



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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### PLEASE HELP OUR WONDERFUL FOSS ON MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

Our brilliant FOSS team work so hard behind the scenes to fundraise for resources, trips and parties for our children. Budgets for schools have been cut year on year and so a lot of what we are able to offer the children in Slingsby School would be unaffordable without their amazing efforts and your generous donations.

The upcoming Scarecrow weekend is one of FOSS's biggest events and they need your help to make it happen! Please read the below and offer where you can.

Let's make it a great May Day Scarecrow weekend!

**Scarecrow Weekend - WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Thank you to all those who have entered a Scarecrow for this year's trail. We still need your help to run the trail on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April through to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (*especially the Sunday*), which is the first weekend after the Easter holidays. Please support one of our biggest fundraisers and contribute to any one or more of the requests below if you can:

- **DONATE BAKED ITEMS for our pop-up café**- These can be home-made or shop bought, sweet or savoury items, including: savoury items suitable to sell as one portion such as large sausage rolls, individual quiches, cheese scones, traybakes such as flapjack and brownies, cupcakes and whole cakes. These can be brought to school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April or to the Chapel on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- **VOLUNTEER to run our pop-up cafe for 2 hours** on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> April or Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> May or our tombola stall on the green on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. **We are particularly short on the Sunday.** Please volunteer for a two-hour slot, we need two volunteers for each slot - you could buddy up with a friend. Please add your name to the rota which is at the school entrance, or email us.
- **Jolly Jar tombola**- Please fill a jar with something fun and bring it to school for non-uniform day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April for us to use at our Jolly Jar Tombola. Ideas include: craft items, sweets, toys, hair accessories, lego and stickers.
- **Pre-loved sale**- Donate quality children's clothing, toys, games and books for our pre-loved stall, please bring them into school by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**Spring competition** - Thank you for your support and entering our new Spring competitions. We raised £215.30 and are delighted to announce the winners: Spring-Time Lambs, Emma Lund and Guess the Sweets, Thomas Massey, congratulations! And a huge thank you to the Leckenby family for giving us access to their lovely flock of lambs!

**Bag2School** - Thank you for your donations, we raised £64 which we are donating to Hull4Heroes fundraisers to deliver much needed supplies to Ukrainian refugees.



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## **A Message from Mr Smith**

We have had a really happy and eventful Spring Term in the sunshine and snow! It has been great to get back to singing, sporting events and whole school assemblies; we have also really enjoyed meeting with you at our Parents' Evenings. If you have anything you wish to discuss between Parents' Evenings, you can always chat to us on the door in a morning or afternoon, telephone us, or make an appointment to come in any time. Please take a moment to complete the attached Feedback Questionnaire.

Thank you to everyone for helping Miss Hope and Mrs Massey to clear the debt which was becoming a concern on Parent Pay. We can't afford to carry parent debt and last Friday for the first time we reached zero debt which was fantastic! We know there is so much to remember in all our busy lives but lunches, clubs and trips need to be paid in advance so that we can run our school efficiently.

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Smurthwaite this week and wish her all the best in her next venture. The Slingsby staff team and children have benefitted greatly from her tireless dedication and determination to provide an important role in educating and looking after the welfare of our stars of the future: we hope she will come back to visit us! I would personally like to say a HUGE 'Thank you' to Mrs Smurthwaite for her amazing support during my previous role as Class 4 teacher.

After a rigorous recruitment process, we will be welcoming Mrs Clarke as Class 4's new teaching assistant next term and she will be starting on our very first day back.

There is a lot to look forward to in the summer term, but in the meantime, have a great Easter break and we will see you on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Mr Smith



## **School News**

- Please complete the attached feedback questionnaire; your views are really important to us.
- Some of our KS2 children took part in an All Kids Active afternoon at Malton Sports Centre yesterday where they enthusiastically played games including dodgeball, rounders and netball.
- The maypole dancers have received their costumes today so please keep them safe until Mayday and return them to school after the May day celebrations. If any adjustments are needed please speak to Mrs Thompson.
- Class 1 & 2 - please let the office know your child's lunch choices for the Countryside Day by tomorrow if you haven't already.
- Please return your Club booking forms for next half term as soon as possible and put credit on your parent pay account for the half term.
- Class 4 have taken part in a virtual Emotional, Health and Wellbeing workshop today - provided by NYCC - including motivational speakers to encourage a culture of kindness and the children to be true to themselves.
- Mr Smith is attending a National Leaders of Education meeting tomorrow morning.
- Our Easter Service will take place in Slingsby Church at 1pm tomorrow and you are very welcome to attend. Children leaving early after the service must come back to school first with their classes and leave from school.

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- There are no after school clubs tomorrow, but school will be open until 3.30pm.
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April is a staff training day and the children return on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- All clubs resume on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022. There are no clubs on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April is a non-uniform day in exchange for every family bringing in a Jolly Jar or two for the FOSS May Day weekend tombola. Please see the FOSS section for details.



### **Events and Transport Costs**

We are so pleased for the children that we are now able to take part in more events and trips, post-Covid, and we are fortunate that many events are free or funded so we rarely need to ask for contributions for the costs of events themselves. Unfortunately, we do have to ask for contributions towards the transport because we do not receive any money from the government for travel. We always shop around to get the best prices for coaches but we are acutely aware that the prices are all increasing due to fuel costs, as is the cost of living for us all. If you feel you are unable to afford to contribute for certain events, please do speak to us. Alternatively, if the general consensus is that everyone is finding it difficult, we can go to fewer events. Your thoughts are important to us, so please let us know if you have any concerns: our door is always open to chat ideas through.



### **Lunches, Clubs and Parent Pay**

Our Parent Pay debt today is **£64.71**. Please ensure your accounts are clear before the end of term. We are hugely appreciative when everything is paid in advance as it takes a lot of administration time chasing debt.

Please use the attached clubs booking form to book your clubs for next term and pay on Parent Pay for the FULL HALF TERM if possible for lunches and clubs.



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