



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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## School News

- We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Mortimer at the end of this term, but we are delighted to be able to confirm that after a successful interview last week, Miss Pearce has been appointed as the new Class 1 Teacher. Miss Pearce will be working alongside Mr Mortimer and Mrs Mitchell for a few days before the end of term to get to know our super Class 1 children to make the transition as smooth as possible for them. We know you will join us making Miss Pearce feel very welcome in January.
- Class 3 Parents' Evening phonecall meetings were positive this week and we hope that everyone who wanted to have an appointment has now had a telephone call with your child's class teacher.
- Parent Questionnaires have been emailed to you today and we would be hugely grateful if you could take the time to complete and return them by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may post your Questionnaire through our letterbox.
- School will be finishing at the usual finish times on the last day of term - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- There will be no after school clubs on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Breakfast Club will run as usual.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Jumper (non-uniform) day and we will be enjoying school Christmas lunch in our bubbles. It is also the FOSS Christmas Party after school for all the children, 3.30-5pm. The Christmas t-shirt competition will take place during the party and the children are welcome to wear their Christmas t-shirts all day, or can change into them for the party, in which case they must be brought in a clearly labelled carrier bag. If your child is not staying for the Christmas Party, please let the School Office know that you will be collecting your child/ren from their usual exit at the usual time. Chill Club will run from 5-6pm.
- A big thank you to Mr Bishop and his team of villagers who have generously put Christmas lights up on the Village Green trees for the first time this year for everyone to enjoy but especially for the children when they leave school at the end of the day. We all think they look wonderful!



## Covid-19 Track & Trace during the Christmas break

Mr Smith, Miss Hope and Mrs Massey will be on call until Christmas Eve for the purposes of Covid-19 Track and Trace. Please ensure that if anyone in your household becomes symptomatic you follow the Government Guidelines and obtain a Covid-19 as soon as possible. If the result is positive for any children of our school, please email [admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk) immediately so that we can implement the required track and trace procedure as quickly as possible. We must all continue to work together for the safety of our community.



## Parent Pay – please keep accounts in credit

Please ensure your Parent Pay accounts are checked regularly and paid up to date. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



## FOSS Update

The FOSS Christmas Draw - **YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS!** - The deadline for purchasing Christmas Draw tickets is this week, Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> December. Don't miss your chance to win fantastic prizes including some traditional favourites such as the FOSS Local Hamper, a pass for 2 people to Castle Howard's House and Gardens, and a family ticket to the Palace Cinema. Please spread the word to your family and friends! Tickets are £5 each and payment can be done through the FOSS bank account. You will be emailed a confirmation and a Christmas Song as your ticket.

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draw will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> December by Mr Smith and will be posted online, further details can be found on the attached leaflet.

**FOSS Christmas Party - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3:30 - 5:00pm** - We are delighted that the FOSS Christmas Party will still go ahead this year with a huge thanks to the staff at school, the party will be in school within class bubbles, with their teachers supervising and running lots of fun festive activities, giving the children the opportunity to celebrate Christmas time with their friends. Party food will be provided to each child plus a Christmas gift.

**FOSS Christmas T-Shirt Competition** - Each child has now been provided with a plain white t-shirt. The t-shirts can be decorated with a Christmas theme and then worn on the 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Christmas Party, either under their Christmas jumper for the day, or brought in a named bag to put on for the party. Mr Smith will judge the t-shirt designs in each class bubble, and a prize will be given for first place. See the attached leaflet for more details and some decorating ideas. Those children not attending clubs or the party can be collected at their usual times from their usual exits. An exception has been made to the staggered finish times to enable this event to happen so please remember to follow the guidelines and not gather in groups on The Green and maintain 2m social distancing from other parents and carers.

**Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile** - A reminder that when you are doing your Christmas shopping you really can make such a difference to the amount of money donated to school when you shop online via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). We are also now registered with AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk), log in to your account and select FOSS as your charity then shop as you normally would with Amazon. See the attached leaflet for more details about how you can raise money for school when shopping online.

Don't forget you can follow us on Facebook @friendsofslingsbyschool for all the latest updates on our fundraising event.

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### **Supporting our Local Community this Christmas**

There are many individuals and families really struggling - especially this year because of the national pandemic. Jobs have been lost and relationships have broken down and as it gets colder some people are having to make heart breaking choices for the first time as to whether they can afford the very basics of warmth or food. We would really love you to help us to support two amazing local charities this Christmas who are doing incredible work to care for people in our own community. Sadly, we are unable to accept collections in school this year, but there are specific drop points locally which are easy to get to.

**Ryedale Food Bank at Hope Central** - We have always worked closely with Hope Central in Norton and currently their foodbank is in desperate need of family friendly shampoo and shower gels, squash, hot chocolate powder to mix with water, small packets of tea bags, small jars of coffee and any tinned goods. They are unable to accept fresh food. Donations can be dropped at Hope Central Warehouse, 7A Howe Road, Norton YO17 9BH or alternatively there are collection boxes at Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Heron and Lidl in Malton. If you would like assistance from the Food Bank because you are struggling yourself, then please contact them. They are providing Christmas boxes to anyone in need. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

**The Salvation Army** - As many of you know, our very own Mr Mortimer plays in the Salvation Army band and despite all the restrictions, the amazing Salvation Army volunteers in Malton & Norton have managed to devise a safe plan for accepting toy donations. If you have any new toys or winter clothes you can donate, then these can be delivered to The Salvation Army Hall on Wood Street Saturday on **Saturday 12/12/20 3-5pm**.



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