



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 9th March 2023

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A Message from Mr Smith

The children have been working extremely hard and have been very focussed this week completing their formal Spring term assessments for reading, SPAG and mathematics. The teachers have been very impressed with how the children have been determined to do their best and shown great resilience.

This week I have enjoyed working with the children in Class 1 & 4 on their artwork for the Coronation Tea Towels, which FOSS are organising. They have produced some outstanding portraits and I cannot wait to see the final product!

On Wednesday, our fabulous Year 3 & Year 4 pupils attended a basketball and netball competitive event at Malton Community Sports Centre which involved 10 local schools. The basketball team played very well in all their four games, and – whilst starting a little slowly with two narrow defeats (the ball would just not go in the net!) – they finished by winning their last two matches 6-0 and 4-0: well done! The girl's netball team – coached by Mrs. Martindale did amazingly well, winning almost every game and eventually finishing as joint holders of the shield, as their final ended in a draw with no time left. Our mixed girls/boy's netball team also did amazingly well. They won 4 of their 6 games under the expert coaching of Mrs. Robshaw – brilliant! The children had a fantastic time, showed a great will to win well; and were very sporting in their behaviour and attitude to opposing teams. One of our pupils commented: *'This has been the BEST afternoon EVER, Mr. Smith!'*



Please can I remind everyone once again to avoid walking across The Green at the moment - especially in a morning - as it is incredibly muddy in places and the mud gets walked all through school. Whilst The Green outside school has recovered a little in the drier weather in February, we still really need to give the grass chance more time to recover. Mr. Smith



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School News

- Please remember to book your Parents' Evening appointments by emailing the school office. A letter was emailed out last week with details. Confirmation of time slots will be emailed out next week once we have had the majority of forms back.
- A reminder for Year 4 and 5 children to return their Consent Forms for Peat Rigg and pay the deposit on Parent Pay.
- Class 4 had a great morning at Nunnington Hall with Ryevitalise last Friday. The children spent time taking part in and exploring four different activities linked to Geography and creative writing. Each of the four groups visited four stations, including: observing river samples and identifying the animals that live in our waterways; creating field-work drawings and map reading; learning how to make an origami boat; and using the natural environment to inspire their creative writing.
- Ms Breese has attended and completed her paediatric first aid training this week.
- Mrs Jordan attended her last SENDco training course at Ripon and York University on Wednesday for this term.
- Class 1 attended swimming yesterday at the St Albans Centre and all did really well.
- There is no Maypole Dancing lesson tonight as previously communicated.
- The Year 5 pupils will be attending Malton Secondary School's matinee performance of Shrek the musical on the morning of Tuesday 21st March. The performance is open to all. Please see the attached poster for performance dates and booking details.
- Scarecrow entry forms will be coming home in book bags tomorrow, please keep an eye out and we hope to see a record number of scarecrow entries this year! Mr Smith is starting the school scarecrow next week with the help of the children. It will be a great project for the Easter holidays! Please also have the dates in your diary for volunteering to help FOSS with their stall over that weekend. Just an hour or two would be hugely appreciated. The volunteer rota will be available to fill in at the forthcoming Parents' Evenings. More information is below.



Please Remember PE Kits and Return Spare Slingsby School Uniform

Please can we ask that if your child has come home in school's own spare uniform following an accident or fall, that clothing items are returned to school. We have emergency stock in school for such incidents but this is being depleted fast, as sadly not all items are returned. All our items are labelled with the school name so should be easily identifiable. Please also remember PE Kits are needed in school every day, and especially can Class 1 parents & carers remember to return your child's PE kit to school on Tuesday following PE lessons on a Monday. PE kits should be in school every day and are also useful to have in school in case children have an accident as they feel more comfortable changing into their own clean clothes and ensures they have something to change into. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Slingsby Sport For All - Update

Mr Smith had a really productive and exciting meeting with Mr Hogarth of the Slingsby Sports and Social Club last Friday to discuss ways the school can support the fantastic proposed improvements of the club facilities.

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Since that meeting, there has also been an update from the Sports Club as follows:

Our current fundraising total has now reached £18,110 which is 32% of our target which is fantastic! Thanks to everyone who has donated.

We have some exciting news to share, Sport England have said that they are prepared to back our Crowdfunding Campaign with £10,000 which is simple amazing news.

HOWEVER: In order to unlock that funding we need to hit an initial target of £5000 donated by 100 different people and then get to £10,000 by the end of the Crowdfunding Campaign.

Our Crowdfunding Campaign is currently at £4,094 from 38 different supporters.

SO WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need to get more people to donate, even very small amounts to get us up to the target of 100 individual supporters AND we need to get to that target as soon as possible to unlock the Sport England money.

So, please, if you haven't donated already but are thinking about it, please visit the crowdfunding page and make a donation AND please share far and wide so we can try and get as many people as possible to support this incredible project. Please encourage your friends and family to support us. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/slingsby-sport-for-all>

Your help and support is very much appreciated.



Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March

Next Friday is Red Nose Day! The children may wear non-uniform and the theme is RED! Please make your donations using the link below which will take you to Slingsby School's Comic Relief donations page, created by Parent Pay. You cannot access this via your own parent pay account. Money raised through Red Nose Day provides grants to support programs that ensure children who are living in poverty are safe, healthy and educated.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10216>



Books for Ukrainian children

Natalia Likhova and her two young daughters fled from Kiev last year and are living locally at the moment. Natalia has started an amazing project in shipping English children's books to several places in the Ukraine to share them with Ukrainian children of different ages. Natalia has found cheaper transport via Ukrainian lorries travelling in and out the U.K. but the shipping process of the books is still not free of charge. If you would like to help Natalia Likhova raise £1000 to help cover shipping costs to send books to children in Ukraine to donate, please see the link to their JustGiving Crowdfunding Page

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/books4ukraine?utm_term=6pkJVXNMM

There is also a link to the Instagram account of this great initiative and pictures and a movie of the first 50 kg books being received in the Ukraine.

<https://instagram.com/booksforukraine?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

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If you would like to donate books, there will be a box placed at the main entrance of school from tomorrow until further notice to place your donated books. Your generosity and kindness will make a big difference in the lives of these children and will inspire them to develop a love for reading.



Netball4allUK

Please see attached various posters about local netball session plus an Easter Camp coming up.

Please see below the links for booking the sessions:

Minis & Primary Sessions - <https://form.jotform.com/222512334844047>

Walking Netball Sessions - <https://form.jotform.com/222575082730050>

Easter Camp - <https://form.jotform.com/222652464177055>



FOSS Update

Mothers Day Stall - Next Friday the 17th of March we will be hosting a pop-up stall on the green at school pickup selling plants, there will also be a bake sale and a raffle. Raffle tickets are available by email at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk or on the green this Friday the 10th and next Friday the 17th of March. The raffle will be drawn at the stall on the 17th, please see the attached flyer for more information.

Coronation tea towels - Thank you to all those who have already placed an order for the children's Coronation tea towels, if you would like to place an order please note the deadline is Tuesday the 28th March and they are available by pre-order only.

Scarecrow weekend and Slingsby May Day celebrations - Please check book bags tomorrow for scarecrow entry forms which will be handed out at school. There is no theme this year and you do not need to live in the village to enter, we just ask that your scarecrow is a child friendly character that families will be able to guess with a clue from the trail. Entries cost £2, the deadline is Friday the 31st March and there is a first prize for the scarecrow with the most votes!

We need your help to make this wonderful event a success, you can support us by submitting a scarecrow entry and by volunteering to help at our pop-up cafe and stall across the weekend of 29th April to 1st May, the volunteer rota will be available at parents evening, please add your name to a 2 hour slot if you are able to help or email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Preloved Uniform

We have just received some new school cardigans in the below sizes. If you are interested in purchasing one, please email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk to arrange payment and collection. We will be selling the cardigans for £8.00 each.

24" Age 3/4 – 3 available

26" Age 5/6 – 3 available

28" Age 7/8 – 3 available



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