



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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## A Message from Mr Smith

It is a worrying time with the cost of living affecting us all and we wish to offer support to any of our families who are struggling. Please do reach out and speak to us, as there is help available for families in financial need.

We have noticed a downturn in payments towards transport costs to our extra-curricular activities and we rely completely on contributions from our families for the cost of buses and trips, as we receive no funding at all for this from the Government; so if we do not receive enough payments, we cannot go. However, if there is a collective feeling that we are asking families for too many payments for too many trips throughout the year, then we will work to adjust the number of excursions so please let us know if you think we are doing too much.

Similarly, we do not wish for any of our pupils to miss out on FOSS events due to costs. Our super FOSS always wish to help families and include everyone so please let us know if you need their assistance, such as for the Halloween party in a couple of weeks (more details below).

Sadly, the increased costs of living are also affecting school, as they are for all our families at home. The financial funding we receive from the Government is not changing but the costs of running the school continue to increase.

The forthcoming Parent Forum next Wednesday at 7pm will be the perfect opportunity for us to discuss the school's general approach to sporting events, trips and funding with you.



## School News

- We are pleased to announce that Mrs Jordan has taken on the role of school SENco (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator). She spent Wednesday afternoon at York St John's University to begin her NASENCO course qualification.
- Whilst Mrs Jordan was studying in York, Mr Smith had the opportunity to accompany the Class 2 children on their swimming session this week. He was massively impressed by the outstanding behaviour of the children and thoroughly enjoyed also listening to some rather impressive readers on the poolside!
- Our first Student School Council meeting took place on Friday with Mr Smith where the children representatives from each year group voted for their chairperson, the note taker, the frequency of meetings and the intention of the School Council. Watch this space for their reports!

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- Reception baseline assessments took place last week and an external moderator from NYCC visited to observe the children in action with Miss Pearce. The moderator's feedback was hugely complimentary of our approach and standards, which was reassuring to hear.
- All classes have undertaken assessments this week in Maths and English and the teachers have been really proud of how hard all the children have worked.
- Our School Governor, Mr Thompson, was with us on Monday morning looking at mathematics and science.
- Year 3 & 4 took part in the Primary Games football and dodgeball tournaments yesterday, which involved 10 local schools. Whilst the boys and girls football teams did not manage to win any of their three games each, they certainly did themselves proud. Their attitude, effort and support for each other was absolutely fantastic – even though the weather was not the best! Our dodgeball team were on fire and won all their games to qualify for the final – which they narrowly lost. It was lovely to see every child smiling and commenting on what a great time they'd had. All our sport representatives also wore our 'all new' sport kits, which we were able to purchase through ring-fenced sport's funding.



- FOSS are organising children's personalised Christmas cards and gifts with Xmas4Schools which are being designed and painted in school this week and then the children's art work will be sent home with an order form. When you receive your art work and form, if you wish to order cards and gifts please complete the form and return it as soon as possible, before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. We will email you to tell you when it is in book bags!
- Don't forget it is our Harvest Festival Service on Friday in All Saints Church at 2pm with Reverend Robertson and you are most welcome.
- It is our Open Day on Tuesday for families who have children starting school in September. Please contact the office to book your time slot if you wish to come and look around.
- We really hope to see you at the Parent Forum and FOSS AGM next Wednesday here in school at 7pm.



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## **Parent Pay Debt – Please clear your accounts**

There is **£39.29** debt on Parent Pay today for lunches and clubs today. Please check your accounts and pay any outstanding debt. Thank you so much to everyone for putting credit on your accounts, keeping an eye on your accounts and paying in advance. If you are unable to make payments in advance for any reason, please telephone us to let us know.



## **Flu Vaccinations - reminder**

As per the letter sent out on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and reminder this week, the flu vaccine will be offered to all primary school and SEND children up until the day before their 18th birthday this year. Nasal flu vaccination is delivered in school. There are some occasions where an injection is the most appropriate route for vaccination for some children. The consent form that the link below takes you to is for Nasal Flu, if you select NO, you will be asked a series of questions to establish if your child is eligible for an injection.

School Name: Slingsby Community Primary School

School CODE: HD121322

Session Date: 4th November 2022

Last date to consent is 7 days before the session date.

Please complete the link below to give consent. If you do not want your child to receive the vaccine then you can select the 'NO' option on the consent form.

<https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/Flu> After you have finished, if you change your mind or need to tell us about changes to your child's medical history, do not complete another consent form. Please visit [www.hdftsais.co.uk/Contact](https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Contact) to contact the immunisation team and tell us about any changes. For further information about the flu vaccine please access Flu vaccination in schools - GOV.UK (<http://www.gov.uk>)



## **FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School) News**

**FOSS AGM** - Please join us next Wednesday the 12th October in the School Reading Rooms after the Parent Forum at 7pm. We warmly welcome all parents and carers from our school families. As your PTA, we really need your support and we are actively seeking new members to be able to continue to run our calendar of events. Please get in touch by email at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk) or talk to a member of our team for more information.

**Personalised Christmas Cards & Gifts**- We are delighted to be working with school to create personalised Christmas cards and gifts this year. Please check book bags as this week children will be coming home with their own beautiful Christmas artwork creation, plus information about how to order a range of FOSS fundraising gifts and card items. We know it's early, but early orders are essential to make sure your cards, mugs, calendars etc. are created and delivered in time for Christmas.

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Please be sure to follow the sheet of instructions about online ordering and return the completed artwork form back to school by FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, £1 from every item ordered will be donated to school.

**FOSS Halloween Party** - The FOSS Halloween Party is on Wednesday the 19th October from 3.30pm in the Village Hall (please see the attached poster for more details). All children from the school are welcome to join us for a snack box, fun, music and games with our very special host, DJ Frankensmith!

If you would like your child/ren to attend, please:

1. Email us at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk) by 14th October with:-

- The number of tickets you would like and the names AND class of the children attending
- Emergency contact details
- Name of designated parent or guardian to pick up
- Any dietary requirements
- If you are able to attend and help as a parent volunteer

2. Please pay for your tickets in advance through Parent Pay by 14th October. We understand that circumstances are difficult and for any families finding it tricky to pay for a ticket please email the school office and FOSS will be happy to help with the cost.

We will be running a fancy-dress competition, with a prize each for KS1 and KS2, plus a pumpkin carving competition. Entries for the pumpkin competition are £1 and can also be paid through Parent Pay. Pumpkin entries can be left outside the Village Hall on the day of the party.

The Halloween party is a FOSS event. Children can bring their costume in a named bag to school on the day of the party, school staff will help the children attending get changed into their costumes at school and accompany them to the Village Hall at 3.30pm, but once at the party adult supervision will be provided by FOSS and parent volunteers and WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help the team and provide support on the day to run this event - please email us at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk) when you send us your child's details to confirm if you are able to help. Thank you!

**FOSS Christmas Fair** -The deadline is looming for stall holders at the FOSS Christmas Fair on Saturday the 26th of November. We have a range of stalls including baked goods, cards and gift wrap, stationery, hand made wooden gifts and craft kits. Please spread the word to any local businesses and ask them to get in touch with us at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk).



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