

Thursday 7th March 2024

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Head Teacher: Mr L Smith BA Hons QTS

A Message from Mr Smith

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day tomorrow! Apologies that we have had to change our day from the rest of the nation, but we want all the children to have a full day of WBD activities, which we are unable to do on a Thursday due to our regular sport and music provision which could not be rearranged for a different day. The children will be in House groups for the day and will complete a carrousel of fun games and challenges around the school based on our theme of bedtime stories. Mrs Saunders has also put together a special menu for lunch:

- 👃 💎 BFG Beef Burger in a Bun
- Witches Wedges
- Mrs Bucket's Peas and Sweetcorn
- Charlie's Chocolate Muffin
- Vegetarian option Danny's Champion Cheese Pasty OR
- Baked Potato with Cheese

Children and staff are invited to bring their favourite bedtime stories in to school to share, and to wear their pyjamas or onesies to school if they would like to. If your child does not wish to come dressed in their pyjamas or onesies, they are welcome to wear their uniform as normal if they feel more comfortable.

Parent governor ballot papers were sent out yesterday with your children, so please let school know if these have not made it home! The deadline for returned ballot papers is Friday 15th March (noon) and I would like to say 'thank you' to our two candidates for putting their names forward for this important role.

Last week's house points totals were very close yet again: Dragon - 183, Griffin - 202, Pegasus - 169 and Phoenix - 220. Congratulations to Phoenix house for your first weekly victory of the Spring term: keep up the great work.

Don't forget to bring your loose change to pick-up tomorrow when FOSS will be holding their Mothers' Day plant and bake sale on The Green; and we hope you can support this important fundraising event.

Mr. Smith



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School News

 On Monday afternoon, Class 3 enjoyed an interactive performance workshop and follow up writing workshop, led by representatives of the Everwitch Theatre, who were commissioned by the North York Moors National Park's Ryevitalise Project. The children spent the afternoon exploring the history and wildlife habitats of the River Rye and learned how to help protect the river. The children participated with fantastic enthusiasm and thoroughly immersed themselves in their learning.



- As part of Class 1's Science learning this half term, we are looking at animals, especially their similarities and differences as well as animals in our environment. To support this the children enjoyed a walk around the village, looking for animals, noting their features and habitats. Thank you to the parent volunteers who kindly gave up their time to accompany Class 1 to enable this to take place.
- Class 1 & 2 had a great 4th swimming lesson this week and some of our Class 2 children were even practicing life-saving!
- We had a whole school fire drill practice on Wednesday and all the children responded calmly and quickly. Mr Smith congratulated everyone for their excellent behaviour.
- FEAST vouchers were emailed out last Monday to those children who are in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals or those who are eligible by exception, so don't forget to book your school holiday activities. To see the activities on offer and to learn how to claim you're a free place, visit the FEAST website https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/
- Last Friday, we had our annual Health & Safety Premises Inspection and we are delighted to confirm we passed with flying colours again.
- Class Curriculum Maps have been uploaded to the school website so please take a look at what your child/ren are learning about this half term http://www.slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/
- FOSS will be outside school on Friday afternoon with their plant and bake sale as well as a raffle. Do come along and see what treats they have to offer.
- Confirmation of Parents' Evening appointments will be emailed out today and tomorrow.
- Next Wednesday, children from Class 4 will be attending a football tournament at Norton College. A letter will be coming out before the end of the week.



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Parent Pay - Please clear all debt

There is <u>**£430.50**</u> debt showing on Parent Pay. There should be no debt as all lunches and clubs should be paid in advance. This debt needs to be clear by our financial year end which is the end of term.

There are guidance notes available on our website for setting up automatic top up payments for lunches which we recommend. You can also set up text reminders if your credit is getting low http://www.slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk/parent-pay/.

We are signed up members of the Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme for wraparound care. For more information on this please click on the

link https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/ and if you wish to pay for clubs using this scheme, please email us to confirm your account reference number and a breakdown of payments items.

If you have any questions or are struggling to pay for lunches or clubs, please do not hesitate to contact us as we will always help our families where we can.



FOSS Update

Mothers' Day Plant Stall - this Friday 8th March!

We would love you to join us on the green this Friday 8th March from 3pm-4.30pm where we will be hosting a stall with a selection of beautiful spring plants which will make the perfect Mother's Day gift, plus some home baked goodies and a raffle which will be drawn on the day. Please bring some change along with you! See the attached leaflet for more details.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale Friday - 15th March

Our next pre-loved uniform sale will take place in the Chapel School Rooms on Friday 15th March at 2.30-4.30pm. Please call in to browse our large range of good quality uniform that includes logo and non-logo items. We will also have refreshments available.

Scarecrow weekend & Slingsby May Day celebrations - Saturday 4th May - Monday 6th May The scarecrow weekend and May Day celebrations will be returning this year on Saturday the 4th - Monday the 6th May. Scarecrow entry forms will be coming out in book bags in the next couple of weeks so it's time to get thinking about your entry for this year! Please enter if you can, you do not need to live in the village to enter, we just ask that your scarecrow is a child friendly character that families will be able to guess with a clue from the trail.

We need your help to make this wonderful event a success, you can support us by submitting a scarecrow entry and by volunteering to help at our pop-up cafe and stall across the weekend.

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This is a huge fundraiser for school and a wonderful event in the village where FOSS come together with the Slingsby Maypole Committee to organise the May Day celebrations. There will be a volunteer rota available at parents evening over the next 2 weeks, please add your name to a 2 hour slot or email us at riendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk, thank you.



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