



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 14th October 2021

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Message from Mr Smith

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our staff and families for your positive and pro-active approach to the events of the last week. I feel immensely proud to work with you all and the messages of support and offers of help have been hugely appreciated. Our team continue to deal with every challenge calmly and logically, and with a smile. By responding quickly to the first cases of Covid-19 in school last week, and temporarily reverting to tighter systems in school as per our Outbreak Management Plan, we have limited the spread and I am delighted to inform you that there have been **NO** additional positive cases to report within school this week. Therefore, we will be returning to normal from next Monday which means class 2, 3 and 4 children can enter through the main door in a morning as usual and after-school club provision will also resume (we have not charged parents/carers for the after-school care provided this week). I would just like to end by saying a sincere 'thank you' to all for your patience and understanding this week, and ask you to continue to be vigilant and follow the government guidelines. Stay Well! Mr Smith.

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School News

- Class 4 have been having a fantastic time at Peat Rigg on their five-day residential. There was a cheer as the bus left on Monday. The reports we have had from the Peat Rigg staff truly do fill us with pride. Their instructor, Craig, has commented that he has never had a group who have supported and encouraged each other as much as our super Year 5 & 6 children! The activities have been very challenging, whilst lots of fun, and the children have pushed themselves to another level in reaching their personal goals. Well done Class 4!
- Class 2 have had their third swimming lesson at the St Albans Centre, Ampleforth today.



Attendance Reminder

Please can we remind parents and carers that the school doors open at 8:40am and children are expected to arrive at school before 8:50am so that they are present for registration. Children who arrive in school after 8:50am must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is required to walk them to the door. Where a genuine reason for lateness exists, this will be an authorised absence but where explanations are inadequate or the lateness is after 9am, then an absence (late) will be recorded. We monitor attendance patterns closely and where unacceptable levels of persistent lateness occurs, a formal letter will be sent home to parents/carers. We have a duty of care, shared with the Local Authority, to challenge poor attendance and to liaise with the Local Authority for Safeguarding purposes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



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Harvest Festival Service

Next Tuesday, 19th October, we are planning for the children to attend a Harvest Themed assembly at chapel which will be led by Tony Bower. Due to the recent events in school over the past week, this assembly will be somewhat toned down to previous years but the children will still be getting involved and participating in the service. We are organising a collection for the food bank again this year so if parents/carers would like to donate dried food items, we will be accepting donations from next Monday and will deliver it to Hope Central in Malton at the end of the week.



Hedgehog Rescue Mission

On Monday, one of our Class 2 children spotted a young hedgehog among the bark chippings of the wildlife area. Hedgehogs are nocturnal so should not be out during daylight hours, they should come out at or after dusk to forage, through until early in the morning. If they are seen out in the day it is usually a sign of ill health so we found a box and, wearing gardening gloves, gently scooped the hedgehog up. Miss Hope contacted the Hedgehog Rescue Centre at Pickering who said the most important thing is to keep them warm so a homemade hot water bottle was made out of a drinks bottle and warm water: he was covered with a blanket and was given a bowl of water. The children then set to and gathered up a few worms which little 'Fred' did eat as they were gone by the time Mrs Jordan reached the rescue centre. Fred is doing okay and is now recuperating at the centre.



Parent Pay Debt – Please Pay

The debt this week is **£447.99**. Please check your Parent Pay accounts regularly and ensure all outstanding arrears are paid to date. You can set up an automatic bank transfer to keep your account items in credit and also a text reminder service to help remind you when your balance is low. **Lunches and clubs must be paid for in advance, not in arrears.**



FOSS Update

AGM

The FOSS AGM is today, Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm, the meeting will now take place online. We warmly welcome any parents and carers, new to the school and existing to join us, please email on friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk by 5pm and we will send the Teams invitation to attend.

Halloween Party Wednesday 20th October

We are pleased to confirm that the Halloween party will still go ahead. Tickets are available through Parent Pay and are priced at £4.50 per child when bought in advance, or can be bought on the door for £5. We ask if you could please buy your tickets before Monday the 18th October to give us time to organise the party food and supplies. Children attending the party will be accompanied over to the village hall by Slingsby school staff.

Volunteers - We still need volunteers to help run this fun event! If you are able to volunteer please email us on friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk and specify any timeslot you are available for.

Refreshments (preparing / serving food): 3.45pm-5.30pm

Face painting: 3.45pm-5.30pm

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Temporary tattoos: 3.45pm-5.30pm

Pumpkin Competition - Enter the pumpkin carving competition by leaving your finished pumpkin design at Slingsby village hall on the day of the party and remember to include your name. The entry fee for this competition is £1 and is payable via Parent Pay.

Fancy Dress Competition - There will be a prize each for the best costume in KS1 and KS2. Children can bring their outfit in a named bag into school on the day of the party and can change into their costumes at the end of the day.

Recipe Book

We would love to produce a book full of family recipes in time for Christmas. If you have a favourite recipe you would like to include please submit the recipe along with a photograph or illustration to friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.



Flu Vaccination

The Childhood Immunisation Team nurses will be visiting school to carry out the influenza immunisation programme for all children from Reception to Year 6 on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 10.30am. Please read the letter attached for details of how to consent for your child, as well as answers to common questions about the influenza vaccination programme. ***For the avoidance of doubt, we have not received any communications regarding Covid-19 vaccinations for children.***



Stargazing at Gilling Castle

Gilling Castle are hosting a Dark Skies event during the half term holiday. This event ties in with the NYMNP Dark Skies mini-festival. It is a ticket only event and tickets can be purchased by following the link on our website, or via this link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-epadey>. Please see the attached poster for more details.



Halloween Comes to Scampston

Scampston Hall are gearing up for a new Halloween event at the Walled Garden this coming Saturday 16th October for 2 weeks, featuring a pumpkin patch, Halloween trail and spooky story walks around the parkland. They are hoping the event will be enjoyed by local families in Ryedale before they close the estate for the winter at the end of October. Please see their attached information sheet for further details.



Covid-19

Thank you for your support in helping us to prevent an outbreak of Covid-19 in school. Please undertake twice weekly free Lateral Flow testing and in addition, if you or your children display any of the Covid-19 symptoms, please DO NOT send them in to school and take a free PCR test as soon as possible. Please ensure you practice regular hand washing and hygiene at home as we are in school. If children begin to display symptoms in school we will contact you and ask you to collect them immediately and book a free PCR test. Please read the latest Government guidance so that you are familiar with the symptoms and current procedures required. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.



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