



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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What a year! Who could have predicted that we would have an Ofsted Inspection in the middle of a global pandemic; followed by a three-month school closure, home learning and a national track and trace programme to contend with in 2020! We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your support during this term and for your understanding and patience with the difficult decisions we have had to make and new systems we are following. We are so proud of all our children for being such superstars, especially this year. They have been brilliant in every way and have worked so hard this term. We feel sad that you have not been able to come in to experience the happy buzz in our classrooms and see the amazing work the children have been doing as you have done before, but hopefully next year we will be able to welcome you back in. Thank you also for all your kind and encouraging feedback in the Parent Questionnaires and Parents Evening meetings which is much appreciated. Every single child is equally important to us and we will always do our best to work with you to ensure their progress and wellbeing whatever the circumstances. We very much hope you are able to have a restful Christmas and stay safe. We have been overwhelmed by your generous presents to all the staff; thank you so much, they will be very much enjoyed. Here's to a happy and healthy 2021!  
From all the Staff at Slingsby School.



## Goodbye to Mr Mortimer

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mr Mortimer this week: our fantastic Class 1 teacher. Mr Mortimer has given so many children firm foundations for life and guided them from pre-school to being big grown up boys and girls ready and able to embrace their future years of education and the big wide world. We have often heard children say they wish they could stay in Mr Mortimer's class forever and it is fair to say that most parents love him just as much as their children! We have had so much fun working with Mr Mortimer over the years and we will really miss his enthusiasm, kindness, sense of humour and his DIY! Good luck Mr Mortimer, we wish you all the very best and please come back to see us all soon!



## School News

- It has been a great week of Christmas themed lessons and our Christmas lunch was absolutely delicious! Thank you so much Mrs Saunders! The FOSS class parties were full of fun with music, games, decoration making, party bags plus a Christmas gift for all. Everyone's t-shirts were spectacular too! A HUGE thank you to the FOSS team for all their incredible hard work in making it possible and for the teacher party treats too.
- The classes have been busy performing their Class songs for all their families to see and the private email link will be emailed out tomorrow. We respectfully request that these private links are not shared but please be aware that we have no control over individuals who choose to do so.
- There will be no after school clubs on Thursday and Friday this week. Breakfast Club will run as usual.
- School will finish at the normal times for each class on Friday.
- As set out in the letter from the Governors, there will be no short reports this term. End of term reports are not a requirement but something extra we at Slingsby School like to do if we can, but regrettably time has been against us this term with a lot of additional time spent on planning, assessment, Covid-19 related requirements and staff illness. We will always contact you individually if we need to discuss anything regarding your child and likewise you can always contact us during term time if you have any concerns.
- Pupils return on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** for the Spring Term. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a teacher training day.

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- Before and After School clubs will start back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and will remain the same. Please complete and return the attached Club Booking Form before **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** to book your child's place and to enable us to plan staffing. Please see attached the SCSS booking form for Mondays and liaise with them direct.
- The Spring lunch menu will be emailed out to you once we have received it from County Caterers, before the first day back next term.



## **New Parent Governors**

We are delighted to inform you that our new Parent Governors are Mr Storrar and Mr Cousins and we warmly welcome them to our Governing Body. We very much look forward to working with them next year. Many thanks for taking the time to vote.

**Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome**

## **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 test 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 and all arrears are cleared before returning to school in the New Year. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



## **Morrison's Random Acts of Kindness**

School took delivery of a bag full of goodies for the children from Kathryn Dunn, Morrisons Malton Community Champion on Tuesday as part of Morrisons Random Acts of Kindness donations. These sweets and treats have been quarantined and will be shared with the children on Friday. Thank you Morrisons for such a lovely unexpected surprise. You can follow Kathryn on Facebook via the Morrisons Malton Community Champion page.



## **Snowy Weather**

If we have snow next term, please send your children into school with wellies in a labelled carrier bag and with appropriate warm winter clothing. The children will not be allowed to play out in the snow at break times without wellies or coats. If the snow is so bad as to affect school opening, we will let you know by 8am via text message on the T2P App, and similarly if it means we have to close early for the safety of everyone travelling, we will do the same. It will also be announced on Greatest Hits Radio York & North Yorkshire.



## **FOSS Update**

### **The FOSS Christmas Draw**

A huge thank you to everyone that has purchased Christmas Draw tickets, the draw has taken place by Mr Smith which can be viewed on the FOSS Facebook page and we are delighted to announce the winners are:

- Voucher for Florian Poirot - Chantelle Edsall
- A pass for 2 people to Castle Howard's House and Gardens - Lu Turner
- Voucher for Kemps, Malton - Arlo
- A family ticket to the Palace Cinema - Florence
- FOSS Local Hamper - Louise Raines

All the winners will be contacted directly by FOSS to arrange delivery of the prizes.

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## FOSS Christmas Party

A huge thank you to the staff at school for running the Christmas parties in class bubbles. It was clear to see by the smiles on their faces as the children left that it was a great success in giving them the chance to have fun and celebrate Christmas time with their friends.

## FOSS Christmas T-Shirt Competition

Thank you to all the children (and parents) for your efforts in decorating the Christmas t-shirts. Mr Smith commented on how fantastic it was to see how creative everyone had been, the winners from each class are below, check our social media pages for pictures of the winning t-shirts.

Class 1 - Hector

Class 2 - Xavier

Class 3 - Olivia

Class 4 - Riley

## Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile

A last-minute 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.

We would like to say a big thank you and farewell to Mel who is leaving to move back to Australia, thank you for your contribution to FOSS and we wish you all the best for the future.

Finally thank you to all families of Slingsby School and the staff for your continued support over what has been an uncertain and difficult year, we wish you all a very merry Christmas.

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## Supporting our Local Community this Christmas

Further to our previous Newsletters, the Salvation Army are no longer accepting donations but the [Ryedale Food Bank at Hope Central](#) are still 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.

We very much hope that Christmas will be a happy time for all our families but if you are struggling, please do not suffer in silence. We will always help and support any family in need as best we can and there are lots agencies including the Malton & Norton Salvation Army and Ryedale Food Bank who can offer assistance. The Young Minds charity has a Parent Helpline open Mon - Fri 9am to 4pm 0808 802 5544.



**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas**



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