



SLINGSBY CP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th October 2023

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A Message from Mrs Jordan

It has been very quiet in school this week! Mr Smith has reported that Class 4 are having a wonderfully memorable time at Peat Rigg and we very much look forward to hearing all about their kayaking, climbing, abseiling, zip wire and caving adventures when they return. If parents or carers wish to collect their Class 4 children from the bus when they arrive back tomorrow, you are very welcome to do so at approximately 2.15pm.

Despite school feeling quiet; we have all been incredibly busy and the children in school have focussed and worked extremely hard. They have also thoroughly enjoyed being in charge of the games and activities at break and lunch time! As part of 'Black History Month' class assemblies this week have involved learning about inspirational individuals that have changed history. This has led to some thought provoking discussions.

We are going to start collecting donations for the Ryedale Community Food Bank next week ahead of our Harvest Festival. Please see the attached leaflet with details of what the Food Bank need most and we thank you for your support. We hope to see you at our Harvest Festival Assembly next Friday at 2.45pm in the village church. Mrs Jordan.



School News

- We are pleased to report that attendance and punctuality levels have been excellent this half term so far. We have really noticed that there have been very few late arrivals on a morning which is also fantastic and ensures the day get off to the best start for everyone. Lets keep it up!
- The first Full Governing Body meeting of the year took place last week and was very positive and productive.
- Mrs Hayes, our LEA Governor, has spent time in school with Mrs Jordan discussing and reviweing our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) provision.
- The Malton library came in to our assembly last Friday to award certificates to all those children who took part in the summer Reading Challenge. Well done everyone!
- Please may we remind everyone that we strongly advocate healthy eating in school to help our children with their concentration, learning, energy levels and overall health. We ask that only water is drunk in school and if your child has a packed lunch, please provide a healthy sandwich/wrap which will power them through the afternoon, and-non sugary snacks. We attach a helpful leaflet explaining why a healthy lunch is so important. Please do not give children sweets in their packed lunches and please can you ensure that your child/children arrive in school with a full water bottle.

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- We have booked Class 4 swimming lessons starting on Wednesday 18th September and a letter was emailed out to families. Please reply with your child's swimming ability by tomorrow and if you are able to, pay £4 per session (£24 for the 6 weeks) on Parent Pay for transport.
- Please look out for Parents' Evening letters which will be emailed out in the coming days. Please email us with your preferred date and time slot, and once we have received the majority, we will email you to confirm your meeting time. Meetings must be kept to ten minutes per child. If you have any further issues you wish to discuss which may take longer, you can make an appointment to speak with Mr Smith or your child's class teacher on another occasion.
- Please complete the online form to confirm if you do or do not wish your child to have the flu vaccine later this month in school. <https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire>
- We have included the updated Key Dates below. Please note changes from last week's dates highlighted in yellow.
- Please find attached the 2024/2025 term dates which are also available to view and download from the school website.



Parent Pay

There is £121.79 Debt on Parent Pay. **There should be no debt at all.** Please ensure debts are paid and credit is applied ahead of next week.



Year 5's Hair Cut for Charity

Tobias in Class 4 has had his hair cut and donated it to the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. They also fund childhood cancer research searching to find kinder and more effective treatments. I think you will all agree that this act of kindness to help children and young people experiencing the devastating effects of hair loss is an incredibly generous thing to do and deserves recognition and praise! Well done, Tobias, we are extremely proud of what you have done and we all think you look very handsome and stylish with your new haircut too.



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The trust need financial donations to help cover the cost of making, fitting and styling the wigs so if anyone is interested in making a donation, please visit their website below and got to their donations page - <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



FOSS Update

FOSS Halloween Party Tickets - Only 1 week to go to secure your child's ticket to this years Halloween Party! Please purchase tickets by Friday **20th October** on Parent Pay on each individual child's account as there will be no ticket sales on the door.

We welcome all children from school to join us for a snack box, fun, music and games with our very special host, DJ Frankensmith! If you would like your child/ren to attend, please:

1. Email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk by Friday 20th October with:-

- The number of tickets you would like and the names AND class of the children attending
- Emergency contact details
- Name of designated parent or guardian to pick up
- Any dietary requirements
- If you are able to donate baked items for our tuck shop

2. Please pay for your tickets in advance through Parent Pay by Friday 20th October on each child's individual account. We understand that circumstances are difficult and for any families finding it tricky to pay for a ticket please email the school office and FOSS will be happy to help with the cost. We will be running a fancy-dress competition, with a prize each for KS1 and KS2, plus a pumpkin carving competition. Entries for the pumpkin competition are £1 and can also be paid through Parent Pay. Pumpkin entries can be left outside the Village Hall on the day of the party.

The Halloween party is a FOSS event. On the day of the party, children can bring their costume in a named bag to school along with some change if they would like to buy any treats. Please make sure the costumes are age appropriate for the whole school. School staff will help the children attending get changed into their costumes at school and accompany them to the Village Hall at 3.30pm, once at the party adult supervision will be provided by FOSS and parent volunteers.

FOSS Halloween Party Baked Donations - We are seeking donations to sell at our tuck shop, if you are able to donate baked goods such as cupcakes, traybakes and treats for the children, they can be brought to school on the morning of the party, thank you.

FOSS AGM 19th October - We warmly welcome everyone to join us at the AGM, next Thursday 19th October at 6.30pm in school.

School Open Afternoon 24th October - FOSS will be hosting a bake sale and raffle at the school open afternoon 3pm – 5pm to show you all the great playground upgrades, please do call by and

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say hello! It would be a brilliant opportunity to find out more about FOSS, our events and meet some of the existing team, and don't forget some change for our home-made bakes and raffle!

School Uniform Sale - We will be hosting a pre-loved uniform sale after the half term break, please check the newsletter for more details in the next few weeks. We are also able to order brand new uniform from the supplier, please email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk with your enquiry.

Personalised Christmas Cards - We are delighted to be working with school to create personalised Christmas cards and gifts again this year. Please check book bags in the coming weeks as children will be coming home with their own beautiful Christmas artwork creation plus information about how to order a range of FOSS fundraising gifts and card items.



UPDATED KEY DATES BELOW ↓

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AUTUMN TERM KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please note that these dates are subject to change. Any changes and new dates will be notified to you via the weekly newsletter and highlighted in yellow.

- 18th October - Class 4 first swimming lesson
- 19th October – FOSS AGM 6.30pm in school, everyone welcome
- 20th October – Class 4 library bus visit
- 20th October – Harvest Festival Assembly in All Saints Church 2.45pm- all welcome
- 20th October – Deadline to buy Halloween Party tickets, no sales on the door
- 23rd October – North Yorkshire Fire Service visit and Bonfire Night safety talks in school
- 24th October – School Open Morning for Prospective Families from 9.30am
- 24th October – FOSS Cakes & Raffle for all families in the School Playground from 3pm-5pm
- 25th October – Class 4 second swimming lesson
- 25th October – KS2 Football & Dodgeball Event at MCSC – letter to follow
- 25th October – FOSS Halloween Party Village Hall 3.45pm – please buy tickets on Parent Pay
- 27th October – R to Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school AM- please complete online form
- 27th October – Last day of Autumn Term 1, usual finish time 3.30pm
- 6th November – School re-opens for Autumn Term 2
- 8th November – Class 4 third swimming lesson
- 8th November – Castle Howard tree decorating – TBC
- 8th November - Class 3 & 4 Parents' Evening – booking form to follow
- 9th November – Class 3 & 4 Parents' Evening – booking form to follow
- 10th November – Remembrance Day lessons in school for the children
- 13th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
- 15th November – Class 4 fourth swimming lesson
- 15th November – Tag Rugby at Norton College
- 15th November - Class 1 & 2 Parents' Evening – booking form to follow
- 16th November - Class 1 & 2 Parents' Evening – booking form to follow
- 17th November – Children in Need – Dress down day
- 17th November – Class 1 Library bus visit
- 22nd November – Class 4 fifth swimming lesson
- 29th November – Class 4 last swimming lesson
- 29th November - Year 5 & 6 Football & Dodgeball at MCSC
- 1st December – Christmas Jumper and dress down day for FOSS Christmas Tombola
- 8th December – Whole School Pantomime Trip to Scarborough
- 14th December – Class Christmas Productions
- 15th December – Class 2 Library bus visit
- 19th December – School Christmas lunch
- 20th December – Choir singing for Slingsby Chapel Soupa Lunch
- 20th December – FOSS Christmas Party
- 22nd December – Christmas Service All Saints Church 1pm- all welcome
- 22nd December – Last day of term, early finish after Christmas service

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