

Thursday 21st March 2024

Head Teacher:
Mr L Smith
BA Hons QTS



A Message from Mr Smith

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to Parents' Evening. For those who were unable to attend, please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher after the Easter holidays.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who returned their completed ballot papers for our recent parent governor election. In total, there were 67 ballot papers returned and I can now announce that the new, parent elected governor is Mr. Andrew Pope. I would also like to say thank you to Mr. Joel Owen for his nomination.

Please be reminded that at Slingsby CP School, we have a clear uniform policy and school rules which including not wearing make-up. We believe that fashion items are best kept for home because it is felt to be inappropriate and unnecessary for a learning environment. For reasons such as health and safety and inclusion for all, fashion items including: make-up, nail polish, hair gel, jewellery (other than stud earrings and non-smart watches) should not be worn in school because this helps us to focus on our learning. We appreciate that some children have their nails decorated for special occasions but all nail polish/decorations should be removed before attending school. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you wish to talk to me about this, please contact me to arrange a meeting. Here's the link to our School Uniform Policy on the school website [Slingsby School Uniform Policy](#).

Last week's house point totals were the highest so far this year and every one of our four houses achieved a Dojo point total that would usually be enough to earn 1st place! Dragon – 311, Griffin – 352, Pegasus – 343, Phoenix - 325

We break up for Easter tomorrow and you are all invited to our end of term Easter Service lead by Reverend Robertson in All Saints Church at 1pm. Our winning house totals for the Spring term will also be announced, as well as our usual weekly celebration awards. Children may be collected early from school after the service but school will remain open until 3.30pm and after-school Football Club will be running from 3:30-4:30pm. Monday 8th April is a staff training day so children return to school on Tuesday 9th April.

We wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

Mr. Smith



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Slingsby CP School Newsletter

School News

- Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief. As a school we managed to raise £214!
- Class 1 and 2 had their last swimming lesson this week. Class 3 will be starting their block of 6 weeks of swimming on Tuesday 16th April. A letter was sent out on 15th March with further details. Please email us with the level of your child's swimming ability no later than **Monday 8th April**. We would be very grateful for one parent/carer volunteer to help on any or all of the swimming dates. Please email the office if you would be able to lend a hand.
- Class 2 had a fantastic day at Flamingo Land Zoo and enjoyed a tour of all the animals and a workshop with a member of the educational team. The workshop leader enjoyed sharing his knowledge with the class and answering lots of questions. We enjoyed meeting and holding a giant cockroach and felt very lucky to be taken through the lemur enclosure for some close encounters. Thank you to those parents that came with us on our trip, your help was appreciated



- Our Chair of Governors visited school on Tuesday to assess the strength of our internet filtering and monitoring safeguarding systems with Mr. Smith.
- Today, the children enjoyed Mrs Saunders' Easter Lunch menu of Roast Chicken or Vegetable Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding with all the trimmings. Thank you, Mrs Saunders for dishing up such a wonderful feast.



- Please see the attached Summer Term 1 Club Booking Form. Please return the form or confirm by email which clubs your child would like to attend by **Monday 8th April**. Please ensure that any Parent Pay debt accrued is cleared before the end of the term. Children will not be allocated a place at club until debt has been paid and credit added.
- Mrs Beal, Head of Year 7 at Malton Secondary is coming into school on Thursday 11th April to meet and have a chat with the Year 6 children who will be moving up to Malton in September 2024.

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- The Summer Term Menu will be emailed out tomorrow.
- Our Year 1 & Year 2 pupils will be attending a football tournament and skills event on the first Wednesday back following the Easter Break. A letter has been sent out to all children involved today.



FOSS Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our pre-loved uniform sale last Friday and helped us to raise £55. If you are looking for school uniform we still have good stock levels of various items, please get in touch and email us with the item and size you require.

Plans for Slingsby Scarecrow weekend and May Day Celebrations are in full swing and WE NEED YOUR HELP to make this wonderful community fundraising event a success. You can help by:

ENTERING A SCARECROW - You do not need to live in the village to enter and there is no theme! We just ask that your scarecrow is a child friendly character that families will be able to guess with a clue from the trail. Entry deadline is Monday 15th April, please check book bags for entry forms coming out before the Easter holidays or friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.

VOLUNTEER - We need volunteers to run our café in the Chapel School Rooms Sat 4th - Mon 6th May and to run the tombola and games stall on Mon 6th May. Please volunteer for a 2-hour slot and add your name to the rota that is up in the school entrance or email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk with the date you are available.

DONATE - We need donations of baked items, sweet or savoury such as cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, scones and quiches to sell in the pop-up café running across the whole weekend. Please bring baking into school on Friday the 4th May or directly to the Chapel on Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

Please see the attached leaflet for more information and some scarecrow ideas.



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

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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



Slingsby Methodist Church – Easter Services & Events

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.



Home to School Travel Policy - Consultation

The Council have commenced a consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy. The necessary information can be found here on the Council's website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation> , together with an online survey form for your responses to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period. The consultation closing date is Friday 12th April.

Happy Easter!

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