



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Smith

We have had another great week in school and Christmas performance rehearsals are well underway; getting us all in the festive mood already! As mentioned last term, due to patterns of late and lower attendance emerging in our attendance data, we are focusing on improving attendance in school this term. Of course, we do not wish you to bring your children in to school if they are unwell and the winter inevitably causes more illnesses than usual, especially with Covid-19, but we are here to help and wish to work together with you and your children to ensure good attendance wherever possible, which includes arriving on time.

There has been a pleasing improvement this week with punctuality and thank you to the many families who continue to arrive on time before 8:50am. You may have noticed that we are now asking for and recording reasons for lateness after 8.50am on the door. This is so we can analyse any common themes and work with families to tackle any obstacles which may be affecting punctuality. If you have any concerns whatsoever about attendance, please do not hesitate to have a chat with me.

Why is Attendance Important?

Every school day counts and every minute in our day is really valuable learning time. Being late and days off school add up to a lot of lost education and can affect achievement. There are 175 non-school days per year which is 175 days to spend on special family time, visits, holidays and other appointments. There are 190 days to learn and develop in school. This is the guidance we follow:

190 school days in each year	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good attendance	Good attendance	Worrying attendance	Worrying attendance	Serious Concern	Serious Concern

Absence	Lateness
1 Day Absent = 5 hours of learning missed 3 Days Absent = 15 hours of learning missed 1 Week = 25 hours of learning missed 2 Weeks = 50 hours of learning missed 3 Weeks = 75 hours of learning missed	5 minutes late each day means: 1 week = 25 minutes of learning lost 1 month = 1 hour 40 minutes of learning lost 1 year = 16 hours of learning lost

For more information, our Attendance Policy is available on our website <http://www.slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Attendance-Policy-Pupils-March-2022.pdf> .

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School News

- Don't forget that it is Children in Need tomorrow! We are inviting all the children to wear non-uniform, with the theme of 'Stripes or Spots' (or both!). If your child would like to wear spots and stripes on this day, there is a BBC Children in Need donations page set up on ParentPay. Please follow this link to make a donation to raise money for this worthy cause <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4616>
- Class 2 and 4 parents' evenings are taking place next Tuesday and Wednesday. Confirmation of appointment times were emailed on 2nd 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.
- Dr Samantha Free from Malton School visited school on Wednesday to lead a space topic session with the Year 5 and 6 children, which involved a trip down to the school field to understand the relative size differences of the planets in our solar system, and to map out the differences in distances.
- Miss Hope and Mrs Massey completed the school's annual Health & Safety paperwork inspection today with our NYCC Health and Safety Officer and we are pleased to say we passed with flying colours.
- Christmas performances are being held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th December – KS1 will be at 2pm and KS2 will be at 6pm. Subject to the Covid-19 situation at the time, we very much hope that you will all be able to attend this year. We cannot wait to kick start this year's Christmas festivities with our long-awaited Christmas plays.
- Letters have gone home this week about clothing items needed for the Christmas Performance. These need to be in school in a name carrier bag no later than **3rd December** for our dress rehearsals. If you are struggling to get hold of any of the items listed, please speak to your class teacher who will do all they can source the item(s).



Parent Pay Debt – Please pay as soon as possible

The debt this week is up to **£811.36**. This is extremely high and we would be grateful if you could check your accounts to bring this figure down to £0. **Lunches and clubs must be paid for in advance, not in arrears.** Please check your Parent Pay accounts regularly and ensure all outstanding arrears are paid to date on each item. You can set up an automatic bank transfer to keep specific account items in credit at all times and also a text reminder service to help remind you when your balance is low.



DFE Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme - FEASTive Fun

The Department for Education is providing local authorities with funding to coordinate a holiday programme offer combining healthy food and enriching activities for children and young people who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. The County Council has commissioned North Yorkshire Together, a partnership between Rural Arts, North Yorkshire Sport and North Yorkshire Youth, as lead provider for the FEAST programme. FEAST will be back for the Christmas break, with free places at face to face holiday activities available for eligible children and online resources that all North Yorkshire families can enjoy. All those currently receiving benefits-related free school meals will receive a letter about the programme and how they can take part. An activity pack will be handed out before we break up for Christmas.



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Safe Use of Netflix

Please see the attached flyer 'What parents & carers need to know about Netflix'. It's important that we as parents/carers recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures we can take to help our children enjoy a safe streaming experience. Additionally, our guidance on Safe Use of the Internet is available on our website.



FOSS Update

Christmas Draw - Please continue to sell your Christmas draw tickets. There are 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! Plus, a prize for the highest fundraising family, a family pass to JORVICK Viking Centre! 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. The collection will be at Slingsby sports field between 8am-9am. Details of accepted items can be found in the link bag2school.com/what-we-collect.

Non-uniform day Friday 3rd December - School are kindly hosting a non-uniform day on Friday the 3rd of December. For all those choosing to wear non-uniform we ask for a donation of chocolate or a festive sweet item that can be used as a prize at our Christmas tombola which will be held at the school Christmas performance.

Christmas Party - We are busy planning for this year's Christmas party. In previous years we have provided a list for party food contributions in the foyer where parents and carers have volunteered to provide specific items. Due to current circumstances we are re-thinking this year and the school office will be sending out an email and form on our behalf. Please add your name to any food contribution that you would be happy to supply and return it to friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile - Please support FOSS by raising free donations when you shop online. In the lead up to Christmas, it's a great time to support us and help raise more money for school. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to join, please see more details about how to shop using these sites in the attached leaflet.

Plus, for a limited time only easyfundraising are running a special event, once you've raised your first £15 - easyfundraising will match it! Sign up now using the link below. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofslingsbyschool/?invite=hpbhrv&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox



North Yorkshire Libraries Christmas Reading Challenge

STARTS 20TH NOVEMBER! Something exciting is coming to North Yorkshire Libraries this Christmas! We're challenging children aged 4-11 to read four library books between 20th November and Christmas to win stickers, prizes, a certificate, and a special Christmas gift.... And we haven't forgotten the little ones, Buzzy Bee has something exciting for them too! Think you can take on the challenge? Pop into your local library, give us a call, or follow us on Facebook for more information.



Flu Vaccination

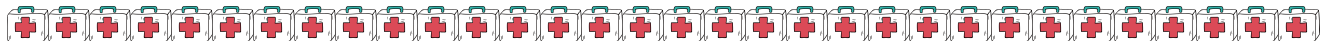
The Childhood Immunisation Team nurses will be visiting school to carry out the influenza immunisation programme for all children from Reception to Year 6 on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 10.30am. Please read the letter attached for details of how to consent for your child, as well as

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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.***



Covid-19

Thank you for your support in helping us to prevent further outbreaks of Covid-19 in school. Rates remain high locally so please continue to 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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