



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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## A Message from Mr Smith

I have been spending additional time in the playground at break and lunch times since we came back and it is so good to see children of all ages mixing with each other, laughing and running around - letting off steam in their own individual ways. In September, we introduced an activities board which is updated each morning with the games that will be played on the main lower playground that day so that the children know what equipment to take from the sport store. I have been enjoying joining in the volleyball, basketball, skittles, skipping, football and hula hoops this week with everyone (to name but a few activities!); and I have been very impressed with everyone's sporting attitude towards each other – keep it up! There are often other groups singing; some playing chase and imagination games; groups chatting in the wildlife garden; and others enjoying hopscotch. We are very fortunate to have such cheerful children in our school who are an absolute pleasure to spend time with, you should all be very proud.

Many thanks to all our families who have been using the pathways instead of walking across The Green on a morning. Our carpets have been much cleaner!

I am pleased to confirm we will be introducing parent/carer invitations to attend our weekly Celebration assembly on Fridays at 3pm. Please be aware that we have limited space, due to the number of pupils in school, and Class 4 (Reading Rooms) having more furniture than it used to. Unfortunately, therefore we cannot make it an open invitation to all as in previous years, just the parent(s)/carer(s) of award winners will receive an invitation via the Teacher2Parent (Eduspot) app so please keep a look out for this tomorrow and every Friday. Mr Smith



## School News

- Class Curriculum Maps are now available on our website, please follow this link <http://www.slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/> . We encourage you to read these so you can talk to your children about what they are learning this half term and also it provides reminders as to what the children need each day. PE kits should be in school every day.
- Regrettably, NYES Catering have had to increase the fixed price of our school pupil lunch from £2.66 to £2.93 for a variety of reasons which we have explained in our letter sent out to you on Friday of last week. If you have any questions or are struggling, please do not hesitate to contact us.
- Mrs Martindale attended KS2 moderation training this week.
- Mr Smith attended the North Yorkshire Education Service Head Teacher briefing on Tuesday.
- Year 1 and 2 are attending the KS1 Primary Games Multi-skills event next Wednesday. A letter was sent out to parents and carers yesterday and we are still hopeful for one more parent volunteer, so please let our admin team know if you are available next Wednesday afternoon.
- Our current Key Dates for this term are below so that you can see what is coming up.



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## Unavoidable School Closure Reminder

A colder snap is forecast for next week which could bring snow. We hope this won't disrupt our school day but please make sure your child/ren wear appropriate winter clothing (warm coat, hat and gloves) and bring wellies if snowing. Please keep an eye on the Teacher2Parent (Eduspot) app for any notices as per our Unavoidable Closure procedure.



## Menu Change - Chinese New Year – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

To celebrate Chinese New Year, NYES Catering are offering a Chinese lunch on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January of sweet and sour chicken with egg fried rice, sticky vegetable noodles, cauliflower and green beans followed by Chinese raspberry snowflake cake with custard. Our usual vegetarian and sandwich options will still be available. All dietary requirements will be catered for.



## Extra Bank Holiday – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please see attached the amended 2022-2023 term dates. These are also available to download from the school website.



## Parent Pay Accounts

There is **£189.21** debt on Parent Pay. Please can you ensure that you have NO outstanding arrears on your Parent Pay. 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.



## FOSS Update

A very happy new year and warm welcome back to school from the FOSS team. We are busy planning our two biggest events of the year, the Mayday Scarecrow Trail and our Duck Race Family Fun Day. Traditionally we have a working group for each of these events to spread the workload and we are in need of volunteers to help us plan these events. If you are interested in helping behind the scenes or at the events please get in touch with us at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk) or ask one of our team for more information.

We are still seeking a treasurer to join our team, if you are able to help FOSS in this role please get in touch, the role can really work around you and you can be involved in events as much or little as you want to be. Please get in touch with us at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk).

We currently have good stock levels of pre-loved uniform, particularly 26" school logo jumpers and cardigans, and various sizes of boys grey trousers, please email us at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk) to enquire about any items you are looking for.

Don't forget that you can support FOSS when you shop online, we are a registered charity with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk). Simply log in to your account and select FOSS as your charity then shop as you normally would through the website.



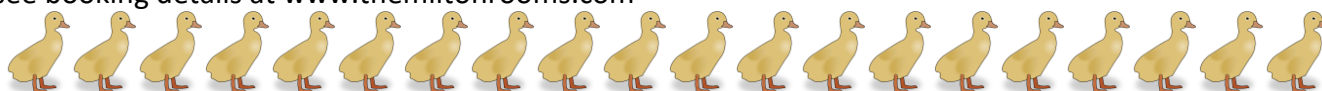
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## **Milton Rooms - Ugly Duckling & Other Stories**

Tickets are still available for the delightful Ugly Duckling & Other Stories on Wednesday 22nd February at the Milton Rooms. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce young children to live theatre! Please see booking details at [www.themiltonrooms.com](http://www.themiltonrooms.com)



### **KEY DATES – SPRING TERM 2023**

*Please note that new dates will be added as we go through the term, and some dates are subject to change, so please keep an eye on the newsletter & T2P App for any updates. We try to give as much notice as possible for events, but this is not always possible.*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 & Year 2 KS1 Multi-skills event at MCSC  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Menu Change for Chinese New Year. See School News.  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Folk Music Workshop – TBC  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Swimming Gala Derwent Pool – TBC  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February- last day of half term. Finish usual time of 3.30pm  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – children return to school after half term  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Class 1 first swimming lesson at St Albans Centre – letter to follow  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – KS1 Indoor Multisport at MCSC – letter to follow  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Class 1 second swimming lesson  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day – theme TBC  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Test week all classes  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 third swimming lesson  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 & 4 Basketball and Netball tournament at MCSC – letter to follow  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 fourth swimming lesson  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 Football tournament Norton College – letter to follow  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day & FOSS Flower stall for Mother’s Day  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Class 1 & 2 Parents’ Evening  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Class 1 fifth swimming lesson  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – KS1 Football tournament at MCSC – letter to follow  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Class 1 & 2 Parents’ Evening  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – last day of term. Easter Service 1pm and early finish.



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