSS for another great Christmas party.



After-School Clubs – please keep your account in credit

The outstanding debt for clubs this week stands at **£184.50** and **£248.25** 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.



Before and After-School Clubs – Spring Term

Clubs for next term will be reviewed and confirmed next week. Please remember to book your child/ren into any clubs at the start of term by email to the School Office and **pay in advance** on Parent Pay at the same time. It would be helpful if you could please confirm whether the booking is a regular weekly booking or a one off. Many thanks.



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Parent Questionnaires & Parent View

Thank you for all the completed feedback questionnaires. They have been overwhelmingly supportive and full of praise for school which is both encouraging and reassuring for the staff team who work so hard to maintain high standards despite the never ending budget cuts and added pressures. Your views are important to us and if you ever do have any queries or complaints, the correct forum is to speak to the Head Teacher and school staff first and foremost. We would always ask that any concerns are brought to our attention before a questionnaire is completed to give us the opportunity to address and resolve the issues which are within our control. We would be hugely grateful for your further support in adding your views to the Ofsted Parent View website at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. This is an anonymous questionnaire; however, please note that you should only complete it once and Ofsted will investigate any suspicious activity. Thank you.



Water bottles

Please be reminded that children must only bring water in bottles to school. We are a sugar-free school and promote healthy eating and drinking. In addition, there have been spillages recently where squash is in bottles which causes sticky floors! Please help us keep the same rules for everyone and enjoy squash at home.



Spring Term Menu

The new menu for next term is attached.



Medicines

School have acquired a lot of medicines since September! These will all be returned to parents at the end of term. Please check expiry dates before returning any to us in January.



Malton Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal 2019- deadline 14th December

Thank you to everyone who have generously donated to the Malton Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal so far. The Appeal deadline is 14th December 2019. You can help us to support this appeal by 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.



The Book People

The Book People will now donate £1 to Slingsby School for all orders placed by parents that are over £10.



Parking outside School

Further to our previous messages regarding driving and parking safely and sensibly around school, please continue to be mindful of our local community. Now that the nights are drawing in please be extra vigilant crossing the road to get to and from school using the Green Cross Code and be conscious that there are cars pulling in and out that may not have been seen by you so always look for a sensible, clear place to cross. Thank you.



FOSS NEWS

THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS! - FOSS would like to thank all the volunteers who are helping out at the Christmas Party and Productions this week. Your support is so generous and we couldn't get everything done without you.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS Friday 13th Dec - The productions are on Friday at 2pm (KS1) and 6pm (KS2). If you can help out with the set-up, during or pack up of the productions that would be great. If you are coming to help with set up please arrive at 1:30pm and 2:30pm respectively. Raffle ticket deadline has been extended - you can bring them and the money to school on Friday morning or to the village hall up to 6pm.

EASY FUNDRAISING - Don't forget to use easyfundraising for all your Christmas shopping and groceries! It's really simple and a donation is made to the school every time you shop. We have raised over £50 just in the last month or so without doing anything extra!

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