

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th December 2022

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A Message from Mr Smith

It is performance day and I cannot wait to watch our amazing children on stage in the Village Hall! There is a real buzz in the air in school and much excitement for the events happening over the coming week. Dress rehearsals have gone really well for both nativities so we hope it will all go to plan today! We look forward to seeing parents/carers, friends and family members at the Village Hall at either 1:30pm or 6pm - or both (door open half an hour before)! Everyone is very welcome.

Thank you to those who have already completed our digital Parent and Carer Questionnaire sent out on Tuesday. The form only takes two minutes to fill in and we would be really grateful for as much feedback as possible as this helps us to improve our offering. Please use this link https://forms.office.com/e/4tvWedPasK.

I also received some amazing feedback from Mr Matty Hood (our MCSC sport's teacher) yesterday via email and it was lovely to hear his comments about our pupils and staff (extract below):

'I would just like to thank you for the opportunity you have given me. It's an absolute pleasure to work for you and the school, and it is by far my favourite day of the week coming in and working with the staff and children (I think your teaching assistants are superb too).'

Please remember that it is our whole school Pantomime trip to the Scarborough Spa Theatre tomorrow. As we aim to set off by 8:50am, we will be opening our doors at the slightly earlier time of 8:30am, but please ensure children arrive at school no later than 8:40am.

Many thanks, Mr Smith.



School News

- Well done to our brilliant buskers who joined Richard Shepherd Music Foundation in Malton on Saturday! Despite the rain, there was plenty of enthusiasm and they raised £140 which will be used to help run the RSMF holiday clubs. Photographs below.
- Class 3 enjoyed their last swimming lesson yesterday.
- Class 1 & 2 will be performing "The Inn-Spectors" at 1:30pm in the Village Hall today and once the performance is finished the children will all return to school to change and then you may take your children from school early (including any Class 3&4 siblings). We estimate this to be

between 2:30pm to 3pm. Clubs are running as normal for those who need it. Class 3 & 4 will be performing "Straw and Order" at 6pm. The children should arrive at the Village Hall at 5.30pm please to prepare. FOSS will have a refreshments stall at both performances which will be cash only.

- Our Christmas Card Letterbox will be available at the front door until the last day of term with Mr Smith delivering the cards to each class.
- Please arrive at school no later than 8:40am tomorrow morning so that we can register and leave promptly at 8:50am for our whole school trip to see Dick Whittington and his Wonderful Cat at Scarborough Spa. We will open our doors at the earlier time of 8.30am. Children should be in school uniform and just need their labelled water bottle (and lunch if bringing from home).
- There is a menu change for next Wednesday, 14th December to meatballs.
- Next Thursday, 15th December, is our non-uniform Christmas Jumper day and we will be
 enjoying Christmas lunch together. Please email the office if your child <u>does not</u> wish to have
 the school Christmas Lunch as per our letter emailed out on Monday 5th December.
- Please book your children's place for the FOSS Christmas party next Thursday 15th December at 3:30pm if they wish to attend. This is a free event but you still need to book your children in so that FOSS know the numbers they are catering for and any dietary requirements. Details of how to book are below in FOSS News and any volunteers would be welcomed.
- Friday 16th December is our last day of term and we will be hosting an end of term Celebration
 Assembly at 1pm in the village Church. All families are welcome to attend and you may take
 your children from school early once the assembly is finished at approximately 2pm. School will
 remain open until 4:30pm as usual for those who can't leave early with MCSC still running after school Sports Club.
- Clubs will run as normal all week next week.



Scarlet Fever and Streptococcus A

The current headlines regarding Scarlet Fever and Streptococcus A are worrying, but in most cases, it is a mild illness and is easily treated with the child making a quick and full recovery.

The UK Health Security Agency Guidance we have now received states that the symptoms are:-

"non-specific in early illness and may include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. Within 48 hours, a characteristic pinkish-red, generalised pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. During convalescence, peeling of the skin may occur at the tips of fingers and toes and less often over wide areas of the trunk and limbs"

If these symptoms occur, medical advice should be sought. In accordance with the NYCC guidance for schools, we have completed a Risk Assessment setting out the steps we are taking in school to try to prevent germs spreading. This includes even more regular handwashing, ventilation, cleaning of equipment and "Catch it Bin it Kill it" for nose blowing and coughs. As always, if we have any concerns

about a child feeling unwell with Scarlet Fever symptoms or any other, we will telephone you immediately.



FOSS News

Christmas Productions - FOSS volunteers will be providing refreshments at both the afternoon and evening performances. Please bring along some change to use at the stall as unfortunately there isn't a signal for the card machine, thank you. We will also be hosting the Christmas Draw at the evening performance.

Christmas Party - The FOSS Christmas party is next Thursday the 15th of December in the Village Hall. This is a fully funded FOSS event and we warmly welcome all children to join us for entertainment from Magic Mike, a festive themed snack pack and a gift from Santa will also be handed out before heading home. To book your child's place please email us by THIS FRIDAY the 9th of December with the following information, we also need your help if you are free to assist us to run the party!

Please email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk by this Friday 9th December with:-

- > 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

On the day of the party school staff will accompany the children attending from school to the Village Hall at 3.30pm, once at the party adult supervision will be provided by FOSS and parent volunteers, there will also be staff from school attending.

The party will finish at 5.30pm - for children in class 1 and 2 please wait to collect your child/ren at the main front entrance, for children in class 3 and 4 please wait to collect them at the side door. This will hopefully speed up the safe exit of the children. If you have children in both groups, please use the main front entrance.

Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile - A reminder that FOSS is a registered charity with www.easyfundraising.org.uk and smile.amazon.co.uk and you can support us when Christmas shopping online. Simply log in to your account and select FOSS as your charity then shop as you normally would through the site online, see the attached leaflet for more information.



Busking for Richard Shepherd Music Foundation on Saturday



