



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Smith

Thank you for your patience and support with managing Covid-19 this half term. The children, as always, have been brilliant. This often feels like the longest and hardest half term but now that the mornings and evenings are getting lighter, we should all feel like we have a new spring in our step after half term!

As you will be aware, the Government Guidance relating to Covid-19 is changing during the half term break but we are still awaiting updated advice from the DFE and NYCC. We will let you know of any changes to our systems before we return after half term.

Following the resumption of our competitive multi-school sports activity programme, I would like to take this opportunity to explain what we are involved in and how it works. As well as our own Sport and PE Curriculum lessons which happen twice a week, we are also part of the **Primary Festival Programme** organised by Malton Community Sports Centre, **the Ryedale Schools Sports Programme**, **the Howardian Alliance** and the **Norton College Primary events**. These provide us (and all the local primary schools who choose to sign up) with the added opportunity to send teams to participate in competitive events such as football, basketball, dodgeball, netball and tag rugby tournaments, Multi Activity sessions, circuits, All Fun sessions, swimming galas, and cross country throughout the whole year. Unfortunately, the past two years have been affected by Covid-19 which has resulted in many planned events which we had signed up to having to be cancelled; but we are looking forward to a lot more events this spring and summer.

The events are sometimes limited on numbers because they involve many primary schools, and they are often age specific. Unfortunately, as much as we would love to, we cannot take everyone to everything. In our experience, however, this tends to work out fairly over the year because not all the children enjoy the same activities.

We always make sure all the children have the chance to represent the school at some point in the year at these events and do our best to be as fair as possible. We place huge value on being inclusive to all so we always discuss the events with the classes before they take place. Those who don't attend on one occasion are assured that they will represent the school another time at another event. I hope this helps clarify how our physical education programme works. At this point I can confirm, there are a further eight external events currently planned for the second half term.

Additionally, in order to remain physically active and in good mental health over half term, children can sign up to the 'Bound for Beijing' activity programme:

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Bound for Beijing Activity Information to Parents/Carers

Staying active offers significant benefits to young people and has the potential to reduce stress and anxiety by providing routine and structure and increasing feelings of wellbeing. Research from Sport England on the impact of changing routines in 2021 shows that 32.4% (2.3m) of children and young people in the UK do less than an average of 30 minutes of physical activity each day.

By getting active as part of Bound for Beijing, families can enjoy benefits to their physical and mental wellbeing while exploring activities that best suit them and create strong healthy habits for the future. Every physical activity, no matter how small, can be logged online as part of Bound for Beijing on the [Get Set website](#). By taking the time to have a walk outside or a dance around the kitchen, getting moving is a great way to reduce stress and boost your mood.

Have a fantastic half term! Mr Smith



School News

- Class 1 will be starting their six-week swimming course after half term on a Thursday morning. Please return your child's ability form if you haven't done so already.
- Class 4 enjoyed their visit from PC Jane Jones explaining all about the Mini Police last Friday. Further details will be coming out to parents about this in due course.
- We are delighted that the Primary Festival Inter-Schools sporting events have resumed this week after two months of postponed tournaments due to Covid-19. On Wednesday, twenty of our Class 3 & 4 children took part in a 1.3-mile-long Cross Country run at Malton Community Sports Centre along with seven other schools. Our runners did incredibly well in the windy conditions and finished in 3rd place overall when all the points were tallied – well done! Additionally, ten of our Class 4 children played in a Dodgeball competition involving the same seven local schools. The team won five and lost only one of their games, resulting in them being crowned 'Dodgeball Champions!' and our school name added to the trophy – a fantastic achievement! We were really proud the children for giving in their all and being ambassadors for the school. Those who didn't go this time will be given the opportunity at our other forthcoming events.
- Miss Hope and Mrs Massey completed a successful Single Central Record Data audit on Friday after it was cancelled and rescheduled twice!
- Our Local Authority Advisor has been in for one of her regular visits today with the focus this time being on the teaching and marking of Writing in school.
- Class 1 are having an end of topic dress up day tomorrow so don't forget to come dressed up in the theme of Castles!
- School will be finishing at the usual time of 3.30pm tomorrow.



World Book Day 3rd March 2022: Magic & Mystery

This year's World Book Day is on **Thursday 3rd March** and, as it is the 25th anniversary of Harry Potter magic, we would like to invite all children to dress up following the theme: **Magic & Mystery** on this day. All children are encouraged to bring one of their favourite books into school on World Book Day, and we are also running a competition with prizes for each year group. We would like all children, who wish to enter, to design an eye-catching poster to promote a 'Love of Reading.' We look forward to seeing the children in their imaginative choices of outfit and looking at what they have created for their

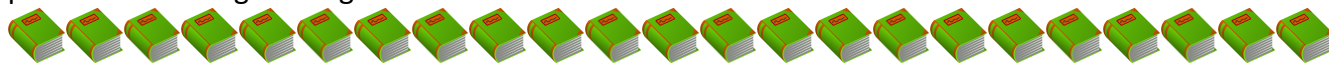
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competition entry! Mrs Jordan, our English Lead, will also be working with the rest of our teachers to plan more exciting reading activities.



Clubs and Parent Pay

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we have been reviewing our booking system for clubs because of the amount of debt that is regularly sitting on Parent Pay which we cannot afford to fund. An email was sent out yesterday with the club booking form for next half term explaining that clubs must be paid in advance to secure your child's place. Please pay for a whole half term block if you can, as you would with any other club outside of school that your children attend. If this is not possible, payment for all items at the start of each week would be hugely appreciated. This includes lunches which should also be paid for in advance by adding credit to Parent Pay. Please see our Parent Pay page on the school website for guidance on how to do this if you are unsure.

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.

There is a current debt on Parent Pay of **£321.86** due for meals and clubs. Thank you for the recent payments received.



Children's Vaccination Programme - FAQs

The DFE have provided us with a link to their FAQ's regarding the children and young people vaccination programme. Children aged 5 to 11 years old who are at higher clinical risk are now eligible for vaccination.

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/11/vaccinations-for-clinically-vulnerable-children-and-young-people-your-questions-answered/?utm_source=16%20February%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19



Make Music Day

The Richard Shephard Music Foundation who are now leading music lessons in school have been in touch this week because they are looking to take a group of children to sing in York Minster on Tuesday 21st June as part of the international Make Music Day this summer and they have asked if we'd like to be involved. We have of course said we would love to be involved as this would be an amazing opportunity for the children but this is just in the planning stages at the moment so nothing is definite yet and we are not certain of details but watch this space!



Cycling for All 2022

YES @ Areté Learning Trust in conjunction with the Big Lottery Fund will be hosting six-week cycling programmes for all abilities in Northallerton AND Richmond. For further details please see attached flyers. Workshop sizes are limited to 25 students.



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FOSS News

Spring-time lamb competition - Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday and has entered our lambing competition so far. We still have some squares to fill and will be hosting two further opportunities to enter the lambing competition and guess the sweets on **Monday 7th March** and **Friday 25th March**, the winners will be announced after the competitions close on 1st April. Please check the newsletter for further details nearer the time.

Bag2School - Our next collection is **Monday 4th April**, an ideal opportunity to have a Spring sort out and a great way to raise funds for school. Details of accepted items can be found at bag2school.com/what-we-collect. We are also happy to take donations of pre-loved school uniform, please donate this in a clearly marked bag.

Scarecrow Competition - One of our biggest fundraisers, the annual scarecrow trail and May day celebrations will soon be upon us! This event will be held over the May bank holiday weekend of **Saturday 30th April through to Monday 2nd May**. We need your support and involvement in making this year's event a huge success. All children will be provided with an entry form at school this week, if you have never visited the scarecrow trail, or made a scarecrow, make this your first year! It is a great event, enjoyed by all the family and provides fantastic support to the school and village. There is a prize for the best scarecrow and a prize draw for completed trails, please see the attached leaflet for more 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.



Ampleforth College Open Morning - Saturday 19th March

On Saturday 19th March, Ampleforth College are holding their next Open Morning for any families who might be considering Ampleforth College for Year 7. Please click on the following link for further detail about the open morning: <https://www.ampleforthcollege.org.uk/college/open-days>



HAVE A SUPER HALF TERM!
From all the Staff

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