

Thursday 8th February 2024



Head Teacher:
Mr L Smith
BA Hons QTS

A Message from Mr Smith

It has been a busy week with both Class 1 and Class 2 starting swimming lessons; Class 3 baking more biscuits; and representatives from Class 4 attending the Norton College primary schools Swimming Gala. Everyone who took part did incredibly well and I was so proud of the way our pupils supported each other. The races took place in two heats, with the times recorded; then points allocated: 9 points for 1st place, and 1 point for 9th place. For one of the smallest schools that attended, they did amazingly well to finish in 4th place in the overall standings – an amazing achievement which they should be very proud of. Swimming certificates will be presented at this week's Celebration Assembly on Friday for individual racers and relay teams who finished in the top three.

Last week's house point competition was probably the closest result yet this year, with only 2 dojo points separating first and second place! Congratulations go to Griffin for managing to end Pegasus' amazing run of victories this half term!

It is World Book Day after half term on Thursday 7th March and this year our theme is Bedtime Stories. We will be asking the children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or onesies, and to bring their favourite bedtime book in to school to share with their friends. We will be having a day of activities where the children will be divided into their Houses and will work their way around a carousel of fun activities.

Finally, on behalf of the governing body of Slingsby CP School, I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Mr Thompson for his hard work and commitment over the last five years during his service as a co-opted governor; especially during such a time of uncertainty following the Covid-19 pandemic and for his support in my formative years of Headship.

We are looking to appoint a new co-opted governor and will be sending out information as to how you could also become a parent governor before the end of the week.

Have a really great half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February. Please note the important dates for the first week back in the School News below.

Mr. Smith



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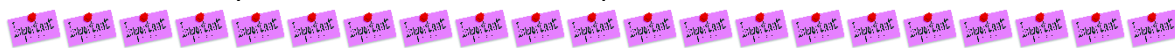
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School News

- Tuesday was National Safer Internet Day. All our classes spent time discussing the importance of online safety. Class 4 watched a special Newsround report and Class 2 & 4 designed information posters to put up around the school with Mrs. Jordan whilst Mr. Smith attended the swimming gala. Class 1 read a story about keeping safe online and Class 3 had a discussion on Inspiring Change.
- Mrs Jordan attended a 'Raising Self Esteem' course for children on Monday evening.
- Mr Smith and Mrs Jordan are attending a Full Governing Body Meeting tonight.
- Class 3 are visiting the mobile library bus tomorrow. Please return any library books in the morning.
- Maypole Dancing session will be starting after half term on Monday 19th February 3.30-4.40pm. As there are still **2 places left**, we are now opening this up to the Years 3 children. Please email the school office if your child would like to take part. The places will be filled on a first come first served basis.
- Our Skipping Workshop Day in honour of the 20th Skipping Day anniversary has been rearranged to Tuesday 20th February. All children will need their PE kits on this day.
- Thursday 22nd February is the Scouts and Guides World Founders Day and we are proud to be supporting this event. All our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are invited to wear their uniforms to school that day.
- Before and after-school clubs will resume on Monday 19th February. If you would like to book your child in to clubs next half term, please return the attached Spring Term 2 Club Booking form. Alternatively, please email the school office detailing the clubs you wish your child/ren to attend. All outstanding debt must be paid before the start of next half term.
- The after-school club on a Friday will be changing to "Football Club" with MCSC at the Sports Field. This club will remain free of charge, paid for using our Sport Funding, and all children attending this club will need their full PE kit or football kit and trainers. Football boots are not permitted for safety. Collection after the club will be from school. If your child wishes to attend, please email the School Office to book them in.



Easter FEAST Vouchers

FEAST is back this Easter, 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 will be sent out on Monday 26th February.

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FOSS Update

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- Fri 8th March - Mother's Day plant stall on the green.
- Fri 15th March - Pre-loved uniform sale in the Methodist Chapel school rooms.

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Easyfundraising

If you're booking a holiday please consider using easyfundraising! You can raise a large amount of money for FOSS through TUI, Expedia, First Choice and many other brands at no extra cost to yourself and make a huge difference to our fund-raising efforts this year.

If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, sign up here before you book your holiday: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friendsofslingsbyschool/hpbhrv/c2s/VNEu6FhK/CR066/fac ebook/>



Richard Shepherd Music Foundation

FREE Songwriting Workshop - RSMF are inviting all 7-13-year olds from the local area to take part in a Songwriting Workshop on **Saturday 10th Feb, 1pm-3pm** at Platform 2 Learning Centre, North York Moors Railway, Pickering, YO18 7AJ with composer John Barber and librettist Hazel Gould, along with object handling with colleagues from the Ryedale Folk Museum. With the guidance of these professional artists, as part of the workshop the children can use their inspiration to help compose a piece for the Ryedale Festival Community Song Cycle 2024! To book a place [click here](#) , or for more information email: info@rsmf.org.uk **1pm-3pm - Saturday 10th**

Come and join our Ryedale Primary Choir! - RSMF's Ryedale Primary Choir is officially 1 year old this February and they have a fun filled day planned with lots of activities on **Friday 16th February 2024, 10am-3pm at Pickering Community Junior School, YO18 8AJ**. Their Ryedale Primary choir meets mainly during the school holidays. Sessions are free to attend and no experience is necessary. Children taking part can attend fun free music sessions, meet and sing with professional musicians, and perform each year as part of the prestigious Ryedale Festival. Highlights of the past year include a workshop and performance opportunity with The King's Singers as well as a chance to sing in the community song cycle alongside other local groups. For 2024 this will take place on **Saturday 8th June**. New members can sign up by [clicking this link](#).



Trans Pennine Trail Kids Half Term Activity Pack

The Trans Pennine Trail's latest Kids activity pack is available to download, full of fun activities for the February half term break and is now available to download from their website.

The pack contains lots of activities that include making a jam jar xylophone, becoming an animal track detective, making an egg box bird feeder along with activities for Pancake Tuesday and Valentine's Day. The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too. The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. They are also happy to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the PDF.

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Download it from their Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/> or by clicking the image below:



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.

- 19th February – Pupils return from half term
- 19th February – Class 2's second Swimming Lesson
- 19th February - Maypole Dancing 1st Session
- 20th February – Class 1's second Swimming Lesson
- 20th February – Whole School Skipping Workshop
- 22nd February – Scouts and Guides World Founders Day - All our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are invited to wear their uniforms to school that day
- 26th February – Spring Term test week
- 26th February – Class 2's third Swimming Lesson
- 26th February – Maypole Dancing 2nd Session
- 27th February – Class 1's third Swimming Lesson
- 28th February – Y3&4 Basketball and Netball at MCSC – letter to follow
- 4th March – Class 2's fourth Swimming Lesson
- 4th March – Class 3 Ryevitalise Drama/Creative Writing Workshop
- 4th March – Maypole Dancing 3rd Session
- 5th March – Class 1's fourth Swimming Lesson
- 7th March – World Book Day – children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas or onesies, and to bring their favourite bedtime book.
- 11th March – Class 2's fifth Swimming Lesson
- 11th March – Maypole Dancing 4th Session
- 12th March – Class 1's fifth Swimming Lesson
- 12th March – Class 1 & 2 Parents' Evening
- 13th March – Football tournament Norton College – TBC
- 13th March – Class 1 & 2 Parents' Evening
- 15th March – Red Nose Day
- 18th March – Class 2's last Swimming Lesson
- 18th March – Maypole Dancing 5th Session

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- 19th March – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening
- 19th March – Class 1’s last Swimming Lesson
- 20th March – Class 3 & 4 Parents’ Evening
- 22nd March – Last day of term, Easter Service All Saints Church 1pm, early finish
- 8th April – Teacher training day
- 9th April – Children return to school
- 15th April – Maypole Dancing 6th Session
- 16th April – Class 3 swimming lessons start – TBC
- 19th April – Non-uniform day for FOSS tombola for Scarecrow weekend
- 22nd April – Maypole Dancing 7th Session
- 23rd April – Class 3 swimming lesson – TBC
- 25th April – Class 3 Countryside Learning Day – TBC
- 29th April – Last Maypole Dancing Session
- 30th April – Class 3 swimming lesson – TBC
- 4th May – Village/FOSS Scarecrow Weekend
- 6th May – Bank Holiday – May Day Celebrations
- 7th May – Class 3 swimming lesson – TBC
- 8th May – School photographs
- 13th May – KS2 SATS week
- 14th May – Class 3 swimming lesson – TBC
- 17th May – FOSS Bag2School
- 21st May – Class 3 swimming lesson – TBC
- 24th May – Last day of half term
- 3rd June – Teacher training day
- 4th June – Children return to school
- 5th June – Whole school Quidditch Day
- 10th June – Phonics screening week & Y4 Multiplication checks
- 11th June – Malton School’s Mr Rumney Science Bus Visit - TBC
- 17th June – Summer Term test week
- 21st June – Non-uniform Day for FOSS Duck Race tombola
- 24th June – Y6 Bikeability – Group 1
- 25th June – Y6 Bikeability – Group 1
- 25th June – Y5 Experience Day at Malton School – Letter to follow
- 26th June – Y6 Bikeability – Group 2
- 27th June – Y6 Bikeability – Group 2
- 1st July – Whole School Let’s Learn Moor Day ay Blakey Ridge – Letter to follow
- 2nd July – Whole School Golf Day
- 3rd July – Rounders Tournament Norton College – TBC
- 4th July – End of Term Entertainment Evening at Slingsby Village Hall
- 5th July – Sports Day 1pm
- 6th July – FOSS Duck Race
- 9th July – Back up Sports Day date in case of bad weather on 5th July

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10th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Day activity – TBC

12th July – Back up Sports Day date in case of bad weather on 9th July

16th July – KS1 Beach Day

17th July – KS2 Beach Day

19th July – End of Year & Leavers’ Assembly at Slingsby Village Hall at 1pm and end of term with an early finish.

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