



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Smith

I hope you all had a restful half term. It is great to be back and we have had a brilliant World Book Day in school today with some fantastic Magic and Mystery Costumes and we even had a World Book Day lunch on the theme of Charlie Mackesy's books: Positivity Pizza and Mole Mud Muffins!

I had a VERY hard time judging the winners for best book character outfit, and trying to choose a winning "Love of Reading" poster design from all the incredible entries was almost impossible; however, after many long hours, the winners are:

Class 1: Best Outfit – Edward A "The Faraway Tree"	Best Poster – Oliver O
Class 2: Best Outfit – Isla M "Hedwig, Harry Potter"	Best Poster – Quinn T
Class 3: Best Outfit – George S "Julian, The Famous Five"	Best Poster – Florence D
Class 4: Best Outfit – Liv L "The Fortune Teller"	Best Poster – Grace S

The children will be receiving their prizes during Friday's Celebration Assembly. A HUGE 'Well done!' to all that entered and I'm super impressed with all your efforts to make World Book Day special. More details of the day can be found below from Mrs Jordan, who is our English Lead.

You should have all received my Covid-19 update on Tuesday. It is good news that so many restrictions are now lifted but we continue to take a sensible approach in school and still wish to avoid outbreaks wherever possible. We welcome your support.



School News

- Spring Term 2 Curriculum maps are now available to view and download for each class from the school website. We recommend parents and carers read these as they contain useful information about what the children are learning and what they need in school each week.
- Class 1 had their first swimming lesson this morning at the St. Alban's Centre, Ampleforth, and Miss Pearce said they were all superstars!
- A letter was sent yesterday to our KS2 children who have been invited to Maypole Dancing lessons from next week ahead of the Slingsby Village May Day celebrations. These sessions will be taking place on a Thursday after school until the May bank holiday weekend.
- Due to the Maypole dancing lessons, the KS2 catch-up maths sessions will be moved to a Tuesday temporarily from next week. Parents and carers were emailed about this on Tuesday.
- Our Local Authority Advisor spent another day in school on Wednesday this time focusing on our Safeguarding and Health & Safety procedures in school; talking to children, staff and Governors.

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- We are pleased to welcome our Governors back into school for their regular visits and meetings, which have all been taking place on Teams over the last two years. Reverend Robertson visited on Wednesday and Mrs Wigby-Ashurst will be joining us tomorrow.
- Mr Smith and Mrs Jordan both completed moderation training on Monday.
- We are very excited because tomorrow we have a special visit from the Aurora Planetarium where all the children will have the chance to learn about space and our small planet by entering a pop-up inflatable space dome!
- As part of our Primary Sport Festival programme, Class 2 will be attending the Malton Sports Centre Multi-Circuits event on Wednesday. A letter was emailed to Class 2 parents and carers yesterday.



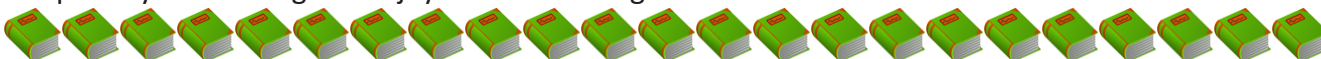
Clubs and Parent Pay

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have booked and paid for clubs and lunches in advance already for this half term. Further to our correspondence last half term, please remember that clubs can only be booked once you have added credit to those items on Parent Pay. Credit should also be put on Parent Pay each week/half term for lunches. From this week there is now £75 debt on Parent Pay for lunches. Paying in advance provides us with a much more stable budget for running the clubs and hugely assists us with the administration. Our aim is to have zero debt on Parent Pay! **At the time of writing there still remains £110.00 debt, £75 of which is lunches, and we have sent further reminder texts to families.**



World Book Day Today

It was brilliant to have so many book characters in school today. The day started with our KS1 children having to look around their classes for hidden book characters and KS2 had to find hidden letters to crack the famous book title. There was then opportunity for hearing about each other's favourite books. This afternoon we mixed all the classes up and in their mixed age groups the children had to work together to create their own magical or mystical book character; thinking about their special qualities and powers. The groups presented their colourful characters to the whole school in our World Book Day Assembly at the end of the day including Bianic Bob, Jumbo Jess and the Dragon Pixie! It was a super day celebrating the enjoyment of reading.



Red Nose Day Friday 18th March

It is Red Nose Day next Friday, 18th March and the children are invited to wear non-uniform and something red to fundraise for this special cause. To make your donations, please click the following secure Parent Pay link which has been created to enable parents, carers and staff to easily donate.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6802>



Support for Parents/Carers with children of Year 6 SATs age

Our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATS tests in May and in these months leading up to the tests we provide extra focus sessions for the Year 6's in school time. The Adult Learning team at North Yorkshire are also running free online courses to provide parents with the knowledge to support their child in their English and Maths year 6 SATs. If you are interested and wish to book online you can call the Adult Learning Team on 01609 536066 or email: adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk

Maths support course, Tues 1st March at 18:30-20:30

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English support course, Wednesday 2nd March at 09:30 -11:30 or 18:00 – 20:00



FOSS NEWS

Spring-time lamb competition - Thank you to everyone who has entered our lambing competition so far. We still have some squares to fill and will be hosting a pop up stall on the green this coming Monday, 7th March. Please bring along some change and support us in our lambing competition and guess the sweets in the jar competition. The winners will be announced after the competitions close on 1st April.

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 - The annual scarecrow trail and May Day celebrations is returning this 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 families should have received an entry form from school before the half term break, if you have never visited the scarecrow trail, or made a scarecrow, make this your first year! **The deadline for entries is Friday 1st April.** 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.



Lost Property Item (Slingsby PE Hoodie)

A pupil in Class 1 has lost their navy-blue embroidered PE hoodie (age 6) in school. The jumper has been clearly labelled with the child's name. Please can we ask all parents/carers to check their child/ren's bookbags and PE kits to make sure it's not been gathered up by accident. If you do come across an item of clothing that does not belong to your child/ren, please pass to the school office. Many thanks



All Saints Church Service 13th March

Our deputy Chair of Governors and Castle Howard Chaplin, Reverend Robertson, wishes to invite everyone to the church service he is leading in Slingsby Village All Saints Church on Sunday 13th March at 10.30am.



Swinton Band Room- Recruiting all ages and abilities!

Mr Woodrow from Malton School is leading a musical opportunity for our local area, The Swinton Band Room, which is starting on Friday 4th March at 6:30pm at Swinton Band Room. Please see the attached a musical event poster for further details.



Castle Howard Volunteers

Castle Howard are hoping recruit more volunteers to assist in the house. Please see the attached letter and for more information use this link <https://www.castlehoward.co.uk/get-involved/volunteer>



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