



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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## A Message from Mr Smith

I had the pleasure of accompanying our KS2 pupils on their Netball & Basketball event yesterday at Malton Community Sports Centre. We took along a team of girls and an additional mixed team for the netball competition and two mixed basketball teams. In the basketball event, the Slingsby Dragons won 2, drew 1 and lost 1 match. The Slingsby Lions won all three of their group matches to automatically qualify for the semi-finals, which they were knocked on a penalty hoop out after drawing 4-4 in normal time. Our netball teams had lots of shots on goal, but unfortunately the ball just wouldn't go through the hoop! They did manage to draw one game and all left at the end of the afternoon wearing huge smiles. As always, their behaviour was impeccable and we are extremely proud of them all.

We will be taking some time tomorrow to reflect on the meaning of Remembrance Day and the symbolism of the poppy. We will also be observing a minute's silence at 11am. Some of our Year 5 and 6 Children have very kindly volunteered to read at the Remembrance Service at Slingsby Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am to which you are all welcome to attend.

On Monday, we will be celebrating what makes us all unique by wearing odd socks as part of the Anti-Bullying Alliance national anti-bullying week. Odd Socks Day is an initiative supported by the CBBC star Andy Day and his band The Odd Socks promoting acceptance, understanding and respect. This year the theme is "Reaching Out": spreading the message that it is always possible to reach out for help and support. The odder and brighter the socks the better, even over tights! Mr Smith.



## School News

- Class 3 enjoyed their second swimming lesson at the St Albans Centre on Wednesday.
- Mr Smith and Miss Pearce attended the Howardian Alliance KS1 and KS2 Writing Moderation meeting at Langton School on Wednesday evening, which was hugely beneficial.
- Class 4 parents' evenings have taken place this week and it was wonderful to see so many parents. Class 3 parents' evenings have been rearranged for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of November and a letter was sent home this week.
- Mr Smith and Mrs Jordan had our school's annual Planning meeting with our Local Authority School Advisors this afternoon, discussing the school's Self Evaluation Form and Development

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Plan. It was a really positive meeting in which we were complimented on our pro-active approach to development and improvement.

- The children's School Council are meeting tomorrow afternoon to discuss how we can further improve our playground and outdoor facilities.
- Curriculum Maps for this half term are now available on our website for Class 1, 2 and 4. Class 3's map will be available in due course.
- It is a non-uniform day next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, in aid of the FOSS Chocolate Christmas Tombola which will take place at the Christmas performances. More details are below in the FOSS news.
- We are very much looking forward to FOSS's first Christmas Fair taking place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall, which promises to get us all in the festive mood with lots of super stalls, Santa's Grotto, face painting and refreshments. Please read the FOSS News below as they really need your help to make this event a big success!
- Our Christmas Performances are taking place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Village Hall. Class 1 and 2's performance will start at 1.30pm in the afternoon and Class 3 and 4's will start at 6pm in the evening. All parents, carers and family members are warmly welcome to attend.
- Please can we remind you to ring or email school before 9am if your child is unwell or has a medical appointment and please let us know about any current medical conditions so that we are aware. Many thanks.
- Our updated Key Dates for the rest of this half term are below.



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

**There is £100.50 debt on Parent Pay today for lunches and clubs.** There should not be any debt on Parent Pay, all clubs and lunches must be paid for in advance. Please check your accounts and pay any outstanding debt immediately. If you are unable to make payments in advance for any reason, please telephone us to let us know.



### **Christmas Busking – 4<sup>th</sup> December**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, the Richard Shephard Music Foundation, who lead our music lessons in school, would like to invite children to take part in Christmas busking at Malton Christmas Market. This will take place 1pm-3pm. If you would like to take part, please read the attached letter for more details.



### **Castle Howard - A Fairy Tale Christmas**

Please see the attached Flyer from Castle Howard, this year the House theme is A Fairy Tale Christmas and some of our children will be writing Christmas wishes again for the Chapel Tree giving thought to World Peace. There is a four-part documentary airing on Saturday evening at 8pm all about Castle Howard and the seasons so look out for some familiar faces!



### **FOSS News**

**Christmas Draw** - our Christmas Draw is back this year and we have some fantastic prizes to be won! This week each child will be bringing home a ticket form in their book bags. Please sell as many tickets

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as you can and return the form to school by Monday the 5th of December, this is a fantastic fundraiser for school and there is also a prize for the family who sell the most tickets! Further information can be found on the attached flyer.

**Non-uniform day is next Friday the 18th November** - as a forfeit please bring in an item into school for our tombola stall which will be held at the Christmas Fair. Prize donations can be dropped off at school on Friday morning in the boxes at each entrance, prizes could be something Christmassy such as sweets, treats and small gift items.

**Christmas Fair Saturday 26th November** – please see our attached flyer. We are excited to be hosting our first Christmas Fair but we do need your help to run it! If you are able to help with any of the following please get in touch with us at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk).

**Volunteers** - We need your help to run our range of stalls, if you are available to volunteer for a 1 hour slot 11-12, 12-1 or 1-2 please [email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk).

We are looking for helpers for the following:

- refreshments table
- games room
- front door/raffle tickets
- tombola/guess the weight
- set up & tidy up

**Baked items** - We need baked items for our refreshments stall at the Fair. All baked goods would be very much appreciated, they could be Christmassy or not, and can be brought to school on the morning of Friday 25th November or direct to the fair on the morning of the 26th. Suggestions include: cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and traybakes.

**Christmas jumpers** - We are taking donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers for our Christmas jumper stall, donations can be brought to school in a clearly marked bag before Friday the 25th of November.

**Christmas shopping** - FOSS are a registered charity and you can help us raise money for school when shopping online with AmazonSmile and EasyFundraising, please see the attached flyer for more information.



Key dates below....

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## Autumn Term 2 Key Dates

- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Slingsby Village Church Remembrance Service
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day to raise awareness for anti-bullying week
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Nunnington Hall Christmas Angels activity
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Class 3's 3<sup>rd</sup> swimming session
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Road Safety Talks with Yorkshire Police
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Non-uniform day for FOSS Chocolate Tombola
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Class 3's 4<sup>th</sup> swimming session
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – KS2 Cross Country and Dodgeball Event at MCSC
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Class 3 Parents' Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Class 3 Parents' Evening
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – North Yorkshire Fire Service visit
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – FOSS Christmas Fair at Slingsby Village Hall with stalls & Father Christmas
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Class 3's 5<sup>th</sup> swimming session
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Power Down Pete Assembly and Class Workshops
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Class 3's 6<sup>th</sup> swimming session
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Performances 1.30pm and 6pm Village Hall
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole School Pantomime Trip to Scarborough Spa with thanks to FOSS
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch AND Christmas Jumper Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec- FOSS Christmas Party 3.30pm in the Village Hall
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last Day of Term, early finish after assembly
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Staff Training Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – School re-opens to pupils

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