



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13th October 2022

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A Message from Mr Smith

It was wonderful to be able to host an Open Day once again on Tuesday and open our doors to prospective families, whose children will be starting primary school in September 2023 and beyond. It was lovely to meet and greet parents/carers and children; and warmly welcome them into our amazing school, showing them round the classrooms and outdoor areas. Many of the families commented on the great things they had heard about Slingsby - which is always fantastic to hear. We hope all the families who came to have a look around found the visit useful and insightful. Many comments were made about the focussed teaching and learning, our well-presented display boards; and how polite and well-behaved the children are. Well done everyone for doing Slingsby School proud!

We also had a really constructive and positive Parent Forum and FOSS AGM in school last night. Thank you very much to those who joined us and to those who couldn't attend but sent in their views and ideas. It was hugely valuable to discuss all the issues raised together and we have come away with lots to think about to improve our school even further! The minutes will be circulated next week.

Don't forget that it is FOSS' Spooktacular Halloween Disco next Wednesday. Tickets will NOT be available on the door so please book your tickets by tomorrow. FOSS also still need your help to make this happen- please read below for details of the help they need with set up and baking. Please also ensure your children wear age-appropriate costumes that will not scare our smaller children. Thank you!

Mr Smith



School News

- You should have all received your child's FOSS Christmas Card artwork and form last week. Please can you complete and return the form no later than **Friday 14th October**.
- Parents' Evening booking forms were emailed out to parents/carers on Tuesday for the meetings which are taking place on the first week after half term. Please return your forms to the school office by **Friday 21st October**.
- We welcomed Mrs Norendal to Slingsby on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Norendal is spending some time volunteering in Class 1 to gain some classroom experience before applying for a primary PGCE course. Mrs Norendal has been fully DBS checked as part of our safer recruitment and safeguarding policy.
- Class 2 attended their penultimate swimming session at St. Alban's, Ampleforth yesterday.
- As Science and Geography Lead, Mrs Martindale attended a Yorkshire Water CPD Event for teachers on Wednesday morning about Outdoor Learning for Key Stage 2.

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- Mrs Massey and Miss Hope have attended the online School Finance and Admin Conference this morning, providing us with a lot of information and guidance regarding property services, Health & Service, Data Protection and HR.
- In Class 1 this term, the children are looking at Christians and what they believe so Miss Pearce has arranged a visit to the village Church tomorrow afternoon where they will be met by Church Wardens, Kate Giles and Ray Watson, who will explain and show the children some of the objects associated with Christianity.
- Next Tuesday, Class 4 are visiting Eden Camp WW2 museum to further enhance their history learning. The children will need to wear their school uniform, suitable outdoor footwear/wellies (in case of poor weather) and a waterproof jacket/coat. They will be outside for parts of the day so please ensure your child/ren are dressed appropriately for the weather. Thank you to everyone who had contributed towards the transport costs so far. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch from home if that is what your child's preference was.
- A letter went out on Tuesday about the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament that is taking place next Wednesday at Norton College.
- Don't forget to sign up for the Flu Vaccinations after half term. Details have been sent out by email and in the newsletter last week.



Parent Pay Debt – Please clear your accounts

Unfortunately, there is **£73.53** debt on Parent Pay today for lunches and clubs. Please check your accounts and pay any outstanding debt immediately. 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.



FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School) News

FOSS AGM - Thank you to all those who joined us at our AGM last night. We had a productive meeting and are pleased to confirm Sonja Sedran is continuing as FOSS Chair and Kathryn Fairweather as FOSS Secretary. We are actively seeking a treasurer to join our enthusiastic team and we need more volunteers so please get in touch at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk or speak to one of us outside school for more information if you have any time at all to spare. We cannot fundraise for school without your help! Our AGM minutes will be published shortly so please take the time to read them.

Personalised Christmas Cards & Gifts - All children have now taken their Christmas card artwork home in book bags. To guarantee delivery in time for Christmas the deadline to return the artwork and completed form to school is **this Friday the 14th October**. Please read the instructions that came with the artwork for more information.

FOSS Halloween Party - The FOSS Halloween Party is next Wednesday the 19th October from 3.30pm in the Village Hall (please see the attached poster for more details). **Tickets must be purchased in advance by this Friday the 14th October**: there will be no ticket sales on the door.

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We welcome all children from school 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 **by this Friday 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 - we still need volunteers to help set-up

2. Please pay for your tickets in advance through Parent Pay **by this Friday 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. On the day of the party, children can bring their costume in a named bag to school along with some change if they would like to buy any treats. Please make sure the costumes are age appropriate for the whole school. 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.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to help us set-up on the day – please email us when you send us your child's details to confirm if you are able to help. Thank you!

3. **We need donated baked goods to sell at our tuck shop please!** If you are able to donate baked goods such as cupcakes, traybakes and treats for the children, they can be brought to school on the morning of the party, 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.



Updated Key Dates below, please scroll down.....

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UPDATED KEY DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2022

There have been a few changes to the last list, in green.

(Please note these are subject to change so please keep an eye on the newsletter & T2P App for any updates. We try to give as much notice as possible for events, but this is not always possible)

14th October – Please order your tickets and email FOSS re Halloween Disco by today- see poster

14th October – Deadline for Christmas Card Art work order forms- return to school by today

18th October – Class 4 trip to Eden Camp

19th October – Class 2 last swimming session

19th October - Class 4 Tag rugby Norton College

19th October – Baking for FOSS for Halloween Disco deliver to school

19th October – FOSS Halloween Disco & Pumpkin competition – **volunteers still needed to help please**

21st October – Please book your Parents’ Evening appointments by today

21st October – Break up for half term finishing at 3.30pm

31st October – Return to school 8.50am

1st November – Class 2 & 3 trip to Arboretum for Music Therapy Workshop

1st November – Class 1 & 2 Parents’ Evening

2nd November – Class 1 & 2 Parents’ Evening

4th November – FOSS Bags2School – pre-loved clothing collection

4th November – Flu vaccinations whole school – parent permissions required, complete online form

8th November – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening

9th November – KS2 Netball and Basketball MCSC – letter to follow

10th November – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening

14th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying week

16th November – Class 4 Netball Norton College – letter to follow

18th November – Non Uniform Day for FOSS Tombola for Christmas Fair, please bring tombola items

23rd November – KS2 Cross Country and Dodgeball MCSC – letter to follow

26th November – FOSS Christmas Fair – Slingsby Village Hall

30th November – Planet Protecting Superhero, Power Down Pete, workshops in school

8th December – Christmas Productions – Class 1 & 2 afternoon, Class 3 & 4 evening

15th December – Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day

15th December - Christmas lunch in school

15th December – FOSS Christmas Party 3.30 – 5pm - subject to obtaining enough volunteer helpers

16th December – Break up for Christmas holidays. Christmas Service 1pm. Early finish.



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