



Slingsby School Newsletter

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A Message from Mr. Smith

It has been lovely to see and chat to all our Class 1 and 2 parents this week and I would like to say a huge ‘Thank you,’ on behalf of FOSS, for so many of you who have signed up to help at our upcoming Christmas party and to provide party food/drink for all our classes.

Each Friday in our special award assembly, I now update the children on their house points totals, which I also display in school. I have also produced a poster for each class so the children can check if they are in the Dragon, Griffin, Pegasus or Phoenix house. In order to keep everyone up-to-date, from now on I will post a quick update in the newsletter. Last week’s totals were: Dragon – 201, Griffin – 199, Pegasus – 198, Phoenix – 203: well done Phoenix on your narrow win!

House points can be awarded for many reasons; including: excellent behaviour for learning, kindness, and progress. They are given through the Class Dojo platform for each child; then totalled at the end of the week. I will shortly be meeting again with the school council to decide what the overall reward will be for the winning house at the end of each term. Overall, so far this half term, the Dragon house leads with 738 points; Griffin are 2nd with 710 points; Phoenix have 657 points and Pegasus have 633 points.

This week our Yr 5 and 6 pupils took part in the annual local school rugby event at Norton College. Their attitude was superb and they received lots of positive comments about their sporting skills and supportive behaviour. I have provided a breakdown of the results later in this week’s newsletter.



Don’t forget that it is Children In Need day tomorrow and the children may come to school in something bright and/or spotty (non-uniform) for a small donation to Children in Need. Please use this link to make your donation

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11692>.



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School News

- Please remember PE kits need to be in school every day, with spare socks too.
- Class 1 really enjoyed their trip to Slingsby Church on Friday to learn about the War Memorial and listened to The Last Post. It was really very moving and the children really enjoyed the experience.
- All classes have been busy creating their snowmen for the Nunnington Hall winter display. They look superb and will be delivered to Nunnington Hall on Thursday.
- Class 4 enjoyed their fourth swimming lesson on Wednesday followed by the tag rugby tournament at Norton College which was very muddy! Yr 5 / 6 rugby tournament results: Three teams each played 4 games and were split into 3 leagues of 5 teams
 - Slingsby Dragons – Won 3, Lost 1. League position: 2nd
 - Slingsby Lions – Won 2, Drawn 2. League position: 2nd
 - Slingsby Tigers – Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 1. League position: 2nd
- Mr Smith undertook his annual performance management on Friday with an independent Education Advisor, our Chair of Governors Mr Storrar and LA Governor Mrs Hayes, reviewing his objectives and vision for the school, as well as the continued and ever evolving expectations of the DFE and Ofsted.
- It was great to see everyone in Odd Socks on Monday which helped initiate discussion about expressing ourselves and celebrating individuality as part of Anti Bullying week.
- Mrs Hayes, our Local Authority Governor, spent time in school on Tuesday with Mrs Jordan focusing on the SEND provision in school.
- The Class 1 & 2 Parents evenings are taking place this week, it has been wonderful having the chance to see you all. We will be sending our Parent Questionnaire out once the Parents' Evenings are finished and we would be hugely grateful if you could spend five minutes completing them as these are an important way of us taking on board your feedback, improving the school, and also demonstrating to our Local Authority Advisors and Ofsted Inspectors how you feel.
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- Class 4 will be visiting the Library Bus on Friday. Please return any books previously borrowed.



FOSS Update

Pre-loved Sale

Thank you for coming along and supporting our pre-loved uniform sale last Friday.

Christmas Cards

Everyone who ordered Christmas cards should have now received them - please check book bags. If you do have any issues with your order you can contact Xmas4Schools directly on 0800 612 7381.

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Christmas Party

A big thank you to everyone who has added their names to the volunteer and food donation lists so far, they will remain up until the end of parents evening on Thursday for anyone who would like to add their name.

Christmas Draw

This year we are returning to the format of books of tickets for our annual Christmas Draw. We have some fantastic prizes including £150 voucher for the Star at Harome, tickets to watch York City FC, a voucher for The Park in Hovingham, a voucher for Hearts & Glitter, the fantastic FOSS hamper and many more. Please check book bags in the coming week for tickets and try to sell as many as you can, we have spare books if you sell all your tickets, just email us for more.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 1st December

Please bring an item into school for our tombola stall as forfeit. The tombola will be held at the Christmas Productions. Tombola donations can be dropped off at school on the Friday morning in the boxes outside each entrance. Suggestions for prizes include something Christmassy, sweets, festive treats and small gift items.

Bag2School - Friday 1st December

Please place your donation on the grass to the right of the main entrance, outside Class 2 by 9am. Check their website for more details and a list of what they can and cannot accept www.bag2school.com.

Easyfundrasing

Sign up to Easyfundraising at www.easyfundraising.org.uk to help raise funds for FOSS whilst doing your Christmas shopping!



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