



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 3rd February 2022

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Message from Mr Smith

On Monday, we communicated to everyone about the new and exciting specialist music provision we have organised in school for the children for the next 38 school weeks. We have partnered with the Richard Shepherd Music Foundation (RSMF) who will be supporting school to deliver curricular and extra-curricular music by providing funding, research and delivery through partners, Sing Education. This amazing opportunity offers a broad and balanced curriculum for all the children. Feedback received this week from parents and children following the first individual class music sessions on Monday has been absolutely fantastic and it's so lovely to hear and see the children experience the joy of singing and making music in school. The new after-school Choir/Singing Club is also clearly appealing to a lot of children of all ages; so if your child would like to join in, please email the school office to confirm.

I am also pleased to report that this week has seen a fall in reported Covid-19 cases in school, thanks to everyone's collective efforts and reverting back to bubbles. As cases have halved this week, our current total number of cases is now under the trigger point for initiating our Outbreak Management Plan. Having discussed with staff at last night's staff meeting, we have agreed to return to normal as of next Monday – provided cases do not increase significantly between now and Monday. We will continue to communicate further reported cases to you by email and the Teachers2parents app (Eduspot) so please keep a look out for emails and notifications. I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' for continuing to use home lateral flow testing kits, as this is helping to identify positive cases early.

This morning, I also received an email from the British Bake-off team! (see the attached flyer also)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

My name is Conor and I'm a Casting Assistant Producer at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 8th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

With this in mind, we are contacting schools in the hope that you can help us spread the word regarding this exciting opportunity.

If you could share our casting flyer with the children, parents & staff at your school that would be really appreciated.

We are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old. Filming would take place from July 2022, but our applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022. Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Best wishes, The Junior Bake Off Team



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- **As advised over the last few weeks, there will be NO after-school club next Wednesday 9th February due to NYCC staff training, which requires FULL staff attendance. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.**
- Mr Oliver Whawell from Sing Education and Miss Secker (Slingsby School's Music Coordinator) will be running a new After-School Choir/Singing Club on a Monday from 3:30 – 4:30pm, starting next Monday 7th February at a cost of £2.50 per session per child, which you can pay for via Parent Pay. We are very excited about reforming our school choir; so if your child loves singing and music, this will be a great club for them. If your child would like to join the After-School Choir/Singing Club, please email the school office to confirm. **Please note that SCSS Sports Club will continue as normal on a Monday 3:30-4:30pm.**
- Please note that from after half term, our Thursday 3.30-4.30pm club will be changing from 'Nature Club' to 'Well-being Club'. This will include activities such as Yoga and mindfulness colouring, amongst other fun and relaxing activities.
- We are delighted to inform you all that we have appointed two new members of staff. Following a successful recruitment and selection process, we are happy to confirm that Mrs Saunders is our new Breakfast Club Leader and Miss Corney has been appointed as Clerk to Governors. We are thrilled to have them onboard with us.
- Malton School's science bus paid school a visit on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Rumney spent the afternoon with the Class 3 children looking at Animal Classification which is their science topic for this term: he even brought in a real whale vertebrae, which was amazing.
- Class 3 had their 4th swimming lesson at the St. Albans Sports Centre this morning. Please remember to check your child's feet before every swimming lesson and if they have a verruca, they must be covered up with either a verruca sock, verruca plaster or verruca gel which you can get from a pharmacy. **Any child with a verruca who arrives in school without the necessary verruca protection will not be allowed to participate in the swimming lesson.**
- Mr Smith completed the Ofsted Safeguarding and Inspection course for NEYH Schools on Monday and is also attending an NYES webinar regarding the Children Missing in Education Protocol 2022.
- Unfortunately, there are also lots of other bugs going through school at the moment, as is often the case during Winter months. If your children are unwell, please keep them at home until they are better, even if they are negative for Covid-19. Anyone with diarrhoea or vomiting must stay off school until they have had at least two days without symptoms. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Mini Police

Next Friday, Police Constable Jane Jones will be paying the school a visit to talk to Mr Smith and the Year 6 children about Mini Police. Mini Police is a ten-week programme which is an innovative and exciting scheme for children nominated by their school to take part in a series of sessions delivered by Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). Topics include: the dangers of speeding, anti-social behaviour and online safety. The idea is that PCSO's deliver important messages to a small group of children who then go back to their lessons, the playground or the lunch hall and tell their friends about them. It is empowering for the children and it is educational for the rest of the school. Mini police are also encouraged to come up with events that the whole school and the outside community can get

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involved in. The children think of the ideas and the PCSOs will help them make it happen. PC Jane Jones is also hoping to deliver an Anti-Social Behaviour lesson to the year 5 and 6 children which they will arrange to deliver very soon.



Parent Pay Debt – Please pay as soon as possible

As of today, there is still an outstanding amount of **£486.58 due to be paid for pupil meals taken and before and after school clubs attended for last term and Spring Term.** Please check your accounts regularly and pay any outstanding arrears immediately. Accounts should be in credit with no debt. You can set up an automatic bank transfer to keep specific payment items in credit at all times and you can also set up a text reminder service to remind you when your balance reaches a chosen amount.



Dark Skies event at Gilling Castle

As part of the North York Moors National Park Dark Skies Festival, Gilling Castle are hosting a family friendly event with Go Stargazing at Gilling Castle. Please see attached fliers for details. More information and tickets can be found at: bit.ly/DarkSkiesFeb



FOSS News

Spring-time lamb competition - Please support us at our new fundraising event this year and join us at our pop-up stall on the green next Friday, the 11th of February at school pick-up. We will be hosting a lambing competition - guess the total number of lambs to be born by the 1st of April out of a flock of 220, the entry with the correct total will receive an Easter hamper packed with delicious Easter themed treats, entries are £2 per guess. There will also be guess the number of sweets in a jar, with the winner receiving a huge jar of sweets! And there will be baked items for sale too. See the attached leaflet for more details. Donations of baked items for our stall would be very much appreciated, please get in touch with us for further information.

Pre-loved uniform - We have pre-loved uniform in stock, a list of items is available on the FOSS page of the school's website. We are always happy to take donations, if you have pre-loved uniform that you would like to donate please leave at school for the attention of FOSS or get in touch and email us on friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to place an order.

Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile - We are a registered charity with 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 really does make a difference to our fundraising.



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