



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 24th November 2022

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A Message from Mr Smith

We are all very much looking forward to the first FOSS Christmas Fair on Saturday which we hope will be a big fundraiser for school; many thanks to the members of our school community who have signed up give their time to help out.

It will be a great opportunity for Christmas gift shopping with local craft stalls and promises to get us all in the festive mood. Swinton Brass Band will be opening proceedings at 11am; you can visit Santa's Grotto and the games room; and face painting will keep the children entertained as you browse or enjoy a piece of cake! Please bring cash along, as the internet signal for the card machine might not always be reliable. Please also refer to the FOSS news below about bringing baked goods and tombola prizes; and the flyer with details of the event is attached. See you there!

This week we were so happy to have Mrs Martindale back teaching Class 3. I wanted to also say a BIG 'Thank you' to Mrs Jay for her hard work and dedication over the last three weeks.

I was BLOWN away by our Year 4, 5 & 6 cross-country runners on Wednesday afternoon. Out of 8 schools, our runners finished in first place overall with 83 points (20 points ahead of second place!). Miss Secker was also highly impressed with the Yr 5/6 dodgeball team, who finished in first place in the runner's – up league. Well done to all!

Mr. Smith



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School News

- Thank you to all the children and staff for joining in with the SPOTacular Children in Need Day last Friday. Thank you to all of those who kindly donated. We have so far managed to raise £147.50. The donation page is still open if you missed it last Friday and would still like to donate.
- On Friday, the whole school visited the mobile library bus and those children who wanted to sign up to the Christmas Reading Challenge, borrowed 4 books from the library to be read before Christmas. As a reward, a sticker will be awarded for each book read, and on completion of reading all 4 books, they will receive a wooden Christmas Tree Decoration and a Certificate. The teachers will issue the stickers, gifts and completion certificates as and when the children complete the challenge.
- Mr Smith attended a 2-day Leadership Training Course at the start of the week with all the local schools, which was hugely valuable.
- Nunnington Hall collected all the pupil's Christmas paper angels on Tuesday. They will be on display in Nunnington Hall's exhibition room from 25th November as part of their Christmas displays. All families are welcome to visit.
- Class 3 had their 4th swimming lesson at the St. Albans's Centre on Wednesday.
- Class 3 re-scheduled parents' evenings were held this week. It was great to speak with so many of our Class 3 families.
- We had our annual sports equipment inspection on Tuesday and passed with flying colours.
- Don't forget that tomorrow is non-uniform day for FOSS' tombola which will be held at the Christmas Fair this Saturday at Slingsby Village Hall from 11am – 3pm. For the forfeit, please bring in an item into school for the tombola stall (see FOSS news below for more information).
- North Yorkshire Fire Service are in school tomorrow, leading workshops for each class.



Parent Pay Debt – Please clear your accounts

There is **£95.50** 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.



School Closure Procedure in Case of Snow

A reminder that if school is unable to open due to bad winter weather, we will follow our Unavoidable School Closure procedures. Mr Smith will endeavour to speak to all staff and make the decision to close (or open later to allow time for melt or gritters) by 7.30am on the day, or failing that, as soon as is possible.

A message will be sent to all families via the Teachers2Parents (Eduspot) App Notice Board before 8am where possible. Please ensure your T2P App is set up to notify you when a message is received. This sometimes has to be re-set when telephone updates occur.

If the closure takes place during a school day, school will telephone the 'Unavoidable Closure' emergency contact that you provided in your starter pack so that arrangements for the collection and supervision of the children can be made. We will also send a message via the Teachers2Parents (Eduspot) App Notice Board.

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In either circumstance, we will inform Greatest Hits Radio (as per the NYCC guidance) who announce the local school closures and notify NYCC who will post it on their website. In addition, a notice will be placed on the front door of the school and the scrolling ticker tape on the Homepage of the school's website will be updated to state that SCHOOL IS CLOSED.

Now that the cold weather is upon us, please make sure that your children are dressed in plenty of layers and bring winter coats, hats and gloves to school each day. If it is snowing, children should bring wellington boots in a labelled bag for break times.



Primary School Place Applications – Reception 2023

For those who have children starting school in September, a reminder that the deadline for applications is 15th January 2023. You can apply online via the North Yorkshire County Council Admissions web page.



FOSS News

Non-uniform day tomorrow for our Fair Tombola, Friday the 25th November - as a forfeit for non-uniform, 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 in the morning and placed 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 this Saturday - our first Christmas Fair is almost here and we are really looking forward to seeing you there to enjoy Swinton Brass Band and all the great stalls and entertainment we have to offer! Please bring cash as the card machines are unlikely to work with the poor signal in the village.

Volunteers - we still need a few volunteers to help to run our 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.

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 Draw - the deadline to return Christmas Draw forms Monday the 5th of December. Please sell as many tickets as you can, 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.

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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.



Castle Howard Relaxed Performance – no loud noises or surprises

Castle Howard are offering a Relaxed Performance of their Father Christmas and Friends experience – it's an interactive performance where children travel through three beautiful, theatrical rooms meeting various characters, before finally meeting the man himself and taking home a gift. The Relaxed Performance is on December 13th, 5pm, designed for children and young people with learning disabilities or additional needs. There's reduced capacity to make sure the experience is as comfortable as possible, ear defenders available, a quiet space to relax in, and no loud noises or surprises. You can find all the details, plus FAQs on their webpage: <https://www.castlehoward.co.uk/whats-on/christmas-at-castle-howard/christmas-at-the-castle-with-father-christmas-and>



Christmas Busking – 4th December

A letter has been emailed out regarding the Richard Shephard Music Foundation Christmas busking at Malton Christmas Market on 4th 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 11th December at 2pm. The band will be featuring the their new training band and beginners group, some of which are children from Slingsby School who joined the band following the 'Try An Instrument Day' we 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.



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