



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### **Message from Mr Smith**

We have had a really wonderful festive couple of weeks in school, despite having to do things differently to how we would have liked. We hope that the children have enjoyed all the various Christmas activities, music, singalongs and lunches as much as we have, and that you have all enjoyed watching the Nativity videos at home. There is certainly a festive buzz in the air throughout the school and the excitement is definitely building for tonight's parties! We are sorry that everyone is having to cope with another Christmas with tightened Covid-19 restrictions, but we do hope that you are all still able to have a really happy break with family and friends. We very much look forward to seeing you all in the New Year on January the 5th. Should the Government advice change before the new term, we will communicate any updates to you on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January which is our training day.

Mr Cash leaves us on Friday and has enjoyed his very last week at Slingsby School. He will be missed by everyone but we wish him all the very best for 2022 and the future.

Stay Safe and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Mr Smith



### **School News**

- All the staff team would like to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts they have received this week, we feel very loved and touched by your kindness.
- If you wish your children to attend tonight's rearranged FOSS Christmas Parties in school, you need to have confirmed their attendance with FOSS for catering and safeguarding purposes. Please email [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk) if you haven't already.
- KS1 and KS2 performances have now all been emailed out to you and will have come from YouTube so if you have not received it let us know. It will come from YouTube and is from our private school account with access only given to the email address we have sent it to. If you are having problems opening it, try a few times as we have found that it initially asks for a password but then will just open. There is no password required for viewing.
- Class 2 really enjoyed going to decorate one of the Slingsby Church Christmas trees on Tuesday with their Christmas messages and prayers. You are currently still able to go into the church if you wish to go and see them.
- Instead of going to watch a pantomime on Wednesday, every class had a fun festive picnic in their classrooms and watched a film as a treat. Class 1 watched Cbeebies' Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime; Class 2 and 3 watched The Star film (a remake of the nativity); and Class 4 watched ITV2's Cinderella pantomime.
- All refunds for the cancelled pantomime trip have now been processed and should be showing in your Parent Pay accounts.
- Thank you to our amazing cook, Mrs Saunders for a fabulous Christmas lunch and also a massive thank you to FOSS for providing the Christmas crackers for everyone!

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- We will be holding end of term assemblies for our class bubbles tomorrow after lunch and then if you wish to collect them early at 2.30pm you are welcome to do so. School will remain open until 3.30pm if not.
- We are thrilled to confirm that after a thorough interview process, Miss Secker has accepted the permanent position of Class 4 teacher. Miss Secker is an excellent teacher who stepped in for Mr. Smith as Year 5&6 teacher in September 2020. She has endless energy and enthusiasm, is hugely committed and the children are all progressing well under her tutorship. Congratulations Miss Secker!
- Please see attached the Spring Term menu for next term.
- There are 12 unlabelled school jumpers/cardigans in the class 3 lost property! If anyone has lost one from class 3, please contact the school office to arrange to have a look. Please ensure all clothing items that come into school are labelled.
- After school clubs will re-commence the second week back (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January) after the Christmas break. Breakfast club provision will begin from the first day of our return (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January). Please be advised that, in the Spring term, SCSS Sports Club will now move back to Monday, with Mr. Smith's art club switching to Friday. The Clubs booking form is attached. Please return by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- Please may we remind everyone that full PE kits need to be in school every day as our timetable can sometimes change due to other activities.
- Please see attached Malton School Sports Partnership Newsletter in which we feature.
- Please remember to send the children in with wellies on snow days and keep an eye on the T2P App for updates if there is bad weather.



### **Parent Pay Debt – Please pay as soon as possible**

Thank you to all of those who have made payments this week following the text reminders sent last Friday. However, the debt remains at £642.54 which is extremely high. Please can we ask that you check your accounts and pay any outstanding arrears 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.



### **Please Read - Important Changes to Covid-19 Close Contact Guidance**

In addition to last week's Plan B response to the Omicron variant, the Government has strongly advised that as well as getting a PCR test, *“adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts of COVID-19 will help make education and childcare settings safer and help keep children and young people in face-to-face education.”*

**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 during term time 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. Please also take your children for a PCR test if they are showing any symptoms of Covid-19 even if you think it is just a cold.**

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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/>



### **JOB VACANCIES IN SCHOOL**

Advertisements for the positions of Clerk to Governors and part time Breakfast Club Leader will shortly be on the North Yorkshire County Council website. If you enjoy working with children and being organised then we would love to welcome you to the team! If anyone is interested in either position, please email the School Office for more information.



### **FOSS UPDATE**

**Christmas Draw and Tombola** - A huge thank you to all those who donated prizes for our Christmas draw including The Star Inn, Hearts & Glitter and Ryedale and Pickering Dog Fields. Thank you to everyone for supporting one of our biggest fundraisers which has raised over £1,280 for school, a fantastic result!

**FOSS Christmas Party** - We were delighted to still be able to provide a party for the children at school this year, thank you to those families who provided food and a huge thank you to school staff for running the Christmas parties in bubbles.

Finally, thank you to all school families and the staff for your continued support over what has been an uncertain year, we wish you all a merry Christmas and all the very best for the new year.



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