



Thursday 16th March 2023

Head Teacher:
Mr L Smith
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A Message from Mr Smith

We are looking forward to Red Nose Day tomorrow! The children may come in to school in non-uniform with a theme of the colour red. Please use the following link to make your donations to help children living in poverty around the world, as we will not be taking cash in school.

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

Also, on Friday, our superb FOSS will be holding their Mother's Day Plant Stall, Bake Sale and Mother's Day Hamper Raffle on The Green (on the healthier grassed area adjacent to the Reading Rooms) after school, so please support this if you can. More details are below.

Thank you very much for not walking on The Green, it has made a big difference in school.



School News

- Next Tuesday and Wednesday is Class 1 and 2 parents' evening. Confirmation of all appointment times have now been emailed out for all parents' evenings. If you have returned your form but have not received confirmation, please contact the school office. If you have not yet returned your booking form, and still wish to make an appointment, please do so as soon as possible.
- On Wednesday morning, Class 4 were visited by the Ryevitalise team (who they'd previously worked with at Nunnington Hall) for a writing workshop. They played a range of warm up games to help them think creatively about what we need to include in a story to make it interesting and exciting for the reader. They then had the opportunity to work in pairs, where they were given a range of objects to look at. Their challenge was to create a story using these objects and then write a few sentences of the opening of their story. The children worked very well together, came up with some wonderfully creative story openings and really enjoyed their morning. The Ryevitalise team also commented on how imaginative and impressive the children's' ideas were. Well done, Class 4!
- Class 1 had their 4th swimming lessons yesterday. Miss Pearce has reported that the children are all progressing well and always give it their best!
- Miss Pearce and Miss Secker completed their Visit Leader Theory Training yesterday evening.
- Maypole dancing lessons resume today at 3:30pm for those who have signed up.
- Mr Smith is attending the Howardian Alliance Head Teacher forum today.
- Next Thursday, our Year 5 pupils are going to see Shrek The Musical at Malton Secondary School.

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- Next Wednesday, our Year 2 pupils will be attending a Football event at MCSC, and our super Reception children will be having an opportunity to develop their football skills indoors with the staff at MCSC. A letter went out today with details of what the children will need.
- Next Friday, Class 1 are going to the Scarborough Rotunda Museum to take part in their Dinosaur Detectives exhibition. Please refer to the letter sent out with a list of what the children need to remember to take.



Headlice

Please be aware we have headlice in school. Please check your children's hair and follow the NHS guidelines for treatment. Many thanks. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



School Eco Update

➤ Amazing Litter picking

Following on from learning all about saving animals and the planet in school, Matthew from Class 1 asked his mum last weekend if he could do some litter picking. Mum put the wheels in motion and on Sunday Matthew spent 2 hours clearing up the grass area heading up towards the sheep walk in Slingsby and managed to collect a full bag of rubbish, mainly tins and bottles. Matthew really enjoyed what he did and said he would love to do this again when he gets another free day. Well done Matthew, what a really fantastic thing to do!



➤ Wormery

We are very excited that our school wormery, which has been kindly donated to school by Agecko UK Ltd, should be arriving in school this week. Agecko's goal is to inspire other schools to use wormeries to help eradicate food waste, promote a circular economy, and educate the next generation on the importance of living sustainably.

➤ Eco School Programme

Ryedale District Council have also been in contact with us to offer full funding and support for this year to help join the Eco School programme and Slingsby School has been provisionally approved. The aim of the programme is to teach children about environmental issues and have found that they are passionate about protecting our planet, however, tackling global environmental issues like climate change, biodiversity loss, and plastic pollution. The Eco-Schools programme addresses these concerns with the seven-step framework providing a clear starting point, timeframe, and goal to work towards – all whilst putting young people at the very heart of the action. Watch this space for updates.



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FOSS Update

Mother's Day Stall - Please come and support our Mother's Day stall on the green this Friday the 17th of March. We will have plants, a bake sale and our Mother's Day hamper raffle. Raffle tickets are also available to buy beforehand at a cost of £1 each, please email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk. The stall will be open for both pick ups at 3.30pm and 4.30pm with the raffle to be drawn and the winner to be contacted Friday afternoon. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Coronation tea towels - The children have been busy creating their designs for our Coronation tea towel, there is still time 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 - Scarecrow entry forms have now been handed out, 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, please support us 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. We will also be asking for donations of baked items nearer the time, please check the newsletter and follow us on Facebook for updates.

Preloved Uniform - We have some branded school cardigans in new condition left in stock in the sizes below, if you are interested in purchasing one, please email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk. They are £8.00 each. 24" Age 3/4, 26" Age 5/6, 28" Age 7/8.



Books for Ukrainian children

Thank you for all the books we have received so far for the Books to Ukraine appeal in last week's newsletter. We will keep the box outside school at the start and end of the day for any further donations. 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=>



FEAST, the Holiday Activity and Food programme for North Yorkshire

All children and young people across North Yorkshire are invited to join in the wealth of activities, with free places and a free lunch for children and young people on benefits-related Free School Meals.

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Children who are not eligible for a free place can still take part in FEAST. For further details, please go to the North Yorkshire Together website <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

Each child receiving benefits-related free school meals will receive a letter from FEAST this week enclosed with a unique code, so they can attend free activities over the holidays.



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