



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

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## School News

- Ryedale is now in Tier 2 of the National restrictions and all our current systems remain unchanged. Please continue to follow social distancing around school and help us to keep our community safe.
- A very warm welcome to our new cook Mrs Saunders who has been fantastic this week and the children have loved her delicious cooking. Service in the classrooms has worked well and the children, as always, have adapted brilliantly to the new routine.
- Class 1 & 2 Parents' Evenings were positive on Tuesday and Wednesday. Class 3 Parents' Evening will take place next week and all parents who had requested an appointment should have been contacted to confirm the new arrangements.
- We have had an overwhelming response for the position of Class 1 teacher and interviews are taking place today.
- We were all very excited to take delivery of a fresh Christmas Tree from Castle Howard earlier this week which has been decorated by our Chill Clubbers in their separate bubbles, and looks bright and sparkly in our main entrance. A huge thank you to Castle Howard.
- We are not letting current restrictions prevent us from having lots of festive fun in school over the coming weeks; You should have all received a letter from Mr Smith on Monday setting out our ambitious plans for Class Christmas performances! In addition, the children will be enjoying Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and this will also be our Christmas Jumper (non-uniform) day, followed by the FOSS Christmas party in each class from 3:30 – 5pm.
- Please note that in the last week of term there will be no after-school clubs on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> or Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Breakfast club will run as usual all week.



## Parent Pay – please keep accounts in credit

Thank you for keeping your Parent Pay accounts up to date. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



## Interactive Advent Calendar

We have put a link to the Outdoor Ted Interactive Advent Calendar for children on the Home Learning pages on our website. This has been kindly shared with us by Mr Pope who is Edward, Henry and Florence's daddy. We use Mr Pope's Koboca programme in school which focuses on online physical education surveys and nutritional information for children, and Koboca have contributed to the interactive calendar. Every day on the calendar there is a new exciting activity for the children to try which we think they will really enjoy.



## Raspberry Pi Foundation

The Raspberry Pi Foundation is a charity whose educational mission it is to put the power of computing into the hands of young people all over the world and they have created a free "learn at home" initiative. This includes 200+ online step-by-step coding projects for children age 6 and above, including projects focused on wellbeing and protecting the planet. Their team of educators host weekly live streams where young people learn about getting creative with technology. They are also running an exciting space challenge, Astro Pi Mission Zero in partnership with the European Space Agency, which gives under-15s the opportunity to send a message to the International Space Station! The link is on the main Home Learning page together with links to many other free online resources.



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## **FOSS Update**

### **The FOSS Christmas Draw**

This school year has been a tricky one for us all and for FOSS it has meant we were unable to run our biggest fundraising events; the Duck Race and Scarecrow Trail. Unfortunately, with the School Productions unable to go ahead in their usual format that also means we are unable to run our raffle and tombola fundraisers. To continue to raise funds for Slingsby School we have created a Christmas Draw for this year's festive fundraising event. We have some fantastic prizes on offer 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. The 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 at 3:30 - 5pm**

We are delighted to announce that the FOSS Christmas Party will still go ahead this year. There is no doubt that our children have missed out on countless parties and opportunities to simply have fun with their friends this year. We are so pleased that with a huge thanks to the staff at school, the party will go ahead 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 will be bringing home a plain white t-shirt this week. The t-shirts can be decorated with a Christmas theme and then worn on the 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Christmas 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. Chill Club will be running as usual after the Christmas party from 5-6pm. 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.

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

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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 5/12/20 3pm-5pm, Monday 7/12/20 12-2pm, Wednesday 9/12/20 3-4pm or final collection on Saturday 12/12/20 3-5pm.



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