

# **Slingsby School Newsletter**

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# **Thursday 23rd November 2023**

## A Message from Mr. Smith

I cannot believe that we are approaching the end of November already and I have enjoyed hearing some of the Christmas Nativity/Performance songs which the children have begun to rehearse. I am sure that I am not alone in looking forward to our children perform on stage in a few weeks.

I have been talking to the classes this week about the importance of keeping their hands and feet to themselves whilst at school, as sometimes games that are 'hands-on' can lead to upset or injury. Please help us by reminding your children not to grab, pull or push their friends whilst at school or on The Green outside school at the end of the day; thank you.

The children are enjoying earning their class Dojo points which feed into their House Point totals, and we had some really high personal scores last week. Well done to all our children who continue to work hard in class and are kind and caring to others.

House Points Update: Last week's totals were: Dragon – 156, Griffin – 187, Pegasus – 168, Phoenix –165: well done Griffin on your win and for over-taking Dragon House in the overall score for this term!

I would also like to draw your attention to the **Malton St Clement's Festival** which is taking place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - 10am-8pm in Malton's Market Place.

The first of its kind in Yorkshire, this inaugral St Clement's Festival is set to be a celebration of Malton's host of craftspeople, the Autumn and St Clement, the patron of blacksmiths. There'll be a whole host of activities planned throughout the day including sculpture and art trails, light shows, a variety of musical performances with singing and dancing, and delicious treats from Malton's eateries.

Children's activities include: Apple and Caramel pizza making at **The Cook's Place** (free)Craft and story-telling sessions at the **Be Amazing Arts Creativitent** (some activities such as face painting are chargeable). Children can make their own willow lantern there too and they're warmly invited to take part in the light parade around the Market Place at 6pm. There'll also be a programme of music from local choirs and brass bands running from 10.30am-5pm in St Michael's Church (free).

You can find out more at: <a href="https://www.visitmalton.com/malton-st-clements-festival">https://www.visitmalton.com/malton-st-clements-festival</a> and we have also attached a flyer at the end of this week's newsletter.

Mr Smith

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### **PARENT PAY DEBT**

There is £564.90 outstanding debt on Parent Pay for clubs and lunches! Please pay this immediately. There should be NO debt on parent pay, all accounts should be in credit ahead of each week. Please pay off debt on account items and place credit on for next week.

## **School News**

- It was a brilliant bright spotty day on Friday and we are pleased to have raised £95.00 for Children in Need. Thank you for your donations.
- Mrs Jordan attended a Selective Mutism course on Friday evening.
- Our Local Authority Advisor spent the day in school with us on Monday reviewing our Safeguarding procedures and Attendance monitoring. She spent time with members of staff as well as chatting to the children.
- Mrs Jordan attended a Primary English and Literacy subjet leader training course on Tuesday afternoon.
- Class 4 enjoyed their fifth swimming lesson on Wednesday at Pickering pool. The children
  have been asked to bring in a spare t-shirt and shorts for the last swimming session next
  week so that they can practice water rescue and swimming whilst in normal clothes, in
  case they ever find themselves in danger in the water without their swimming things on.
- Our Parent/Carer Questionnaire was sent out yesterday 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.
- Our Health & Saftey Officer will be in school tomorrow completing a paperwork audit of all our H&S procedures as well as looking around school.
- A letter has been sent out regarding the Year 5 & 6 football and dodgeball tournament at Malton Sports Centre next Wednesday and we would be very grateful for donations towards the transport.
- Please check your Parent Pay accounts. There is a lot of debt and Miss Hope and Mrs
  Massey do not curently have the time to send individual text/email chasers so please do
  not wait for a reminder. There should be no debt at all on Parent Pay, all clubs and lunches
  should be paid in advance as we cannot afford to carry your debt. Please pay the
  outstanding items and credit your accounts for next week.

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# KS2 Singing at Malton's Christmas Market - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1-2.30pm

Don't forget to sign up to sing at the Richard Shepherd Music Foundation's Malton Christmas Market on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1pm to 2.30pm. Mrs Moore is hard at work teaching the children the Christmas songs in school. We are sure there are lots more singers out there who would like to join and get into the festive spirit of Christmas! See full details and attendance form on the attached letter.



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### **FOSS Update**

#### **Christmas Draw**

Your child will be coming home with Christmas Draw tickets this week, please check book bags and see the attached leaflet for more information. There are some wonderful prizes to be won including £150 voucher for the Star Inn at Harome, 2 tickets to watch York City FC, 5 tickets to the Ice Factor at Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland, a voucher for The Park in Hovingham, a voucher for Hearts & Glitter, the fantastic FOSS hamper and many more. Please try to sell as many as you can, there is £10 Amazon voucher to be won by the family that sells the most tickets! If you need extra tickets please email FOSS at <a href="mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk">friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk</a>.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 1st December**

Please bring a festive item into school as forfeit for our tombola stall which will take place at the Christmas Productions. Tombola donations can be dropped off at school on the Friday morning in the boxes outside each entrance.

## **Bag2School - Friday 1st December**

Our next collection is next Friday! A brilliant opportunity to have a pre-Christmas clear out and raise money at the same time. 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 <a href="https://www.bag2school.com">www.bag2school.com</a>.

#### Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is s really easy way to help us raise funds for school whilst doing your Christmas shopping online! Just download the app and choose FOSS as your cause, then use it as a search engine to shop through and the brands you buy from will donate money to our school for free! There are thousands of brands to choose from. Download the app here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk



### **Malton Christmas Festival**

In addition to the Malton St Clements festival this Saturday mentioned above by Mr Smith, The Malton Christmas Festival takes place next Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, 9am-3.30pm where children from school will be performing with the Richard Shepherd Music Foundation.

There'll be various children's activities taking place across the weekend including the free land train, the Be Amazing Arts Creativitent and Santa's shows from Emerald the Elf at the Milton Rooms (£5 per ticket and each child is given an age appropriate gift) <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/magical-quests-north">https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/magical-quests-north</a>

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