



SLINGSBY CP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26th October 2023

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A Message from Mr Smith

It has been an incredibly busy week in school. Our open morning on Tuesday was extremely successful and I would like to say a HUGE 'Thank you!' to our wonderful school council team in helping to provide guided tours to prospective families for September 2024. We have received wonderful feedback from those who attended:

"The pupils were fantastic tour guides and a credit to you all. We obviously will be putting Slingsby as our first choice, as it is clear the family feel and values are having a positive effect on the pupils learning but also on them as individuals."

It was also lovely to see so many of our current families pop into school on Tuesday afternoon to look at our improved outdoor areas and see what a positive difference FOSS fundraising has made over the last three years. Thank you to all those who attended and bought cakes and raffle tickets; and our super FOSS volunteers for running the event in such awful weather.

Our annual Halloween party was a massive success yesterday and the children all looked like they had a great time. Thank you to the FOSS team and all our parent helpers. There were so many brilliant pumpkin competition entries which was won by Faye and Luca.

On the subject of FOSS, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Sonja Sedran for her incredible hard work, dedication and determination in leading the FOSS team over the last few years. The monies raised for school have made such a difference to what we are able to put in place for our pupils. Sonja has decided to step down in her role of Chair of FOSS and the baton now passes to Kathryn Fairweather, who has kindly stepped into the role.

Following the half term break, we are thrilled to welcome back Mrs Scott who will be returning from her maternity leave.

Mr. Smith



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School News

- Thank you for all your generous donations for the Ryedale Food Bank last week and we hope that you enjoyed our Harvest Festival.
- All the children really enjoyed their time with NY Fire Service on Monday. They were taught about general fire safety as well as keeping safe on Bonfire Night then they had a tour of the engine and a go with the hose pipe! A great way to start the week!



- Please remember Parents' Evenings are the first and second week back after half term. Please email the school office with your 1st, 2nd and 3rd preferences for your appointment if you haven't already.
- Our Year 3 and 4 pupils attended a Football and Dodgeball tournament against Amotherby, Norton, Sheriff Hutton and Malton primary schools at MCSC on Wednesday. All our teams did amazingly well and had a great time – showing a fantastic sporting attitude. The Slingsby Dragons (boys team) finished 2nd; our Slingsby Lions (girls football team) finished 2nd; and the Slingsby Tigers (mixed dodgeball team) also finished 2nd! For a small school, we continue to punch above our weight and we are very proud of their achievements: well done to all who took part.
- Class 4 had their 2nd swimming lesson at Pickering pool on Wednesday morning.
- Mr Smith has attended a Designated Safeguarding Lead conference today.
- The Immunisation Team are in school tomorrow morning to give nasal flu vaccinations to all children from Reception to Year 6 whose parents/carers have provided their consent online.
- Please find attached the Club Booking form for Autumn Term 2. Please return the completed form to the school office before Sunday 5th November. If you wish to use the Government Tax Free Childcare voucher scheme to pay for wrap around care, please can you email the office to confirm how much you are transferring and for which child and clubs this is to be used against. Many thanks.
- It will be a normal finish time of 3:30pm tomorrow. After-school Sport Club will be running as normal until 4:30pm.
- The Year 6 children have been invited to decorate the Christmas Tree in Chapel at Castel Howard on Wednesday 8th November. There will be a letter to follow shortly.
- As we approach the winter months, please can we remind all parents/carers about our school closure procedure for snow or adverse weather, which is attached for your information. We will always do our best to make a decision by 7.30am and send a text out via the T2P App. We will also put a notice on our website, on the school door, inform NYC who will put a notice on their website, and inform Greatest Hits Radio who will make an

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announcement. If we do remain open and it is snowing, please remember to send your child into school with wellies and plenty of layers to play outside on a break and lunchtime. If children do not bring their wellies or coats, they will not be able to play outside.

- School will re-open after half term on Monday 6th November.



PARENT PAY DEBT

There is **£159** outstanding debt on Parent Pay. 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.

FOSS Update

Bake Sale Tonight - Thank you to everyone who generously donated baking for our Halloween party, we do have some baking left over and will be hosting a bake sale outside school at pick-up tonight, please bring along some change.

FOSS AGM - Thank you to everyone who joined us last Thursday for our AGM. We have a few changes to the team for the forthcoming year and are pleased to share that we have a new Chair, Kathryn Fairweather, Treasurer, Lisa Cuthbert, Secretary, Sophie Reeves and warmly welcome our new members Esme Bulmer, Laura Cottrell and Sarah Bradshaw. A huge thank you to Sonja Sedran who has stepped down from the Chair role, Sonja has been part of FOSS for a number of years and Chair since 2020, we would like to thank her for all her hard work, time and effort she has put into FOSS, the money raised and donated to school has been incredible, so thank you Sonja. Our thanks also go to Lu Turner and Helen Mackinder who have stepped down from the committee, thank you for all your work behind the scenes and with running and organising events.

FOSS Halloween Party - Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and those who donated baking, the children had great fun and a special thank you to DJ Frankensmith for a wonderful disco and entertainment!



School Uniform Sale - We will be hosting a pre-loved uniform sale on Friday 10th November at 2.30-4.30 pm in the Chapel School Rooms where our wide selection of good quality pre-loved uniform will be on display, please call in and take a look.

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Personalised Christmas Cards - Thank you to everyone who has returned the forms for their children's Christmas Cards, please check the newsletter for future updates.

Bags2School - The next bag2school collection is on Friday 1st December.



Yorkshire Arboretum

Nature Rangers is taking place on Monday 30th October during half term. They will be having an autumn theme for this event, with games, crafts and activities about nocturnal animals including making a clay hedgehog. There will be opportunities for exploring the grounds and collecting but also to become creative in the inside space. The café will be open serving drinks and food. Please book using this link:

[Nature Rangers Day 30.10.23 — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)

They also have events during half term to plant acorns:

[Grow Your Own Oak 29.10.23 — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)

[Grow Your Own Oak 01.11.23 — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)



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