



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 4th November 2021

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Message from Mr Smith

I hope you all had a fun half term. We were sorry for those who developed Coronavirus during the break and thank you once again for following the guidelines to minimise the spread. All staff have now returned and it feels great to be a full team again! It has been straight back to business this week in school and we have begun our Christmas Performance rehearsals with great enthusiasm so you will probably start to hear the children singing snippets of festive songs over the coming weeks! We would also like to say a special 'Welcome back' to our brilliant Midday Supervisory Assistant, Ms Wilson, who has returned after a big knee operation in the summer. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening soon.



School News

- Everyone who requested a parent meeting should now have received a confirmation email with their Parents' Evening appointment time for Class 1 and 3 on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November and Class 2 and 4 on 23rd and 24th November. If you have not yet requested a meeting and wish to do so, please email the School Office by the end of the week.
- Class 2 have had their fifth swimming lesson at the St Albans Centre, Ampleforth today.
- A reminder that if you wish your children to attend Clubs regularly, you need to complete the Clubs booking form that was sent out before half term so that we can ensure we have the correct number of staff and resources for the clubs.
- For this year's Children in Need on **Friday 19th November**, we are inviting the children to wear non-uniform, as long as it follows the theme of 'Stripes or Spots' (or both!). If your child would like to wear spots and stripes on this day, there is BBC Children in Need donations page set up on ParentPay. Please follow this link if you would like to make a donation to raise money for this worthy cause <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4616>
- All forthcoming events communicated in the newsletters are also available to view on our dedicated Key Dates page of the School's website <http://www.slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/calendar/>



Bonfire Night Safety Message

Mr. Smith has led a special assembly about how we can stay safe on bonfire night today. We hope that you all have a happy and safe Bonfire Night; here are some top tips and information from the North Yorkshire fire service:

Whilst most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, in the wrong hands they can cause real misery. Remember that fireworks are explosives, and as such should be treated with respect and only used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the Firework Code.

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We encourage you to attend an organised display as these are safer than having a display at home. However, if you are planning a home display, think carefully, plan carefully and follow the Firework Code.

- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable
- Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
- Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators

If you're having a bonfire:

- Check for hedgehogs and other wildlife before lighting your bonfire.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Don't build bonfires close to trees, hedges or sheds.
- Don't leave bonfires unattended.
- Make sure that the bonfire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

North Yorkshire Police also want to remind people that you must be over 18 to purchase fireworks and that it is illegal to set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places. You can be fined up to £5,000 and imprisoned for up to 6 months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90.



Menu Change – Friday 5th November- Bonfire Night Special!

County Caterers are doing a special Bonfire Night lunch tomorrow so instead of Fish Fingers it will be Hot Dog and Chips with Peas and Sweetcorn!



Remembrance Wreath Donation

Jamie Sharp From J Rymer Funeral Directors in Malton visited the school this week to generously donate poppy wreath making kits for ALL the children. We will really enjoy doing these together in school as part of our Remembrance Day teaching on November 11th.



Parent Pay Debt – Please Pay

The debt this week is **£479.71**. 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

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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

Christmas Draw - This year we are running a Christmas draw with some fantastic prizes to be won including a £150 voucher for the Star at Harome, the FOSS hamper packed with local Christmas goodies, a Talbot Yard hamper and many more! Each child will receive a Christmas draw form this week in school, please sell as many tickets as you can - there is a prize for the highest fundraising family! See the attached leaflet for more details.

Bag2School - Our next bag2school collection is Wednesday the 1st of December, an ideal opportunity to have a pre-Christmas sort out and a great way to raise funds for school. Please see details of accepted items in the link bag2school.com/what-we-collect.

Halloween Party - A huge thank you to school staff and our parent volunteers, with all your help this event raised approximately **£350**, a fantastic result!

AGM - The FOSS AGM took place on Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm. Thank you to those who joined us, for further details from the meeting please find the minutes attached.

Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile

For anyone making a start on their Christmas shopping please remember that we are a registered charity with both www.easyfundraising.org.uk <<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and <http://smile.amazon.co.uk> <<http://smile.amazon.co.uk/>. Simply log in to your account and select FOSS as your charity then shop as you normally would through the site online. Supporting FOSS when you shop online really does make a difference to our fundraising and contribution to school.



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.***



Slingsby Village Bonfire and Firework Display Friday 5th November

The Sports Club are hosting a free Bonfire night event tomorrow evening from 6.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for details. The playground fundraising committee will also have stalls on the night to help raise money for new playground equipment so please support this great cause.



Light Up Slingsby for Christmas

Slingsby village is hoping to 'light up' for Christmas during the month of December and everyone who lives in the village is encouraged to join in to create a bright and festive atmosphere. This will be particularly enjoyable for the children when leaving school on the darker evenings.



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