



## Slingsby School Newsletter

Thursday 7th December 2023

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### A Message from Mr Smith

On behalf of the governing body of Slingsby CP School, I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Mr Cousins for his hard work and commitment over the last three years for his service as a parent governor; especially during such a time of uncertainty following the Covid-19 pandemic and for his support in my formative years of Headship. We will be sending out information in the New Year of how you can put yourself forward as a parent governor, following his decision to bring an end to his tenure.

Christmas Performance rehearsals of 'Hey Ewe' and 'Super Star' are going well! Letters went home this week in bookbags about what items of clothing your child needs to bring in for the Christmas plays. If you are struggling to get hold of items, please contact the school office and we will do all we can to help. Please can all costumes be brought into school in a named carrier bag by next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in readiness for dress rehearsals.

We are all very excited about tomorrow's whole school trip to Scarborough Spa to see Jack and the Beanstalk, which has been fully funded by our wonderful FOSS. In order to arrive in time for the schools' morning performance at 10am, we need to leave school as near to 8.45am as possible (we were a little late last year!) **To facilitate this, we will open the school doors at 8.30am tomorrow morning so, unless you are breakfast club, please arrive any time between 8.30am- 8.40am to allow for a quick registration and prompt departure.** Thank you to all those parents/carers who have kindly given up their day or taken the day off work to accompany the children and staff. Without your support, trips like this would not be able to take place so thank you from all of us.

The children are still enjoying earning points for their houses and last week's score were:  
Dragon House – 228; Griffin House – 255; Pegasus House – 231; Phoenix House – 198.

Very impressive scores from all houses! Mr Smith



### School News

- Please email the office by **Monday at the very latest** if your child does not wish to have the school Christmas lunch on 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- If you would like more raffle ticket books, please email the school office or FOSS. The draw will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the evening performance of the School Christmas productions. Please return your tickets and money to school by Monday the 11th December.

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- Please note, there will be NO Choir Club next week due to our Christsmas Performances. We will be running a Games and Lego Club instead from 3:30 – 4:30pm, followed by Chill Club till 5:30pm.
- There are details of the FOSS Christmas party below. You must complete the online consent form if you wish your child/ren to attend.  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwa9iiFJ0\\_kM2Z5Ck9XZBVN5CWpfoMDiT\\_GQ\\_KYdKcCPstWQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwa9iiFJ0_kM2Z5Ck9XZBVN5CWpfoMDiT_GQ_KYdKcCPstWQ/viewform)
- Mrs Jordan and Miss Pearce attended a Speech Sound Development Workshop on Tuesday afternoon.
- On Wednesday, Slingsby School hosted a Maths Moderation session for teachers from schools in the local area. We were really pleased with the turnout at such a busy time of year and it was a great opportunity for our team to network with fellow professionals to discuss good practice and share ideas of how we can work together to continue to improve mathematics provision in our settings.
- We had our annual Safeguarding Support visit from the Local Authority this morning to look at how school has continued to improve safeguarding measures since the September update to 'Keeping Children Safe In Education (KCSIE) 2023' DFE documentation.
- To compliment Class 1's Toys theme this half term, they visited Nunnington Hall last Friday. As part of their Christmas celebrations, the house is displayed according to a theme of "Christmas through the ages", including examples of what sort of toys might be given as gifts in the Victorian era, 1940s and 1980s. The children (and staff!) had a really lovely time and the Hall looks magical!
- Please check your Parent Pay account to ensure there is no debt by the end of term.



## **Christmas Post Box**

Our School Christmas Card Post Box will be placed in the entrance hall from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December for the remaining two weeks of term. All children are welcome to bring their written Christmas cards for friends and staff to post on a morning when they arrive at school. Mr Smith will then sort the post and hand the cards to the right classes for teachers to hand out at the end of the day. To ensure cards reach the correct child, please can we ask you to put which class they are in on the front of the envelope.



## **FOSS Update**

Thank you for your donations of clothing and other items for our Bag2School collection last Friday. We raised **£185** which is a fantastic amount!

## **Christmas Productions – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

A huge thank you for all the tombola donations on Christmas Jumper day. FOSS will be running the tombola, as well as selling Christmas Draw tickets and refreshments such as drinks, sweets, and mince pies before and after both the afternoon and evening performances so bring some

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cash with you to buy a little treat and try your luck at winning some tombola prizes! Please see the attached leaflet for more details. We would be very grateful for mince pie donations (home-made or shop bought) to sell at our refreshments stall, these can be brought to school on the morning of the productions on **Thursday the 14th December**.

### **Christmas Draw - deadline Monday 11th December**

Please try to sell as many tickets as you can, there is £10 Amazon voucher to be won by the family that sells the most tickets! We have lots of spare tickets, if you need any extra please email FOSS at [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk). 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, a voucher for Ryedale Dog Field, the fantastic FOSS hamper and many more, please see the attached leaflet. Please return your tickets and money to school by this **Monday the 11th December**.

### **Christmas Party - Wednesday 20th December**

Please confirm your child/ren's attendance by **Monday 11th December** by clicking on the link below and completing the form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwa9iiFJ0\\_kM2Z5Ck9XZBVN5CWpfoMDiT\\_GQ\\_KYdKcCPstWQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwa9iiFJ0_kM2Z5Ck9XZBVN5CWpfoMDiT_GQ_KYdKcCPstWQ/viewform)

If you have added your name to the party food list, please can donations be brought to school on the morning of the Christmas party. If anyone needs a reminder of the food they have offered to donate please get in touch with FOSS.



## **DECEMBER KEY DATES**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole School Pantomime Trip to Scarborough – Early registration 8.30-8.40am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Class Christmas Productions (Class 1 & 2 - Afternoon 2:00pm start. Class 3 & 4 - Evening 6pm start)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – No Choir Club this week. Games/Lego club will be running instead, followed by Chill
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Christmas lunch - please email school if your child DOES NOT wish to have a school lunch by Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Choir singing for Slingsby Chapel Soupa Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – FOSS Christmas Party – please complete the online consent form by 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Last day of term. Christmas Service All Saints Church 1pm- all welcome. Early finish after Christmas service (Sports club still on for those who wish to attend)
- 8<sup>th</sup> January – Staff training day
- 9<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens to children

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