



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 2nd December 2021

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Message from Mr Smith

Thank you to all who have been for PCR tests after receiving a close contact letter from us for Class 1 and 2 this week; it really does help to limit the spread through school, as some children can be asymptomatic and we are fortunate to have such an efficient test centre in Malton.

Following the Government's announcement over the weekend, we have received updated guidance from the DFE to reflect the change in measures for close contacts of suspected or confirmed Omicron cases (new South African variant). For everyone else, isolation rules are currently unchanged. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant. We currently have **THREE** positive cases of Covid-19 in school as of today, none of which are confirmed case of the Omicron variant.

Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant and who are asymptomatic, should continue to attend school as normal. Face coverings continue to be worn by staff and visitors when moving around in school and communal areas. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings.

Pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19 <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We continue to monitor the situation closely and very much hope that we will be able to proceed with our Christmas performances next week. Please continue to lateral flow twice weekly and we will be asking that any parents or carers attending the performances take a lateral flow before you come, not to attend if you are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms, and to wear a face covering throughout.



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School News

- It is with great sadness we will be saying goodbye to Mr Cash at the end of this term. All Class 3 parents and carers have received a letter this week. This has been a very hard decision for Mr. Cash to make and we hope you will join us in wishing him well in his future ventures. We thank him for his hard work during his time at Slingsby School; especially during the extremely challenging last 18 months.
- We have enjoyed play rehearsals in the Village Hall this week and as the saying goes, we are sure 'It will be alright on the night!' Please help your children practice their lines and songs at home over the coming week!
- Tomorrow is non-uniform day, in aid of the FOSS Christmas Tombola. Please donate a chocolate or sweet item which children can place in the boxes provided at their class entrance on the day. See the FOSS update below for more details.
- We were thrilled to receive a Christmas Tree on Tuesday morning which was kindly donated by Castle Howard and takes pride of place in the entrance hall.
- We are also happy to have received a tree sapling from Ryedale Council for the Queen's Jubilee.
- Please remember to complete and return the parent/carer questionnaire emailed out last week by tomorrow.
- The nasal flu vaccinations took place in school this morning. If you consented to your child/ren receiving the vaccination today but they didn't receive it, the immunisation nurses will be in contact with you. There will follow-up clinics available but you must book an appointment, you cannot just turn up.
- Miss Secker has completed Statutory Assessments Training this week.
- Mr Smith has completed a Primary Head Teacher Workshop this week.
- Please may we ask you all to double check PE kits again this weekend to make sure you don't have 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.
- 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 will be having an end of term service in the village Church at 1.30pm. 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.
- Please see the end of term "Dates to Remember" on the last page of this newsletter.



Appeal for pre-loved nativity costumes

Thank you for sending in your pre-loved dressing up costumes for KS1 to use. If there are any more out there, please do send them in!



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Snow Days!

It was fun surprise to have snow this week! When the weather is snowy we ask that all children bring wellies to school for outside play, in a labelled carrier bag, and indoor shoes for the classroom. Please also make sure your children are wearing plenty of layers as we are keeping the school well ventilated in line with Covid-19 guidelines. If the snow is severe, we will follow the actions set out in our "Unavoidable Closure" policy which is available on our website. We will try to let you know by 8am via the T2P App if school is unable to open. It will also be announced on Greatest Hits Radio and confirmed on the NYCC website. If we decide we need to close during the day because of severe weather, we will contact the person you have nominated on your Unavoidable Closure Contact form.



FOSS Update

Christmas Draw deadline - Monday 6th December - Please return Christmas Draw forms by Monday, 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!

Following the devastating fire at The Star Inn, Harome we wish Andrew, Fran and the team all the very best. We are extremely grateful to them for generously donating a voucher for £150 as our star prize for the Christmas Draw which will be validated indefinitely for The Star Harome when they re-open, or can be used at The Star Inn The City or The Star Inn The Harbour.

Baked donations for our Market stall - Saturday 4th December - We would be very grateful for your baked donations, 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 - We will be running a tombola at both Christmas performances, for the prizes please bring into school a chocolate or a festive sweet item on non-uniform day, which is tomorrow Friday the 3rd of December.

Christmas Party - Thursday 16th December - Thank you to all those who have been in touch to confirm if your child/ren will be attending and generously providing party food. A huge thank you also to those who have volunteered to help run the party. As Magic Mike is unavailable this year, we have organised entertainer Annie OddSocks who works with WonderPhil in addition to a DJ from our school community, who together will provide music, games and fun for all the children. As always, a small gift will be distributed to all children towards the end of the evening. We would love to make this a special Christmas event for all children at school, so please do get in touch if you have not yet confirmed and email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk providing your child's name, class, your emergency contact details, any allergens and whether you are available to volunteer to help.

Bag2school - Thank you for all your donations, we raised £105 with this collection, a fantastic result! Rachel Hogarth from the village very kindly donated all her late parents clothing to the bags to school collection for Slingsby School. She sadly lost both her parents this year who were active members of the village community and it is her wish that the money raised goes to the school FOSS for the children at Slingsby School. Thank you so very much, Rachel.

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FOSS Dates for your diary

Friday 3rd December - Tombola prize for non-uniform day and baked donations for Hovingham market stall.

Thursday 16th December - Confirm attendance at the Christmas party and party food donations



Dates to remember for the end of term:

3rd Dec – FOSS non-inform Day. Please bring donations for their Christmas Tombola & baked donations for the Hovingham market stall

3rd Dec – Please return your Parent/Carer Questionnaires

6th Dec – Deadline for returning FOSS Christmas Draw Forms to school

9th Dec – Christmas Performances at the Village Hall (KS1 at 2pm and KS2 at 6pm)

10th Dec – Deadline for contacting FOSS to volunteer to provide Christmas Party Food

****There will be no after-school clubs running for the last week of term, only Breakfast Club will be running all week****

15th Dec – Whole School Pantomime Trip (Early departure- please be at school for 08.40)

15th Dec – Deadline for contacting FOSS to confirm children's attendance at the party

16th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner Day and FOSS Christmas Party Day – food donations clearly labelled to be delivered for the party

17th Dec – Last day of term. Christmas Service in Church at 1:30pm. Children may be collected early from school following the church service.

3rd Jan – Bank Holiday

4th Jan – Staff Training Day

5th Jan – School re-opens to pupils



Light-Up Slingsby for Christmas

Thank you to the wonderful villagers who have put the Christmas lights up on the Green for us all to enjoy! 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.



NHS Guidance - When to send your child to school and when it is best to keep them at home

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/>



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