



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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### A Message from Mr Smith

We have had a really fun day in school today with North Yorkshire Police visiting us and talking to the children about road safety. Constable Lord also brought his motorbike, and we didn't let the rain deter us! Every class had the chance to go and see the bike and all its functions, including the lights and sirens, and ask as many questions as they could think of. The Police Officers thanked the children for being so welcoming and very well-behaved which is always lovely to hear!



All the staff are looking forward to seeing lots of spots and stripes tomorrow! Don't forget that it is non-uniform spots and stripes day for Children in Need tomorrow and donations can be made via the link on Parent Pay- details below.



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## **Calling All Parents, Carers & Children!**

The FOSS Christmas Fair is in ONE WEEK! It is set to be a fantastic festive event with Christmassy stalls, face painting, Santa's Grotto, refreshments, and Tombola (flyer attached). But it can't happen without your help! The FOSS Committee are really desperate for volunteers to make this day a success. They need helpers to assist with running some of the stalls for just for one-hour slots between 11am and 3pm. If you can spare an hour to support the team on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November while the children enjoy all it has to offer, it would be hugely appreciated. They also need baked items and pre-loved Christmas jumpers. The funds raised at these FOSS events are absolutely vital for school and the resources for teaching, now more than ever. More details below in the FOSS News section, but please email FOSS if you feel you could give any time at all to help [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk).



## **School News**

- We all enjoyed Odd Socks Day on Monday and our discussions about "Reaching Out" for support in times of worry. Everyone's socks were a great reflection that we are all unique!
- Nunnington Hall staff were in Class 2 & 3 this week to carry out 'Year 3000' sessions. Nunnington Hall's Christmas exhibition this year is all about Christmas traditions past, present and future so they have asked our children to contribute by thinking about and drawing pictures of what Christmas might look like in the Year 3000. The children's artwork will be displayed in Nunnington Hall over the festive period. The whole school will also be making paper angels which will be displayed as part of their Christmas decorations from 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- Class 3 had their 3<sup>rd</sup> swimming lesson yesterday and we were especially impressed with some of our less confident swimmers who were really brave and pushed themselves even further this week.
- Mr Smith attended a Howardian Alliance Head Teacher meeting this afternoon which was incredibly useful for the sharing of ideas and current issues facing schools.
- Don't forget it's SPOTactular Children in Need Day tomorrow. Children in Need is such an important cause, particularly in these difficult times. Children may come to school in non-uniform and something spotty or stripy in aid of Children in Need. Voluntary donations to be made via Parent Pay <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9703>. Donations go directly to the charity.
- Next Wednesday is the KS2 Cross Country and Dodgeball events at Malton Community Sports Centre. Letters have been sent to all those participating, and we would be hugely grateful for contributions towards transport if you are able.
- Class 3 Parents' Evening is taking place next Wednesday and Thursday.
- We have North Yorkshire Fire Service in school next Friday to do a presentation to each class.



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

Unfortunately, there is **£248.00** debt on Parent Pay today for lunches and clubs. Text reminders have been sent out but please also 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.



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## FOSS News

**Christmas Draw** - all Christmas Draw forms have now been handed out to children in their book bags. Please sell as many tickets as you can and return the form to school by Monday the 5th of December. This is a fantastic fundraiser for school. There are some great prizes to be won and there is also a Groovy Moo voucher to be won by the family who sell the most tickets! Further information can be found on the attached flyer.

**Non-uniform day next Friday 25th 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 can be anything you can donate, suggestions include something Christmassy, sweets, treats and small gift items.

**Christmas Fair Saturday 26th November** - we are excited to be hosting our first Christmas Fair but WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP! 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, 1-2 or 2-3 please email [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk).
- **Baked items** - We need baked items for our refreshments stall. 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 party** - We are delighted to be providing a Christmas party for the children again this year on Thursday the 14th of December, this will be an event paid for by FOSS and we warmly welcome all children to attend and have fun with their friends. There will be entertainment from Magic Mike, a festive themed snack pack and a gift from Santa will be handed out before heading home. More details to follow nearer the time.



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

A letter has been emailed out regarding the Richard Shephard Music Foundation Christmas busking at Malton Christmas Market on 4<sup>th</sup> December. This will take place 1pm-3pm and children from Slingsby School are invited to join them. If your children would like to take part, please contact RSMF.



## **Swinton & District Excelsior Band - FREE Christmas Concert**

Swinton & District Excelsior Band would like to invite the community to come along to the free Christmas concert which is being held at St. Peter's Church, Norton on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. The band will be featuring their new training band and beginner's group - some of which are children

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from Slingsby School who joined the band following the 'Try An Instrument Day' held in school last summer term.



### **Feast FREE Activities this Christmas**

FEAST is back for the Christmas holiday. All children and young people across North Yorkshire are invited to join in the wealth of activities, with free places and a free lunch for children and young people on benefits-related Free School Meals. Eligible families will all receive a letter this week. Please see the attached poster for more details.



### **North Yorkshire Library Services Christmas Reading Challenge**

The North Yorkshire Library Service is running a Christmas Reading Challenge for children and they have asked if Slingsby School would like to participate. To enter the challenge, a child must borrow 4 books from the library and read them by Christmas. As a reward, each child will be given a sticker for each book read, and on completion of reading 4 books, a wooden Christmas Tree Decoration and a Certificate. The Mobile Library are going to drop off a set of 50 resources this Friday 18th November. The children who wish to sign up, can choose and borrow 4 books each and the teachers will issue the stickers, gifts and completion certificates as and when the children complete the challenge.



### **Apples Galore – this Saturday**

This Saturday 19th November, Ryedale Environmental Group is holding its final apple juicing day of the year at the Hungate Centre, Pickering and are inviting the local community to join in!

It's been a record-breaking year for the juicing project, with several hundred bottles of juice produced thanks to local donations – helping to reduce food waste as well as enabling us to raise funds for local environmental groups and initiatives.

This Saturday, we'll have a small apple scatter and press set up for anyone who comes along to have a go at pressing (and sampling!) some apple juice, as well as handmade Christmas gifts, juice for sale, and children's activities.

We appreciate how very busy schools are, and would be extremely grateful if you were able to circulate this to your families this week. The venue itself is not really on a main thoroughfare in Pickering, so we're trying to get the word out in advance as much as possible! Please see poster attached.



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