

Thursday 11th April 2024



WELCOME BACK

Head Teacher:
Mr L Smith
BA Hons QTS

A Message from Mr Smith

I hope you all had a great Easter break. It has been brilliant to see the children return to school with smiles and lots of holiday news; together with an excellent attitude to their work, which has been wonderful to see.

Over the coming weeks we are taking the time to focus on the importance of listening. This in the context of our core values: respect, honesty, resilience, expectations and caring for others. We expect all our children to listen carefully to their teachers and all staff in school as well as their friends - without interruption - which is a very valuable life skill but not always that easy!

House points update: Congratulations to Pegasus House who amassed a mind-boggling 1875 dojo points in the Spring term to win 1st place by 70 points. We now begin the final term with all points reset.

We have lots to look forward to this term (***please see Key Dates below***) starting with our epic Scarecrow weekend which is only THREE weeks away!

There is still time enter a scarecrow into the FOSS Scarecrow trail if you haven't already. Scarecrows can be all shapes and sizes and as simple or complex as you wish. The more scarecrows there are, the better the event and the more money can be raised for school, which is always so helpful. The Scarecrow/May Day weekend is a big highlight in the school year. It is a fantastic community event and we hope that as many families as possible will be able to take part in some way. The deadline for scarecrow entries is on Monday and if you require another entry form, please email the office. Mr. Smith



School News

- The Year 1 and 2 football tournament which was meant to take place on Wednesday was unfortunately postponed due to the weather. This will be rearranged for July when we hope it will be warm and sunny!
- Mrs Beal, the Head of Year 7 at Malton School, has been in today getting to know our Year 6 children who will be starting at Malton School in September.

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- Maypole sessions will resume on Monday. Please find attached a copy of the timings for the May Day performances. As in any outdoor event these timings may be subject to slight changes.
- Class 3 start their six weeks of swimming lessons on Tuesday so please remember swimming kits next week. We are still in need of volunteer helpers to accompany them so please let us know if you have a Tuesday morning free.
- You should have all received the Scarecrow weekend and May Day information flyer yesterday which was sent home in book bags. Please let us know if you did not receive one.
- Next Friday is a non-uniform day in aid of the FOSS Jolly Jar Tombola on May Day. Children may come to school in home clothes in return for a jar filled with goodies such as craft items, sweets, lego, hair scrunchies etc. Please don't feel limited to one jar!



PARENT PAY DEBT

There is already **£240.50** debt outstanding on Parent Pay for lunches and clubs just three days into the new term! There should be zero debt. Please check your accounts to pay off any debt and **ADD CREDIT** for lunches and clubs for this half term.

FOSS Update

Slingsby Scarecrow weekend and May Day Celebrations are on the 4-6th May and **WE REALLY 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. Please submit your entry form to school or email FOSS by **next Monday 15th April**.

VOLUNTEER - We desperately need volunteers to run our refreshments stall and children's games stall. Please volunteer for a 2-hour slot by emailing FOSS (friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk). The slots that we need to fill are:

Saturday 4th - refreshments stall in the Chapel 10-12, 12-2pm, 2-4pm

Sunday 5th - refreshments stall in the Chapel 10-12, 12-2pm, 2-4pm

Monday 6th - refreshments stall in the Chapel 10-12, 12-2pm, 2-4pm

Monday 6th - children's games stall on the green 10-12, 12-2pm, 2-4pm

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Volunteering is a great way to meet other families and older children who would like to help are very welcome to volunteer with an adult. A 2-hour slot would typically involve serving cake, tea and coffee etc. washing up and / or selling scarecrow trail sheets. If you would like to know more please email FOSS or speak to a member outside school we would be very grateful for your help.

Non-uniform day for the Jolly Jar next Friday 19th April: Fill a jar with something fun and bring to school on Friday 19th April as a forfeit for non-uniform day. These will be used for our jolly jar tombola stall on May Day, ideas include: craft items, sweets, toys, hair accessories.

Please see the attached leaflet for more information and timings for the weekend's events.



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 at 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



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.



Swinton & District Training Band Opening Evening

Please see the attached flyer regarding Swinton & District Training Band's Opening Evening on Friday 26th April at 6pm in The Bandroom, Middle Street, Swinton. They are looking for new starters, any age (including adults if any parents are interested) and no experience necessary.



Free Girls' Cricket Coaching Opportunity

Hello, my name is Sara, I am writing on behalf of the University of York Women's Cricket team, for which I am Vice-captain.

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As part of our charity campaign for Take Her Lead - a charitable organisation which seeks to empower and promote women and girls' cricket - Laura (our club captain), and I will be hosting an evening session for coaching local girls in the U9-U12 age groups on Friday 19th April 2024. Our aim is to try and get local girls excited about cricket and introduce the basic skills to them, with the hopes of introducing them to local clubs in the area and inspiring them to continue playing cricket.

To give you an insight into what we will actually be doing:

- We are hosting a free 90-minute session, in which we will cover the basics of bowling, and introductory batting techniques.
- We will be capping our attendance at 40 due to our coaching availability but this is still a significant number of girls to hopefully find clubs for.
- Laura and I will be running the session - we both have completed our ECB Core/L2 coaching courses. We also have 5 other coaches with L1 qualifications who will be assisting on the day.
- As part of the session, we'll be giving out information leaflets promoting local clubs which, if the attendees enjoy the session, they could look to join and continue cricket going forwards.

The session is completely free to all attendees, but registration is first come first serve. If possible, we'd really appreciate it if you would be able to promote this opportunity to your school and parents so that we can try and get the word out as much as possible. We have attached a poster that we're hoping that you'll be able to distribute and hopefully include in school newsletters etc. We've also included the registration link below for parents to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/PWhmaCkK9VYd5NCv9>



Chance to Perform in the Ryedale Festival

Ryedale Primary Choir would once again like to invite children from your school (aged 7-11) to perform new pieces of music at this year's Ryedale Festival in June as part of the Ryedale Primary Choir. To do this we would ask that they take part in at least one of the following rehearsals which are days of singing, games, craft and meeting professional musicians.

THIS SATURDAY - Saturday 13th April 2024, 10:00-15:00

Friday 31st May 2024, 10:00-15:00

Both at Pickering Community Junior School, YO18 8AJ

The concert will take place on Saturday 8th June 2024, 4pm with a rehearsal from 2pm at St Peter's Church, Norton, YO17 9AE

No musical experience is necessary. The rehearsals will be run by our choir leader Caius Lee and both him and all supervising staff are fully DBS checked. To sign children up please email: info@rsmf.org.uk or for any questions call or text us on: 07845 878642.

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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.

- 15th April – Maypole Dancing 6th Session
- 16th April – Class 3 swimming lessons start
- 19th April – Non-uniform day for FOSS Jolly Jar tombola for Scarecrow weekend
- 22nd April – Maypole Dancing 7th Session
- 23rd April – Class 3 second swimming lesson
- 25th April – Class 3 Countryside Learning Day Hovingham- letter to follow
- 25th April – Reception & Year 6 Heights and Weights with school nurse
- 29th April – Last Maypole Dancing Session
- 30th April – Class 3 third swimming lesson
- 1st May – KS2 Cross Country event and Quick Rounders MCSC- letter to follow
- 4th May – Village/FOSS Scarecrow Weekend – see attached flyer for order of events
- 6th May – Bank Holiday – May Day Celebrations
- 7th May – Class 3 fourth swimming lesson
- 8th May – School photographs
- 8th May – Year 3&4 Quick Rounders MCSC- letter to follow
- 13th May – KS2 SATS week
- 14th May – Class 3 fifth swimming lesson
- 17th May – FOSS Bag2School
- 21st May – Class 3 last swimming lesson
- 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
- 12th June – KS1 Summer Sports event MCSC – letter to follow
- 14th June – FOSS Fathers’ Day Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
- 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 at Blakey Ridge – letter to follow
- 2nd July – Whole School Golf Day
- 3rd July – Rounders Tournament Norton College – TBC

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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

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

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

15th July – Year 6 Crucial Crew workshop – letter to follow

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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