



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### A Message from Mr Smith

Welcome back! We hope you all had a super half term and enjoyed some quality time together. The children have returned this week in fine form and I have been very impressed with their attitude and behaviour for learning this week. The teachers face some very tough decisions choosing their weekly awards: keep up the fantastic attitude everyone!

This week, I enjoyed accompanying Class 1 on their first swimming lesson and I was massively impressed with their brilliant behaviour and support for one another. My favourite comment from a child supporting another with positivity was: 'Go on my son, you can do it! That's my boy!' On Wednesday, we celebrated the Guide's World Thinking Day and Scout's Founders Day; and it was great to see children in their uniforms – they looked very smart indeed!



I have also been asked today by Matty Hood to request that all children in Year 5 & 6 (Class 4) bring shin-pads with their PE kits for their upcoming hockey lessons on each Thursday this term. If your child does not have their own pair, we can provide them but do not have enough for the whole class: please let Miss Secker or myself know before next Thursday if your child needs to borrow shin pads from school.

Mr. Smith



### School News

- We are delighted to announce that Mrs Scott had a beautiful baby girl on Monday! Congratulations Mr and Mrs Scott, we can't wait to meet her!
- Please name all your children's clothes with a laundry pen or label. We had seven unnamed unclaimed jumpers left in Class 2 alone, at the end of last half term, and it is impossible for us to ensure they go to the right home without name labels. Thank you very much.
- Please remember to book your children into clubs in advance and, if possible, at the start of each half term so that we can ensure the correct staffing ratios are in place. We had a lot of extra children for Art Club on Tuesday who were not booked in. Many thanks.

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- Class 1 enjoyed their first swimming lesson on Wednesday and Miss Pearce was really proud of all the children for doing their best at all levels. Well done Class 1! We would be hugely grateful for contributions towards the transport costs for the swimming lessons as explained in the swimming letter, if you are able to, as we do not receive any funding for this.
- Maypole Dancing Sessions are starting after school today for the KS2 pupils who have booked their places in preparation for the village May Day Celebrations.
- The Ryevitalise team were in school yesterday giving a whole school assembly. Ryevitalise is a scheme supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, North York Moors National Park Authority and partners and they work with communities helping to improve our understanding of the river landscapes and encouraging us to protect their heritage. We have enjoyed many educational days with Ryevitalise over the last few years.



- The school nurses will be in to see Reception and Year 6 children for weight and height measurements as part of the National Child Measurement Programme next week. A letter was sent to parents and carers on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- Don't forget it is World Book Day next Thursday and as mentioned in the last newsletter, we are celebrating the SUPERPOWER of reading! The children may come to school dressed as a character they consider to be their superhero from a favourite book or story and if possible, bring their book or details of the character with them to discuss with the class. During the day, the children will take part in World Book Day themed activities and there will be a hunt for book characters around school too!



## **School Eco Update**

Power Down Pete, North Yorkshire's Planet saving superhero, was in school all day on Tuesday talking to each class about more ways we can all help save our planet.

Pete talked to the children about transport and sustainable travel in some classes and the Rainforest Alliance Green Frog logo in other classes. They discussed how we can make informed choices about the products we buy that are produced sustainably in rainforests. For example, did you know that tinned corned beef comes from deforested rainforest land?

In Class 4, Pete focused on the topic of World War II (a topic they explored in Autumn term) and taught them all about how, during the war effort, many families had limited resources, food, clothes and other essentials due to the ongoing war. They discussed what we can learn from those groups of people who took part in initiatives (such as Make Do and Mend and Dig for Victory) about how we can reduce, reuse, recycle and grow our own resources to limit our waste. Photographs below.

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### **Menu Change – Friday and Tuesday**

Due to problems with food deliveries, Mrs Saunders has had to amend the menu slightly for Friday and Tuesday. This Friday the main hot option will be veggie sausage roll with chips and beans. On Tuesday it will be veggie pasta bolognese.



### **Parent Pay Debt**

There is **£49.24 debt** on Parent Pay. Thank you to those who have cleared their debt and paid in advance. Please can you ensure that you have **NO** outstanding arrears on your Parent Pay. **We request that all clubs and lunches 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**

**Coronation tea towels** - We are delighted to announce that we are working with school to create a tea towel design to celebrate the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III. The tea towels will feature beautiful illustrations from the children and will be available by pre-order only, please see the attached leaflet for further details.

**Easyfundraising** - If you're booking a holiday, please use easyfundraising. You can raise a BIG donation for FOSS with TUI, Expedia, First Choice and many more brands at no extra cost to yourself but it will make a real difference to our fundraising. Simply log in to your account and select FOSS as your charity then book as you normally would through the website, if you are not yet signed up it is very quick and can make a real difference to our fundraising.

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

**Bags2School** - A date for your diary, our next collection is on the 28th April, an ideal opportunity to have a sort out and a great way to raise funds for school. Details of accepted items can be found at [bag2school.com](http://bag2school.com).



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