



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 9th December 2021

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Message from Mr Smith

Many thanks for all the sincere and heartfelt messages of support and understanding following our letters regarding Covid-19 related changes yesterday. It is greatly appreciated.

We have recorded the KS1 children's nativity and KS2 'Bethlehem The Musical' and look forward to sending the 'invite only' link to parents/carers before the end of term and we hope you enjoy watching the plays with your loved ones from the comfort of your homes. The children have done immensely well and I am so very proud of each and every one of them. Well done to those children who stepped in at the last minute for those children who couldn't be here today. I must also thank the teaching and support staff who have worked so hard to put together such fabulous performances. Well done everyone.



School News

- Thank you to all those parents/carers who have returned their feedback questionnaires.
- Miss Secker attended an online Music CPD training course this week about Understanding the Model Music Curriculum.
- Our amazing FOSS team will be holding their Tombola stall and Christmas Draw on The Green on Friday 10th December at 3.30pm so please support them!
- There will be **no after school clubs** next week. Only breakfast club will run as usual.
- Next week's whole school pantomime trip to Scarborough has been cancelled and we will instead be having festive picnics in classrooms watching a pantomime performance/festive movie on screen. Miss Hope and Mrs Massey will refund your donations for tickets and transport as soon as we receive a refund from the Scarborough Spa.
- **Thursday 16th December** - Christmas jumper day will still be going ahead as planned and Mrs Saunders will be serving up a delicious Christmas feast to the children and staff along with Christmas crackers kindly donated by FOSS.
- We are also busy working with FOSS to find a way to give all the children a Christmas party in school instead of a whole school party at the Village Hall and will update you as soon as possible. You should still communicate with friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk if you have any queries about this as per previous newsletters.
- We will not be holding our whole school end of term service in Church on the last day of term. If, however, you still wish to collect your children early at 2.30pm you are very welcome to do so.
- Remember to send the children in with wellies on snow days and keep an eye on the T2P App for updates.



Parent Pay Debt – Please pay as soon as possible

The debt this week is up to £972.99. This is extremely high and we would be grateful if you could check your accounts to bring this figure down to £0 before we return to school in the New Year. 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.



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FOSS Update

Christmas Draw and Tombola Friday 10th December - Thank you to everyone for handing in your Christmas draw forms and supporting one of our biggest fundraisers. Following the decision yesterday, we are pleased to be able to host the tombola and Christmas draw on Friday 10th December after school out on the green where Mr Smith will be drawing the prizes. If you are one of the lucky Christmas draw winners we will be able to hand over your prize on Friday, otherwise we will be in touch. We can however announce that the winner of the Jorvik Family Pass for the Highest School Fundraiser is Fred and Margot!

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. We have had such a great response and can confirm that all the party food has been allocated. We are finalising the changes following the update from school yesterday and will be in touch to confirm the details. If you still wish to confirm your child's place and have any queries or need to tell us allergens etc, please still email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk

Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile - A gentle reminder for Christmas shopping that we are a registered charity with easy fundraising and amazon smile. Supporting FOSS when you shop online really does make a difference to our fundraising and contribution to school. Please see more details about how to shop using these sites in the attached leaflet.



Plan B - Important updated information about Covid-19

Please be aware of the updated Covid-19 guidance announced by the Government moving to Plan B in response to the Omicron variant.

We will continue to contact you via letter if your child/ren are identified as a close contact of anyone testing positive for Covid-19 in school and we ask that you take your child/ren for a PCR test as soon as possible when you receive that notification to help limit the spread in school. Lateral flow tests are not sufficient.

The current advice remains that children in primary schools who are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 (who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant) should obtain a PCR test but **can continue to attend school as normal if they are asymptomatic**. If they have symptoms, they should isolate until they have their PCR results.

Pupils with a positive lateral flow 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>.

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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