



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 24th March 2022

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A Message from Mr Smith

It has been a really happy week in school, and the sunny weather has certainly been a welcome change! It has been great to walk around and see the classes doing some great outside learning. The children all did brilliantly in our assessment week last week and will help us to gauge their progress in reading, writing and mathematics, which we will be discussing with you at the forthcoming Parents' evenings. If you haven't booked your appointment yet, please contact the office.

I have been receiving an increase in holiday request forms for term time holidays and this is of great concern, especially after the last two years where everyone has already experienced so much absence from school. We are in school 38 weeks of the year, which leaves 14 weeks available for us all to take our holidays. I appreciate that **on occasion** there are **exceptional circumstances**, but I am unable to authorise requests unless they meet the specific exceptional circumstance criteria set out in the NYCC guidance available on our website. We encourage all our children to strive for excellent attendance and we are scrutinised over our responses to absence requests by our governors, the Local Authority and Ofsted. I wish to strongly discourage applications for holidays during the term unless the exceptional circumstance criteria can be honestly justified. Many thanks for your support. Mr Smith.



School News

- **Please note: There will be no after school clubs on Thursday 7th or Friday 8th April 2022 to allow the staff time for cleaning, clearing and completing administrative tasks for the end of term.**
- Confirmation of Parents' Evenings appointments have now been emailed out. If you have not yet booked an appointment and wish to do so, please contact the school office as soon as possible.
- The Year 3&4 Basketball and rearranged Year 5/6 football tournaments were fantastic this week, the children all did their best and threw themselves in to the spirit of the games!
- Our Local Authority advisor spent Monday in school with us again this time focusing on the wider curriculum. She had time to meet children and staff, which was hugely beneficial.
- Class 1 had their fourth swimming lesson this morning at the St. Alban's Centre, Ampleforth.
- A big thank you to Dexter's mum, Miss Leeming, who has come in to teach Yoga to our Wellbeing club this afternoon.
- Look for some familiar faces in the Gazette and Herald next week, promoting the village May Day celebrations; including the Maypole dancing and Scarecrow trails! We are all busy working on our school scarecrow and we hope you are all planning yours too. Please support FOSS by creating a scarecrow for the trail if you can, as it is such a great event and a big fundraiser for school. Forms must be in by next Friday.

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- If you wish to take your children home early from school on the last day of term, after our end of term assembly at approximately 2pm, you are very welcome to. For those who are unable to collect early, school will finish at the normal time of 3:30pm.
- A list of important Summer Term Dates will be included in next week's newsletter and will also be available from the school website.



Red Nose Day

We raised an amazing £221 for Comic Relief on Friday! Thank you for all your donations. It was brilliant to see a sea of red in the playground and everyone enjoyed the Red Nose activities as well as Mrs Saunders' amazing Red Nose Day cakes.



Clubs and Parent Pay

Unfortunately, we are back up to **£103.77** debt on Parent Pay. We would be so grateful if you could please ensure your account is kept in credit and that everything is paid well in advance. Last week we were down to £34.50 and hoped we would hit zero this week! It would be fantastic to hit zero next week. Meals must be paid ahead, as well as clubs please. Further text reminders have been sent today.



FOSS NEWS

Mother's Day stall and Spring-time lamb competition - Visit our pop-up stall this Friday the 25th March on the green at 3.30pm and 4.30pm. We will have a range of plants in time for Mother's Day, including Tulips at £2 and other plants starting at £1. There will also be a last chance to enter our Spring competitions - guess the number of lambs and guess the number of sweets. Please bring along some change and support us, the winners of the competitions will be announced after the competitions close on 1st April. We will also have some information about how you can help us over the Scarecrow weekend.

Bag2School - Our next collection is Monday 4th April, and is 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, and quality children's clothing, toys, games and books for our pre-loved stall taking place over the scarecrow trail weekend. Please donate these in a clearly marked bag separate to Bag2School donations.

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 received a print out from school last week explaining the weekend events and how you can support us in making this a successful fund-

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raiser. If you have never visited the scarecrow trail, or made a scarecrow, make this your first year! **The deadline for entries is NEXT FRIDAY the 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.



Collection for Hull4Ukraine

We have received a message to say a collection for Ukraine is taking place at Amotherby Village Hall tonight until 8pm and tomorrow 8.30am to 11am which will then be taken to Poland for the refugees.

They need the following items if you are able to donate:-

- dried food, pasta, tinned goods, sweets, packet rice;
- medication – painkillers, bandages, plasters, children’s paracetamol and first aid kits;
- baby products and baby food
- children’s warm clothing – hats, scarves, coats;
- children’s small toys, cuddly toys, dolls, colouring books, crayons, picture books, very small jigsaws (no large plastic toys please);

Items **NOT** required (these will be turned away at this time):

- adult clothing;
- toiletries;
- bedding.
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Please do **NOT** bring any of the following items, as organisers are unable to ship these:

- aerosols;
- sanitiser;
- matches;
- perfumes;
- razors;
- bleach or cleaning products (corrosive products);
- batteries.

Please do not bring out of date products or unusable items. Thank you.



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