



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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### A Message from Mr Smith

A very Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a restful break and on behalf of all the staff we would like to say a huge 'Thank you!' for all your generous cards, messages and gifts: we are humbled by your kindness and warm sentiments. I have been extremely proud of everyone coming back in to school so well after the holidays. Behaviour has been excellent and we have really enjoyed hearing all the children's stories. We have got straight back into action; indeed, Class 3 were even baking biscuits on day one! We have a slightly quieter term ahead, after the extremely busy Christmas period, but there are still sporting events and music workshops for us to look forward to (starting with a Year 1 & 2 Multi-skills event on 18<sup>th</sup> January), and we are planning on bringing back Seeing Is Believing and opening up Celebration Assemblies, as discussed in our Parent Forum meeting. We will be publishing key dates for this term in next week's newsletter.

I'm sure you will all have noticed how exceptionally muddy the village green outside school has been, whilst dropping off/picking up. Despite efforts from all, wiping feet before entering school on a morning, a substantial amount of mud is still being brought into school and trampled into the carpets which is proving difficult to clean. Please can we ask that everyone uses the footpaths in the morning rather than walking across The Green. It's just a temporary measure while the weather is so wet but we would be hugely grateful for your cooperation and understanding. Mr Smith.

**Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy**  
**New Year! New Year! New Year! New Year! New Year! New Year! New Year! New Year! New Year! New Year! New Year! New Year!**

### School News

- We are really pleased to report that North Yorkshire have noted a significant improvement in attendance rates and punctuality in schools across the county last term and we have seen the same trend in this school too which is great news- let's keep it up! As explained in our letter sent out in July regarding attendance expectations, we will be sending out notification letters to families at the end of each term if attendance is below 95%. This is just for your information so that you can keep track of your child's attendance, but we fully understand and sympathise that often absence is due to illness or events, which are entirely unavoidable, so please do not worry.
- We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Turner last term, but we are delighted that Mrs McCandless and Mrs Robshaw, who were assisting Class 1 on a part time basis, are now working as teaching assistants in Class 3 with Mrs Martindale.

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- Mrs Scott will be leaving us at the end of the month to go on maternity leave, which is very exciting, and we are currently recruiting for a one-year maternity leave cover teaching assistant post for Class 2.
- We are looking forward to welcoming two final placement York St John PGCE Students next week who will be with us this term. Miss Timmin will be working alongside Miss Secker in Class 4 and Miss Sykes will be working alongside Mrs Jordan in Class 2.
- In the coming weeks, we will be practicing our school lockdown drill which is a Health & Safety requirement. Like a fire drill, the lockdown procedure is in place in case of a dangerous situation other than fire - such as contamination, a swarm of wasps, air pollution or a threat of violence. This will be done with complete sensitivity and mostly requires discreet actions by staff, for example closing windows and blinds. For the children, it will simply involve them stopping what they are doing, sitting on the floor and being read a story, which we are sure they will enjoy.



## Missing Uniform

A number of parents have contacted school to report missing uniform from before Christmas. Please can we ask everyone to check uniform and PE bags at home for any rogue items that children may have scooped up and put in their bag by mistake. If you do find any items that don't belong to your child/ren, please hand them in to the school office. Many thanks.



## Winter Clothing and PE Kits

Please send your children into school wearing plenty of layers; tracksuit bottoms and sweaters for PE; and hats and gloves. Sports lessons and break times will continue to take place outside whenever possible this term. PE kits must be in school every day. Please also remember wellies if it is snowy.



## Parent Pay Accounts

There is **£197.88** debt on Parent Pay. Please can you ensure that you have **NO outstanding areas on your Parent Pay**. Unfortunately, not all debt was cleared before the start of this term as requested which is why debt is so high after just two days. We request that all clubs and dinners are paid in advance to avoid accruing debt. If you do have outstanding items to pay for, this will be checked before we confirm places at before or after-school clubs.



## Slingsby Sports & Social Club Need Our Help!

We hugely appreciate being able to use the Slingsby Sports Club field and facilities for our PE lessons and Sports Day, and the Club has great plans for the future but need the help of the community to support their application for funding. They have circulated this message:

*"We all have the chance to be part of a huge opportunity to improve facilities for the benefit of our community. Ryedale District Council has Grant Funding available which must be allocated before it ceases to exist on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Join us on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January between 1pm and 4pm in the Sports Club to view the plans, find out more and share with us your views and ideas as we finalise the plans and our application for funding. We need your help to make the plans work!"*



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