



## SLINGSBY CP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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### A Message from Mr Smith

We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. It has been a gentle start to this half term with everyone appearing to be well rested and eager to get back to learning. Please join me in saying a huge congratulations to Ms Breese who got married during the holidays!

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6 pupils, who were invited to Castle Howard to decorate the Chapel Christmas tree with special prayers and wishes written by Class 4. Look out for them if you go to Castle Howard in the lead up to Christmas!



It was great to see many of Class 3 and 4 families last night at Parents' evening and we look forward to seeing more of you tonight and next week.

Now we are into the colder and darker winter months, please ensure the children come to school wearing plenty of layers as we will always play outside when we can. If it is snowing the children should bring wellington boots so they can enjoy fun in the snow at breaktimes plus their school shoes to change in to for inside the classrooms. If we have to close school due to bad weather at all over the winter, we will follow our Unavoidable Closure routine which is available on our website at [Slingsby School Unavoidable Closure Policy](#). When you are collecting the children on an evening, it does get more difficult to see you so please come closer to the door!

Please may I draw your attention to this half term's key dates below, particularly the Christmas performances. Many thanks. Mr. Smith

### School News

- Please take a moment to read our updated Uniform Policy which is available on our website [Slingsby School Uniform Policy](#). We are pleased to confirm that in line with our updated policy, our uniform provider (School Shop) has now added skorts for PE. Sportswear is not to

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be worn as part of the everyday uniform including footwear which should be black school shoes without a logo.

- Please can all children bring a spare pair of socks in their PE bags. Whenever we can, we use the sports field but at this time of the year the grass can be very wet so children are left with wet socks and feet all day!
- Nunnington Hall have delivered their Snowmen decorations for all the children to make in school and these will form part of the Hall's magical winter display, which we are thrilled to be a part of again this year.
- Class 4 attended their third swimming lesson in Pickering yesterday.
- Mrs Jordan has taken part in the Primary SENCo Network today.
- Tomorrow we will all be learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and Class 1 are going to visit Slingsby Church to see the Slingsby Memorial Plaque.
- On Monday, all the children are invited to wear bright odd socks in celebration of us all being unique to kick start Antbullying Week, and this will form part of our lessons on Monday.
- Next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, is Children in Need Day – this is a dress down day where the children are encouraged to wear something bright and SPOTacular and donations can be made for Children in Need via Parent Pay using the following link:

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



### **PARENT PAY DEBT**

Unfortunately there is **£236.76** 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.

### **Malton Singing - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Richard Shepherd Music Foundation would like to offer our KS2 Children the chance to sing at Malton Christmas Market on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. There were a few really keen singers who did it last year and they would love to hear them sing again this year! Mrs Moore will get everyone prepared with the Christmas songs in school. See full details on the attached letter.



### **Christmas FEAST Vouchers**

FEAST is back this Christmas, offering children and young people across North Yorkshire a fantastic range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for those in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meal and those who are eligible by exception. Please note that vouchers won't be issued to parents/carers until Thursday 16th November.

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### **FOSS Update**

#### **Pre-loved School Uniform Sale tomorrow**

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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We will also have Christmas jumpers available. If you would like to donate any pre-loved good quality Christmas jumpers they can be left at school on Friday morning.

### **Christmas Party- volunteers needed**

The festive time of year is fast approaching and we are in the process of organising the Christmas Party for all the children of Slingsby school again this year. The party is free to attend and will take place on Wednesday 20th December, with music and games from Magic Mike, a festive party tea and a gift for each child. More details to follow nearer the time.

We need your help to make this fun festive event happen! At parent's evening over the next two weeks you will find a volunteer list and also a party food list for each class. Please add your name against any item/s that you are able to donate for your child/ren's class and pop your name down if you are available to volunteer to set-up, during or tidy up at the party. Many hands make light work and we can only run these fun events with your help - thank you! If your child has any specific allergies/dietary requirements we request that you please provide a plate of food labelled with your child's name for the party.

### **Bag2School 1<sup>st</sup> December**

The next Bag2School collection is on Friday 1st December, so please place your donation on the grass to the right of the main entrance, outside Class 2 by 9am. They will take all your unwanted clothing, bedding, towels, shoes, bags, soft toys and more. FOSS receives payment per kilo so the heavier the items are the better! Please have a look at their website for more details and a list of what they can and cannot accept [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com).

### **Personalised Christmas Cards**

Thank you to everyone who ordered their children's Christmas cards we will be in touch with an update on the delivery.



### **Re-use Santa Appeal**

Please see the attached flyer from Helmsley Scout Group who are helping YorWaste give gifts to children at Christmas and are seeking donations. Suggestions of suitable reuse gifts might include:

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, word search, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books
- 13-16: age-appropriate games, books, DVDs, games consoles with games



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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.*

- 9<sup>th</sup> November – Class 3 & 4 Parents' Evening
- 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day lessons & Class 1 trip to Slingsby Church
- 10<sup>th</sup> November – FOSS pre-loved uniform sale in the Methodist Chapel 2.30pm -4.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Class 4 fourth swimming lesson
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Tag Rugby at Norton College Y 5 & 6
- 15<sup>th</sup> November - Class 1 & 2 Parents' Evening
- 16<sup>th</sup> November – Children's snowmen being taken to Nunnington Hall for their winter display
- 16<sup>th</sup> November - Class 1 & 2 Parents' Evening
- 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – Dress down SPOTacular day, donations via Parent Pay
- 17<sup>th</sup> November – Class 4 Library bus visit
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Class 4 fifth swimming lesson
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Class 4 last swimming lesson
- 29<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 & 6 Football & Dodgeball at MCSC
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Jumper and dress down day for FOSS Christmas Tombola
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Bag2School Collection
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime Trip to Scarborough
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas Productions (Class 1 & 2 - Afternoon approx. 2:00pm start  
Class 3 & 4 - Evening approx. 6pm start)
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Class 1 & 2 Library bus visit
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Choir singing for Slingsby Chapel Soupa Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – FOSS Christmas Party
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Service All Saints Church 1pm- all welcome
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Last day of term, early finish after Christmas service

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