

# Slingsby School Newsletter

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Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

WELCOME BACK!

Head Teacher:  
Mr L Smith  
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## A Message from Mr Smith

Welcome back to the Spring Term and we hope that you all had a restful break. It has been wonderful hearing stories from all the children about their holiday activities. Thank you very much for all your very thoughtful cards and generous presents at the end of last term which we are continuing to enjoy!

We have a quieter few weeks ahead of us to focus on our school work and then we have lots of additional activities booked in over the coming months: we have some really fantastic things to look forward to! The current key dates are listed at the end of the newsletter for your diaries, and more will be added as the term goes on so do keep an eye on updates.

Huge congratulations to Griffin House who were the overall winners of the house points last term and it was fantastic to see such great team spirit across the school. The final standings for the Autumn term were: Griffin – 1951, Dragon – 1891, Phoenix – 1874 and Pegasus – 1857. There were only 94 points between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> (less than 10 Dojo points a week!) so EVERY Dojo matters. It is a fresh start this term for all the houses so good luck everyone and work hard!  
Mr. Smith



## School News

- Please remember PE kits, water bottles and warm clothing every day. On a snow day, please bring wellies/snow shoes and appropriate clothing for playing outside.
- If we have significant snowfall, we will do all we can to keep the school open but if required, we will follow our Unavoidable Closure procedure available on the website.
- On Tuesday afternoon, Class 4 were very lucky to be visited by the Science bus from Malton Secondary School. They worked together to create models of the solar system and revise our knowledge of Earth and Space. They even had part of the lesson take place on the sports field, where we used a trundle wheel and a calculated scale to model the distances of each planet from the sun!
- Rev Robertson, our deputy chair of governors, came in to school on Wednesday afternoon to discuss and observe our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) lessons in all classes with Mr. Smith.
- The Spring Term curriculum maps for each class will be available on our website by the end of the week and we would encourage you to take a moment to read details of what your children are learning this term.

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- Our teachers and teaching assistants attended a schools training day at Norton Primary School on Monday titled "Project Marigold" where they took part in various workshops including: Emotional Based School Avoidance, Trauma-Informed, Strength-Based and Compassionate Classrooms, Think Sensory Not Behaviour, Traumatized Child in School, You, Me and ADHD, ADHD in Girls, and Relax Kids Approach (focussing on how staff can help children to improve their self-esteem). This was a very productive and informative day plus a good opportunity to speak with colleagues from across the area from 9 other local primary schools.
- There remains a significant amount of debt on Parent Pay. Please check your accounts to clear this and add credit for the forthcoming weeks.
- A letter has been sent out to those Year 5&6 children who wish to take part in next week's school's cross country event at Malton Community Sports Centre. Donations towards the transport costs would be hugely appreciated.
- The deadline for Reception applications for September 2024 is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## **PARENT PAY DEBT**

There remains **£703.50** outstanding debt on Parent Pay for lunches and clubs. There should be no debt at all as all accounts should have been paid at the end of last term and credit placed on accounts prior to lunches and clubs being taken this term. Please check your accounts.

## **Flu Catch-up Clinic – 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024**

Please be advised that the Scarborough Immunisations Team are holding a catch-up clinic for any children who missed their Flu nasal spray in school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 3-4:30PM at Unit 19, Cayley Court, Eastfield, Scarborough, YO11 3YJ. **IMPORTANT-** To request an appointment, please email the team on [yorkshire@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:yorkshire@v-uk.co.uk) or alternatively please contact them on 01723 331506 with all the following details and they will contact the parent/carer to book an appointment: **Please note, all clinics are APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

- Child's name
- Date of birth
- School
- Year group
- Parent/Carer contact number

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## **FOSS Update**

Happy new year! We are in the planning stages of our 2 biggest fundraisers: the Scarecrow weekend and Slingsby May Day celebrations which will take place on the weekend of **4-6th May**, and the Duck Race and Family Fun Day which will take place on Saturday **6th July**.

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If anyone would like to be involved in the working party for either of these events to help with the organisation and planning you would be very welcome. Please get in touch and email us or speak to a member of FOSS.



## Slingsby May Day event – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Once again, the village will be holding its annual May Day celebrations on The Green. We will have a packed programme of events and a wide variety of stalls. If you are a local business or enthusiastic crafter and would like to join us on the day by having a stall, then please get in touch email: [slingsbymaypolers@gmail.com](mailto:slingsbymaypolers@gmail.com)



## Organ Playing Taster Sessions

If you would be interested in a half or full day organ playing taster session please contact the school office for more information. These are available for people with Grade 5 or above piano.



## SPRING & SUMMER 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.*

- 12<sup>th</sup> January – Library Bus visit
- 17<sup>th</sup> January – Y5&Y6 Cross Country event at MCSC
- 24<sup>th</sup> January – KS1 Dodgeball at MCSC – letter to follow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Class 1 trip to Helmsley Castle – TBC
- 5<sup>th</sup> February – Class 2 swimming lessons start – letter to follow
- 6<sup>th</sup> February – Class 1 swimming lessons start – letter to follow
- 6<sup>th</sup> February – Y5&6 Swimming gala – letter to follow
- 9<sup>th</sup> February – Library Bus visit
- 9<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term
- 19<sup>h</sup> February – Return from half term
- 19<sup>th</sup> February – Class 2 second swimming lesson
- 20<sup>th</sup> February – Class 1 second swimming lesson
- 26<sup>th</sup> February – Spring Term test week
- 26<sup>th</sup> February – Class 2 third swimming lesson
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – Class 1 third swimming lesson
- 28<sup>th</sup> February – Y3&4 Basketball and Netball at MCSC – letter to follow
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – Class 2 fourth swimming lesson
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 fourth swimming lesson

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5<sup>th</sup> March - Whole school skipping workshops  
7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – details to follow  
11<sup>th</sup> March – Class 2 fifth swimming lesson  
12<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 fifth swimming lesson  
12<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 & 2 Parents’ Evening  
13<sup>th</sup> March – Football tournament Norton College – TBC  
13<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 & 2 Parents’ Evening  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day  
18<sup>th</sup> March – Class 2 last swimming lesson  
19<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 last swimming lesson  
19<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening  
20<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – Last day of term, Easter Service All Saints Church- TBC  
8<sup>th</sup> April – Teacher training day  
9<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school  
16<sup>th</sup> April – Class 3 swimming lessons start - TBC  
19<sup>th</sup> April – Non-uniform day for FOSS tombola for Scarecrow weekend  
25<sup>th</sup> April – Countryside Learning Day – TBC  
4<sup>th</sup> May – Village/FOSS Scarecrow Weekend  
6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – May Day Celebrations  
8<sup>th</sup> May – School photographs  
13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATS week  
20<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 SATS week  
24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of half term  
3<sup>rd</sup> June – Teacher training day  
4<sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school  
5<sup>th</sup> June – Whole school Quidditch Day  
10<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics screening week & Y4 Multiplication checks  
17<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Term test week  
21<sup>st</sup> June- Non-uniform Day for FOSS Duck Race tombola  
24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Bikeability, two groups  
2<sup>nd</sup> July – Whole School Golf Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> July – Rounders Tournament Norton College – TBC  
4<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term Entertainment Evening Village Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day 1pm  
6<sup>th</sup> July – FOSS Duck Race day  
9<sup>th</sup> July – Back up Sports Day date in case of bad weather on 5<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers’ Day activity - TBC  
16<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 Beach Day  
17<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Beach Day  
19<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year & Leavers’ Assembly 1pm, end of term

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