

Thursday 14th March 2024

Slingsby C.P. School The Green Slingsby North Yorkshire YO62 4AA (01653) 628370

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A Message from Mr Smith

Last Friday, we celebrated World Book Day in school and the children and staff came dressed in their pyjamas to celebrate our theme of bedtime stories. The children spent the whole day with their House from every year group and moved around each classroom to complete exciting activities. They designed Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory posters; moulded characters out of foil; made bookmarks and created story maps. This inter-house day was such a success that we hope to do this more often for special occasions.



Class 4 attended a Football Tournament at Norton College on Wednesday afternoon and were split into three teams: Slingsby Dragons, Slingsby Lions and Slingsby Tigers. Each team played 6 games against Rillington, Langton, Settrington, Norton, Malton, Amotherby and Leavening. The Dragons finished 4th; The Lions finished 5th; and the Tigers finished 4th in their leagues. Well done to all for your amazing effort and brilliant sporting behaviour!

Last week's house points totals were: Dragon – 185, Griffin – 221, Pegasus 204 and Phoenix – 196. Well done to Griffin!

We are looking forward to Red Nose Day tomorrow! The children may come in to school in non-uniform with a theme of the colour red. Please use the following link to make your donations to help children living in poverty around the world, as we will not be taking cash in school.

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13540 Mr. Smith



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School News

- Please pay all parent pay debt by the end of next week. All accounts need to be clear by the end of term please.
- Class 1 and 2 had their 5th swimming lessons this week. Next week will be their last session. Thank you to the parents/carers who kindly volunteered to help accompany the children. Your help and support is invaluable and we are so grateful.
- Class 3's block of 6 swimming lessons will start after Easter on Tuesday 16th April. The letter will be emailed to parents/carers tomorrow morning. Please return your child's ability before **Monday 8th April**.
- We have really enjoyed seeing Class 1 and 2 parents and carers this week for their teacher meetings. Class 3 and 4's parents' evenings are taking place next Tuesday and Wednesday. Appointment confirmation dates and times have been emailed out. If you have not received your email confirmation or you are unable to attend your allocated date/slot, please contact the school office to re-arrange.
- Maypole dancing sessions are now well underway with 4 lessons left before the May Day Celebrations.
- Our Senior Education Advisor from NYC has been in school today looking at inclusion and SEND with Mr Smith and Mrs Jordan.
- Miss Secker has attended a Spatial Reasoning Maths training course in York today.
- FOSS are holding a pre-loved uniform pop-up stall in the Methodist Chapel on Friday from 2.30pm 4.30pm. Please go along and say hello!
- FOSS Scarecrow Trail Entry Forms have been placed in book bags this week (one per family). The closing date for entries is 15th April 2024. For more information, see below.
- On Tuesday, Class 2 are going to Flamingo Land Zoo as part of their learning. Please ensure the children wear appropriate layers for the weather as they will be outside, and to bring home lunches if chosen to bring one from home.
- We break up for Easter next Friday, 22nd March, and you are all invited to our end of term Easter Service in All Saints Church at 1pm. Children may be collected early from school after the service. School will remain open until 3.30pm and Football Club will still be taking place. The children return to school on Tuesday 9th March. (Monday 8th March is a staff training day).



Parent Pay - Please clear all debt

There is still £233.53 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.



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FOSS Update

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day plant stall last Friday, it was lovely to see so many people and we raised a brilliant total of £290!

Pre-loved Uniform Sale - this Friday 15th March!

Please pop along to our pre-loved uniform sale this Friday 15th March between 2.30-4.30pm in the Chapel School Room. We have a large range of good quality uniform that includes logo and non-logo items which will all be displayed for you to browse through plus we will have some refreshments and home baking available! Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Scarecrow weekend and Slingsby May Day celebrations - Saturday 4th - Monday 6th May

The Scarecrow weekend and May Day celebrations will be taking place on Saturday the 4th - Monday the 6th May. This is a huge fundraiser for school and a wonderful community event where FOSS come together with the Slingsby Maypole Committee to organise the May Day celebrations including a school choir performance and maypole dancing.

We need your help to make this event a success! You can support us by creating a scarecrow (look out for Scarecrow entry forms in book bags in the next couple of weeks) and by volunteering to help at our pop-up cafe and stalls across the weekend. A volunteer rota will be available at parents evening over the next two weeks - please add your name to a 2 hour slot or email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk. We will also be sending out a request for baked donations to sell in the pop-up café over the Scarecrow weekend. If you are able to donate any sweet or savoury items we would be very grateful, please add your name to the list also on the board at parents evening.

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Lets Talk Food Survey North Yorkshire

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk

The Let's Talk Food survey is part of the wider conversation that has been taking place about food in North Yorkshire, looking at the whole food system - from how we grow food, what we grow, to what we buy and eat and how much we throw away

There are several ways you can take part in Let's Talk Food:

You can fill in an online survey here https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk – the survey is on Commonplace, which is a safe and easy-to-use online tool used to engage with communities, by over 250 organisations including neighbouring councils in Leeds and West Yorkshire.

If you would prefer, you can pick up a paper copy from your local library, leisure centre or <u>main local office</u> and return it in the envelope provided.

You can also email <u>letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk</u> or call **0300 131 2 131** (please say 'Let's Talk' when prompted) to request a survey. You can write to: Let's Talk, North Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Northallerton.



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Richard Shephard Music Foundation

During April, RSMF are holding FREE Ryedale Primary choir sessions for 7-13 year olds from the local area:

10am-3pm
Thursday 4th, Friday 5th and Saturday 13th April 2024
Pickering Community Junior School, YO18 8AJ

During these sessions, the group will start to rehearse for the 2024 Ryedale Festival Community Song Cycle concert. They also have workshops and a visit from a professional soprano singer planned. New members can sign up by clicking this link or email: info@rsmf.org



<u>SLINGSBY METHODIST CHURCH – EASTER SERVICES & EVENTS</u>

We are very grateful to Slingsby Methodist Chapel for enabling us to use their rooms for our activities, PE and assemblies. The Chapel would like to invite families to join them for their Easter Services taking place on 24th March for Palm Sunday, joint service with the Parish Church meeting on The Green at 10-30am then processing to the Parish Church, and 31st March for Easter Sunday. Easter breakfast from 9-30am followed by an Easter Celebration in the Chapel from 10-30am. All these services are very family friendly.



Free holiday activities and meals for families this Easter

FEAST is back this Easter holiday and better than ever, with a fantastic range of activities to keep your children active, fed and having fun during the school holidays. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved, with free places and a free meal for eligible families, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or is made eligible by exception (see the <u>FEAST FAQs</u> for details), you will receive a voucher from their school. This will enable you to book school holiday activities that are part of the FEAST programme for free, using the online platform HolidayActivities. Watch our <u>step-by-step guide</u> on how to redeem your FEAST voucher and book free activities.

Ready to unleash the Easter fun? Head over to the <u>FEAST website</u> now to discover all the incredible activities waiting for your child. Don't miss out on the magic – claim your free place today!

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