



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st October 2021

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Message from Mr Smith

It has been a great half term and I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all our pupils and staff at Slingsby School for continuing to work so very hard: they have a superb attitude and I feel extremely fortunate to work in such a wonderful learning environment. It was also great to hear such positive comments from parents at the Halloween party this week about how polite, well-mannered and caring our pupils are – wonderful to hear!

Have a restful half term break and please remember to complete your club booking form and parents evening booking form before the end of the week. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 1st November. Mr Smith.



School News

- Thank you to FOSS for providing the children with such a brilliant Halloween Party last night. FOSS put in a huge amount of time and effort decorating the hall, baking, cooking, preparing the stalls and face painting. There were many excited children in school yesterday! Thank you to all the volunteer parents who attended the event and helped the children to have some well-earned fun.
- Class 2 have had their fourth swimming lesson at the St Albans Centre, Ampleforth today.
- Please see attached details regarding SCSS's Friday after-school club sessions for Autumn Terms 2. Remember to book with them directly.
- Please see attached the club booking form for Autumn Term 2. Please complete and return before **Monday 1st November**.
- The Autumn Parents' Evening booking form for all classes was emailed out on Tuesday of this week. Please note that there has been a slight change to the previously communicated dates. Class 2 and 4's parents' evenings will take place on Tues 2nd and Weds 3rd November. Class 1 and 3's parents' evenings will take place on Tues 9th and Weds 10th November. Please complete and return the form indicating your 1st, 2nd and 3rd preference, by **Friday 22nd October**.
- The Harvest Assembly took place in Chapel on Tuesday and was led by Tony Bower from the YoYo Trust. He led a lovely service and all the classes presented Harvest songs and poems. We are collecting food items for Hope Central food bank for Harvest and the box is at our front door so please bring in any donations for us to deliver next week.
- Staff will continue to lateral flow test for Covid-19 during the half term holidays and we ask that you all remain vigilant and continue to follow the Government guidance.



Menu Change – Friday 22nd October

Sincere apologies but due to continued delivery problems out of our control, we are having to change tomorrow's lunch menu to Pizza and Chips NOT Beef Burger in a Bun. Thank you.



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Attendance

We have seen an increase in late arrivals and pick-ups from school; and unauthorised school absence. These are issues we will be seeking to tackle next half term and separate correspondence will be sent out in due course. In the meantime, please remember that our school doors open at 8:40am and children are expected to arrive at school **before 8:50am** so that they are present for registration. This ensures the school day can start promptly, as we have a lot of learning to fit in to the day. Late arrivals cause disruption to the class, the office and the kitchen. 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. Please also ensure you collect your children on time at the end of the day, as our staff have their own families, planning and responsibilities to do after the school day has finished at 5.30pm. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Term Date Changes

Please see the amended Term Dates for 2021/2022. There have been a couple of important changes made by NYCC to allow for the additional bank holiday in this academic year and to amend the end of the summer term to finish on 25th July 2022 and not 26th July 2022:

- To celebrate the Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch, the Spring Bank Holiday 2022 (originally on Monday May 30th) has been moved to Thursday June 2nd and an additional bank holiday will be held on Friday June 3rd.
- We have been instructed by NYCC that the 25th July training day is now a Local Authority staff training day so we have had to allocate a new date for our second delegated staff training day which will be the 6th of June 2022.



Applications for Primary & Secondary Schools Placements

Primary Placements - If you have a child or know of someone whose child is due to start in Reception in September 2022 please see the attached letter advising parents/carers how to apply. The deadline to apply for a primary school place is **15th January 2022**, and the National Offer Day, when primary school places are allocated is 19th April 2022.

Secondary Placements - Please can we remind all parents Year 6 children, that if they have not applied already for a secondary school place for September 2022 you need to do this by **31st October 2022**



Nut Allergies – IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please can we remind all parents and carers that we are a **NUT FREE** school. We have three children in school who have severe and potentially life-threatening nut allergies. NO nut or nut derivatives should be brought into school in packed lunches and/or as snacks. This includes hazel, Brazil, almond, peanut, chestnut and coconut. This also applies and extends to class trips and residential. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



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Food Bank Donations

Thank you for all the wonderfully kind donations received this week. If you haven't yet, but would still like to donate dried food items, we are accepting donations until the end of the day tomorrow.



FOSS Update

AGM - The FOSS AGM took place on Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm. Thank you to those who joined us - the minutes will be circulated after half term.

Halloween Party - We were delighted to be able to host the Halloween party last night and thank you for supporting this event. A huge thank you to school staff and our parent volunteers with a special thank you to DJ Frankensmith for providing the entertainment! A wonderful job as always which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It was fantastic to see the wonderful costumes and pumpkin entries which made Mr Smith's job of choosing the winners incredibly difficult. Congratulations to the following prize winners:

Best Halloween Costume KS1 - Isla
Best Halloween Costume KS2 - Xander
Pumpkin Competition winner – Libby

If you haven't collected your pumpkin entry, please make sure you do so by this Friday. FOSS would also like to pass on their thanks to Mrs George who kindly brought along extra donated prizes from Kathryn Dunn and Morrisons, which were greatly appreciated.

Christmas Raffle - We will be hosting a Christmas Raffle again this year in a slightly different format but with some fantastic prizes! Look out for further details and ticket forms coming home with each child after half term.

Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile - For anyone making a start on their Christmas shopping please remember that we are a registered charity with both www.easyfundraising.org.uk and 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.***



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