



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th March 2022

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Message from Mr Smith

There have been a lot of questions from the children about the devastating situation in Ukraine and I would like to assure you that we are approaching this with sensitivity and honesty. We have taken time to listen to the children, encourage discussion and answer their questions using words and terms they can understand. We have been reassuring them that whilst it is valid to be concerned for the people of Ukraine, it is a long way from here and they are safe; focusing on the many heroes in this situation who are showing love and kindness. There are useful guides available online advising how to talk to children if you feel you need some help for discussions at home. Here are just some of the Ukraine crisis donation pages below which is one positive way we can all help:

- Disasters emergency committee (DEC) Ukraine humanitarian appeal
- Dec.org.uk
- UNICEF.org.uk donate to protect children in Ukraine
- Oxfam.org.uk - provide lifesaving aid to people fleeing conflict

Please may I also remind all parents and carers to maintain slow speeds when driving near and around school, preferably no more than 20mph. The safety of our families and local residents is paramount and we have had a few incidents of inappropriate speeds over the last couple of months. The Parish Council are regularly reviewing the situation and ask us to ensure that our parents and carers are reminded to drive and park appropriately in the village. Many thanks.



Red Nose Day next Friday 18th March

Next Friday, 18th March, is Red Nose Day (not tomorrow as stated in last week's newsletter in error!) 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>



School News

- Aurora Planetarium visited school last Friday and the children learned all about our solar system - and beyond - in an amazing inflatable space dome! Mr. Daley, our planetarium expert, was massively impressed by the children's existing knowledge and with the intelligent questions they asked.

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- All the KS2 children who have confirmed they would like to do Maypole Dancing should have received an email to confirm their place this week. There are four places left for anyone else who would like to take part in this fun village tradition!
- Class 1 had their second swimming lesson this morning at the St. Alban's Centre, Ampleforth.
- Class 2 attended the Malton Sports Centre Multi-Circuits yesterday as part of our Primary Sports Festival Programme which included basketball, bean bag games, football, dodgeball and tennis. The children really threw themselves in to every activity and had a fantastic afternoon.
- A Full Governing Body meeting took place on Tuesday evening and we enjoyed a visit from our Governor Mr Storrar today, who met with children and staff.
- Our Year 6 children have the chance to join the Mini Police Scheme which is a school-based programme lead by North Yorkshire Police. A form was sent home last week in book bags by Miss Secker. If your child would like to take part, please return the form to Miss Secker by Friday.
- Please can we remind parents/carers whose children attend Breakfast Club that breakfast is only served until 8:25am after which time staff need to clean and tidy up ready for the start of the school day so if you would like your child to have a breakfast, please ensure they arrive before this time.
- Our Parents' Evenings will take place on 29th & 30th March for Class 1 and 2 and 5th & 6th April for Classes 3 and 4. A letter will be emailed out to book your time slots over the coming days.



Medication in School

Please may we remind all parents/carers that school are unable to administer any medication to pupils in school without a completed and signed 'Request to Administer Medication' form. This form is available to print from our school website under Key Information/ Parent Forms and is also available from the parent trays in the school entrance hall which a member of staff can give to you. The form must be completed and handed to a member of staff to check and sign before any medication can be handed over or administered.

All medication should be prescribed by a doctor and provided in its original box; it is not safe practice for staff managing medicines to receive medicines other than as originally dispensed which are labelled with the name of the pupil, with clear written instructions for administration. We regularly go through the medications kept on site and will contact parents/carers if any medication is due to expire. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Clubs and Parent Pay

Once again, thank you to everyone for paying in advance for lunches and clubs. This week there remains just **£42.24 debt** on Parent Pay. We are getting nearer to zero by the day but not quite there yet! Regular emails will be sent out until we are at zero. Please ensure your accounts are in credit.



FOSS NEWS

Mother's day stall and Spring-time lamb competition - On Friday the 25th March we will be hosting a Mothers day plant stall on the green at school pick-up and there will also be a last chance to enter Spring competitions - guess the number of lambs and guess the number of sweets competition. Please

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bring along some change and support us, the winners of the competitions 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 are 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 which is 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 so please see the attached leaflet for more information.



Malton School Art Competition

Please see the attached flyer from Malton School.



All Saints Church Service- Sunday

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.



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