



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7th November 2024

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### **A Message from Mr Smith**

We hope you all had a great half term break and all the children have returned to school with renewed energy and focus. It was lovely to see parents and carers of children in Class 3 and 4 at our Parents' Evenings this week; and we look forward to meeting parents of Class 1 and 2 next week. Email confirmations were sent out yesterday for the Class 1 & 2 appointments so if you have not received an email, please contact the school office.

I had the opportunity to accompany Class 3 on their first swimming lesson at the St Alban's Centre on Monday and they all did really well. I was super impressed by their exemplary behaviour and their excellent attitude towards the swim teaching staff: well done, Class 3.

North Yorkshire's 'Power Down Pete' visited school on Wednesday to work with the children to discuss issues surrounding saving energy and our carbon footprint. After a whole school assembly, each class then participated in fun activities such as saving energy songs, stories and games of giant energy saving snakes and ladders and the parachute game. This has also linked in well with 'Cut your Carbon Month' (detailed later in this week's newsletter).



Tomorrow, FOSS are hosting a pre-loved uniform sale and tuck shop in the Methodist chapel from 2:30pm till 5pm. There will be hot chocolates with marshmallows, bags of sweets and other yummy after school treats available so do pop over to see them.

Have a great weekend. Mr Smith.

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## School News

- There were an additional 12 children at Art Club on Tuesday who were not booked in. This took our numbers to 40! Please ensure you book clubs ahead so that we are able to allocate the correct staff and resources for the number of children.
- If you returned your child's Xmas4Schools cards order form, you should have received a text and email on 30<sup>th</sup> October with a link to the ordering portal. The ordering portal is now closed.
- We will be marking Remembrance Day on Monday with a whole school assembly and discussions in our lessons.
- It is National Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate everything that makes us unique. The children are encouraged to wear odd socks if they wish. This is part of Anti-Bullying week with year's focus being on "Choose Respect" which we will be thinking about in our lessons and assemblies.
- Next Wednesday, Class 4 are participating in a Tag Rugby tournament at Norton College. A letter with details was emailed out on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- It is Children in Need Day next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November and everyone is invited to wear something bright and/or spotty (non-uniform day). Donation can be paid in two ways, either by cash using the donations bucket which will be on the school door in the morning, or via Parent Pay using this link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15532>
- Our Singing Club/Choir have been invited to perform at the Christmas Fair on 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you haven't already, please confirm with the office if your child will be attending. They will also be singing at the village Soupa lunch. Song sheets will be coming home to practice the pieces we are learning in school.



## Lunch Menu Change – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Mrs Saunders will be offering Pitta Pizzas tomorrow in addition to the normal menu choices. All dietary requirements will be catered for.



## Eco School Update

### **November is Cut Your Carbon Month!**

Eco-Schools is challenging young people across the UK to take action on their carbon footprint. By completing 6 simple actions with your family and friends, you will raise awareness, change behaviours, and Cut Your Carbon-a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change. ***So please support the school by taking part in this challenge during November.***

A sheet will be going home this week for you to follow, so why not stick it on your fridge and see how much you can do. Each challenge is easy to complete but collectively will make a big difference. At the end of November, we will collect in the sheets and the Eco Committee will look at how well we have done as a school community and submit our results.

## Slingsby Parish Environment Group

Some of the children from Class 4 helped the Slingsby Parish Environment Group this morning to clear away some patches of bare soil and plant some plug plants (primrose, cowslip, birds foot trefoil, field scabious and betany) on the grassy mound at the meadow site in the corner of the sports field. The

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Slingsby Parish Environment Group are going back on Saturday from 11am until 1pm and would like to extend a warm open invitation to any local families to join them to lend a hand if they would like to. If you would like to go along to help out and have your own gardening gloves and trowel, please take them along with you (a rake or scarifier would be even better!). If you're not able to make it this Saturday, there will hopefully be other opportunities to volunteer in the near future, as they will also be sowing native wildflower seeds, including yellow rattle, over the next week or so to see how they do and whether they survive until spring and help increase the site's biodiversity (in turn helping to support more local wildlife species).



## **FOSS Update**

### **Pre-loved uniform and tuck shop - This Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

FOSS will be selling a good selection of pre-loved uniform in the Chapel school room this Friday between 2:30pm and 5pm.

Hot chocolates with marshmallows, bags of sweets and other yummy after school treats will be available.

### **Christmas Fair - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

We need volunteers to help set up and run stalls for the Christmas Fair. There will be a volunteer rota up at parents evening with various timeslots, please have a look and sign up to help if you can!

We would be especially grateful for a volunteer who could do face painting at the fair - please email [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk) if you can help.

### **Christmas Party - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

We are delighted to invite all children of Slingsby School to the annual FOSS Christmas Party on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

This is a FOSS event run by parent and carer volunteers and includes a party tea, entertainment provided by Magic Mike, plus a gift for each child.

Party food is kindly donated by school families and there will be a list up at parents evening of food donations required for each class. Please sign your name next to any items for your child's class that you are able to donate. These should be brought to school on the morning of the Christmas party. More information about the party to follow soon. Thank you!

## **Easyfundraising**

If you haven't already then now is a fantastic time to download the Easyfundraising app as we could win £500 for every new person that signs up this week! By shopping through the app, you can raise money for our school for free whilst doing your Christmas shopping or just buying everyday groceries.



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## AUTUMN 2 TERM KEY DATES

*Please note that these dates are subject to change. Any changes and new dates will be notified to you via the weekly newsletter.*

- 8<sup>th</sup> November – FOSS Pre-loved Uniform Sale & Tuck Stall in the Methodist Chapel 2:30-5pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Class 3's second swimming lesson
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day celebrating what makes us all unique
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 trip to Castle Howard to decorate tree
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – Class 1 & 2 Parents' Evening – please return booking form
- 13<sup>th</sup> November – Tag Rugby at Norton College – details to follow
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- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – Dress down spotty day
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Class 2 Library Bus
- 18<sup>th</sup> November – Class 3's third swimming lesson
- 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5/6 Dodgeball at MCSC – details to follow
- 25<sup>th</sup> November – Class 3's fourth swimming lesson
- 28<sup>th</sup> November – Bag2School Collection
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Non-Uniform Day for FOSS Christmas tombola
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – FOSS Christmas Fair in the Village Hall 11am – 3pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Class 3's fifth swimming lesson
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime Trip to Scarborough Spa
- 9<sup>th</sup> December – Class 3's sixth and final swimming lesson
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas Productions (KS1 afternoon, KS2 evening)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – School Choir performing at Chapel Soupa Lunch
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Y3/4 Dodgeball at MCSC – details to follow
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day & FOSS Children's Christmas Party, Village Hall 3:30 – 5pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Service All Saints Church 1pm - all welcome
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term, children may leave after Christmas service approx. 2pm.

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