



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 2nd February 2023

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A Message from Mr Smith

I met with the School Council on Monday afternoon, and we had a very productive meeting discussing their findings from canvassing their peers about how we can further improve our outdoor areas. The consensus was that the children of Slingsby would love to have a climbing wall; a new multi-purpose sports pitch marked on the main playground; a road-way for Class 1; and a giant snakes and ladders game (we even had proposals put forward for an outdoor swimming pool but I explained that this may be pushing things a little too far!). I am now in the process of pricing up their wish-list, so watch this space for future updates.

It has been wonderful to welcome back parents and carers of those children who have received a weekly award to our Friday afternoon Celebration Assembly. It has been such a long time since we were last able to do this and we have all managed to squeeze in quite well!

Please may we remind you about our **No Mobile Phone Policy** in school which is for safeguarding purposes. If you cannot avoid leaving your phone at home or in the car, please ensure they are turned off and out of sight in a bag or coat pocket. No photographs or recordings can be taken in school, other than on school devices, for the safety of all our children. Thank you for your understanding.

I had the pleasure of accompanying eleven children from Class 4 who represented Slingsby School at the Derwent Pool Swimming Gala on Tuesday, competing against seven other primary school squads in ten races- both individual and relay. We came in fourth place overall, with some really impressive performances (missing out on 3rd place by only 3 points!). The team also finished as 'Small School' Champions and I will be presenting their certificates in our Celebration Assembly on Friday. Once again, the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we were extremely proud of them. Mr Smith.



School News

- Mrs Grundmann joined our Slingsby team on Tuesday, as a teaching assistant in Class 2, and the children (and staff!) have made her feel very welcome.
- Our Local Authority Advisor has spent the day with us today looking at the School Development Plan, focussing specifically on our science and history curriculum, and observing lessons. It was greatly beneficial and we have received good recommendations as to how to improve our curriculum further.
- Nunnington Hall are coming in tomorrow to work with Class 4, linked to their topic of WW2. They will be learning about people in history who have found sanctuary in Nunnington, including a school from Leeds who were sent to live at Nunnington Hall during the air raids in

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1940. The children will be contributing artwork to a stained-glass window celebrating this topic which will go on display at Nunnington Hall.

- The School's NYCC Finance Manager is visiting tomorrow to review the school budget for the next financial year. It is certainly set to be a challenging year, but we are up for the challenge. We are forever grateful for your support through FOSS and donations towards transport for trips and events, without which the children would not have such opportunities.
- You should have received an email this week asking you to spend a few minutes completing a quick online survey for FOSS. FOSS would be delighted to receive your feedback to help them make decisions regarding the future.
- Please can Class 1 parents and carers email the Office with the children's swimming abilities as soon as possible.
- There are still library books outstanding from before Christmas which we need to deliver back to the library bus. If you have any at home, please can you send them back to school as soon as you can.
- Please can you remind your children about not bringing items into school from home unless they are part of their uniform, or a class teacher has asked or approved an item to be brought in. We are still regularly having to look after items in the Office that should not have been brought to school. Your support in checking that nothing has been 'smuggled' in coat pockets or book bags before arriving at school would be greatly appreciated!
- Similarly, we only allow water to be brought in to school to drink unless in exceptional circumstances and in line with our Healthy Eating Policy we ask that all packed lunches are full of healthy foods.
- There is a webinar provided by North Yorkshire Education Services for parents and carers of Year 6 children about preparing for the forthcoming SATS. Details are in the attached flyer.
- It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. This subject is part of our PSHE and Computing curriculum, but in addition every class will be spending extra time discussing the topic on Tuesday. There have been some very worrying findings in the news over the last week regarding children's internet safety so this is a very timely opportunity to remind the children how to use the internet and devices appropriately. You can find more information at <https://www.saferinternetday.org/home>
- School will be finishing at the usual time of 3.30pm next Friday for half term and **please read below for the exciting new end of term treat available from FOSS!** All clubs are on as usual next week and Sports Club will still be taking place on Friday.



Parent Pay Debt

There is **£176.25** 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.



Flu Catch-up Clinics

Please find attached the final flu catch-up clinics suitable for any child who did not receive their vaccination in school. This is the last opportunity to obtain the vaccine this year.



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FOSS Update with Exciting End of Term Treats!

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts - as an end of term treat and a new way of fundraising we are taking orders of Classic Original Glazed Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. They are priced at 3 doughnuts for £4, to order email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk by **Monday 6th February**. Please pay direct to the Slingsby CP PTA account, including your surname in the reference. Sort Code: 05 05 70, Account No: 35422341. The doughnuts will be available to collect on Friday 10th February at school pick-up or after school club.

FOSS Survey - please take 5 minutes to complete the questionnaire emailed out this week to help us make informed decisions about the future of FOSS.

Unwanted Christmas cards - do you have any unwanted Christmas cards that you're yet to add to your recycling? If you do, please don't throw them out but hand them into school for the attention of FOSS so that we can use them as a potential fundraiser, thank you.

Pre-loved uniform - We currently have good stock levels of pre-loved uniform, please email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk to enquire about any items you are looking for.



Give or Take Event - Sunday 5th February

Don't forget the Give and Take event this Sunday in conjunction with the village bacon butty morning, in the village hall. Please see the attached poster for more details.



Are you a business looking to reach more local customers?

Why not advertise in the village newsletter *The Triangle* or on the village website. For more information and prices please email Jo on thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk. The Triangle looks to support local businesses many of which have been with us for over ten years. **Keep it local!**



FREE ART WORKSHOP IN MALTON FOR YEAR 6

We have been asked to send the attached leaflet which may be of interest to our Year 6 children.



**FOSS FUNDRAISING
END OF TERM TREAT**

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COLLECT
Friday 10th February at school pick-up or after school club.

In aid of FOSS, for more information please visit:
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