



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 25th November 2021

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Message from Mr Smith

It has been very pleasing to see that pupil punctuality on a morning has improved considerably this week. Thank you to everyone for making a concerted effort to be in school on time - let's keep it up! It was wonderful to finally go ahead with Parents' Evening appointments for Class 2 and 4 on Tuesday and Wednesday, after having to postpone due to Covid-19. It was great to spend time catching up with all who attended. Well done to all our wonderful children - I have heard really glowing reports! Attached to today's newsletter email is our first Parent & Carer Questionnaire of the year. Parents and carers of our older children will have noticed that we did not ask you to write a comment in the 'Yellow Book' at the end of your Parents' Evening appointment this time. Instead, we have included a space to comment on your appointment at the end of the Parent & Carer Questionnaire. Many thanks.



School News

- You will be aware from our messages on the Teachers2Parents App that we currently have two positive cases of Covid-19 in Class 4. Thank you to everyone in Class 4 who have been for PCR tests because they are a close contact as per our letter emailed out on Monday morning; this really does help to limit the spread through school as some children can be asymptomatic. Home learning is available on our website for anyone off school because of Covid-19.
- There has been some confusion regarding when children should and should not attend school if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19. Please see the below clarification.
- Thank you to all those families who donated to Children in Need last week. We managed to raise £241! If you haven't yet but would still like to make a donation, the donations page will remain open until 2 December <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4616>
- We are excited to be going to the Scarborough pantomime on Wednesday 15th December. Please respond to the letter emailed out on Tuesday of this week regarding your child/ren's sandwich choice. We need all lunch choices in by **this Friday, 26th November** please so that Mrs Saunders can do the catering order.
- Class 2 and 4 parents' evenings took place this week. If you have not yet requested a meeting and wish to do so, please email the School Office or speak to your child's class teacher.
- All children eligible for benefits-related free school meals should have received their letter this week, informing them about the activity pack which will be arriving in schools from next week. The packs (bags) contain activity booklets, equipment and promotional information about the free Christmas holiday activities on offer to children and young people who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.
- Please may we ask all parents/carers to check their child/ren's PE kits this weekend to make sure they haven't picked up another child's item of clothing by mistake. We have a few children in school who have lost certain items. If all clothing items have name labels, it makes it much easier for staff in school to find and reunite items with their rightful owner.

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- The flu vaccination portal is now closed. If you have forgotten to sign your child up for the vaccine in school next week, there will be follow-up clinics with dates to be confirmed.
- Next Friday, 3rd December, is a non-uniform day in aid of the FOSS Christmas Tombola. Please donate a chocolate or sweet item and children can place their items in the boxes provided at their class entrance on the day. See the FOSS update below for more details.
- This year our Christmas jumper day will be on Thursday 16th December, which is the same day as our school Christmas lunch and the FOSS party. See the FOSS details of events below.
- There will be no after school clubs in the last week of term. Breakfast club will run as usual.
- On the last day of term, we hope to be having an end of term service but details are to be confirmed. In any event, the children will be allowed to leave early at around 2.30pm if you wish to take them, but for those who are unable to, school will be open until 3.30pm.



Should my child self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19?

From 16 August 2021, new Government guidance states that if you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19. If you find your family in this situation, all close contacts are advised by the Government to go for a PCR test to help limit the spread of the virus as some household members may not be symptomatic. If your child/ren are symptom free and showing negative on a lateral flow test, they should continue to attend school whilst waiting for their PCR test result. If your child is asked by school to obtain a PCR test because they have been identified as a close contact, are symptom free and negative on lateral flow tests, they should still attend school whilst waiting for their results. We strongly recommend all households continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

Also, with the season of bugs and viruses upon us, it can be difficult to discern when to send your child to school and when it is best to keep them at home. This NHS guidance is very useful and we strongly recommend all families read it and use it as a reference in the future.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Parent Pay Debt – Please pay as soon as possible

Thank you to everyone who have made payments to parent pay clearing debt. The debt this week is **£339.00**. Please check your Parent Pay accounts regularly and ensure all outstanding arrears are paid to date on each item. **Lunches and clubs must be paid for in advance, not in arrears.** 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. Please note that there will be no after school clubs in the last week of term.



Appeal for pre-loved nativity costumes!

We have an array of pre-loved costumes in school for the KS1 children to wear in their Christmas performance, however, we could really do with adding to our collection so if any families across the school have any old nativity style dressing up outfits that are no longer used at home, we would be hugely grateful for them i.e tunics, headdresses, belts, sashes or animal costumes etc. KS2 should have all received a note last week with their individual costumes details.



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FOSS Update

Christmas Draw - The deadline to return Christmas Draw forms is **Monday 6th December**.

Please try to sell as many tickets as you can and fill your form, the prize for the highest fundraising family is a family pass to JORVICK Viking Centre!

Baked donations - We have a stall at Hovingham Market on Saturday 4th December to sell Christmas Draw tickets and baked goods. We need your baking donations to sell, please email us if you are able to contribute and bring your baking to school on Friday the 3rd December, including a note of any allergens in your recipe.

Christmas Performances Thursday 9th December - FOSS run a refreshments stall and tombola at the school Christmas performances. To run our stalls we need your help! We are looking for volunteers for the KS1 and KS2 performance, if you are able to help please get in touch and email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk with your preferred time slot from the list below. We also need mince pie donations for our refreshments stall to be brought to school on Thursday 9th December. For our tombola prizes please bring into school a chocolate or a festive sweet item on non-uniform day, Friday the 3rd of December.

Volunteer times

KS1 (2pm performance)

Set up 1.15-1.30

Refreshments 1.30-2 & 2.30-3pm

Tombola 1.30-2 & 2.30-3pm

KS2 (6pm performance)

Refreshments 5.30-6pm & 6.30-7pm

Tombola 5.30-6pm & 6.30-7pm

Tidy up 7-7.30pm

Bag2school Wednesday 1st of December - 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.

Christmas Party Thursday 16th December - To run the Christmas party we rely on volunteers and donations, if you are able to help please get in touch and email us with your preferred time slot from the list below. There will be a email coming from school with a list of party food contributions, please add your name to any food contribution that you would be happy to supply and return it to friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Volunteer times:

Setup 2.30-3.30pm

Kitchen help / serving - 3.30-5pm

Tidy-up 5.30-6pm

FOSS Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 1st December - Bag2school collection
- Friday 3rd December - Tombola prize for non-uniform day and baked donations for Hovingham Market
- Thursday 9th December - Mince pie donations and volunteers for our stalls at the Christmas performances
- Thursday 16th December - Volunteers for the Christmas party and party food donations

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