



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 28th November 2024

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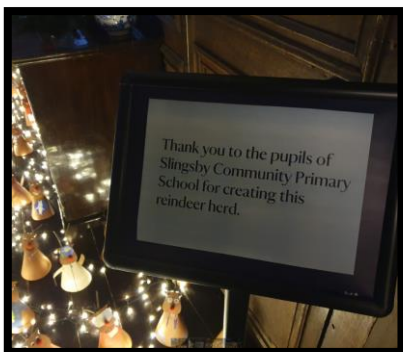
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A Message from Mr Smith

The Autumn term continues at pace and I cannot believe we have reached the end of November already! The children are currently in full swing with their Christmas play rehearsals for our performances, which are being held on Thursday 12th December in the Village Hall. All families and friends are most welcome to come along to watch Class 1 & 2's performance of 'Star Shine' at 1pm and Class 3 & 4's performance of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' at 6pm.

Don't forget that the FOSS Christmas Fair is taking place this Sunday at the village hall; and tomorrow is a non-uniform day in aid of the tombola. More details below in the FOSS section. Please bring festive items which can be left in the buckets at the school entrances. We hope to see many of our families at Sunday's fair and I am looking forward to listening to our after-school choir club performing Christmas songs – led by Miss Secker – at the event.

This week I received photographs of the children's reindeer decorations at Nunnington Hall, which look fantastic. Great job everyone!



Last week's house point scores were: Dragon – 152, Griffin – 147, Pegasus – 176 and Phoenix – 159. Congratulations to Pegasus house!

Have a lovely weekend and see you all at the Christmas fair.

Mr. Smith

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School News

- We were delighted to see this article about Theo in Year 1 and Edward in Year 3 in the recently published Ryedale Festival magazine. We very much hope to meet Felix when he returns next year!

THE INSPIRATIONAL FELIX KLIESER

THEO'S MODEL FOR LIFE



This year's Festival audiences were captivated en masse by the horn-playing of Felix Kleiser – but for one family in particular, Felix's coffee concert at St Oswald's church in Sowerby (with pianist Jāms Coleman) was a very special experience indeed. Seated in the front row were five-year old Theo, his eight-

year-old brother Edward and their parents Rachel and Marcus Atkinson. Theo is a pupil at Slingsby Community Primary School who was born, like Felix, with no arms – in Theo's case as a result of a rare genetic disorder called Thrombocytopenia absent radius ('TAR') syndrome. Before Theo was born but after a scan revealed his condition, Rachel's discovery of Felix on YouTube was 'an amazingly positive thing for us as a family at a very negative time in our lives'. She has followed him online ever since. Both for Theo himself as a toddler, and as a way of explaining Theo's difference to Edward, Felix's exquisite

music-making, with his foot instead of his hands, was a way to say: 'Look, the sky's the limit, people can always find their own way to do things...' Theo himself learned to tackle new challenges 'because Felix can do it'.

At the coffee concert, Theo could be seen beaming throughout and laughing at the faster passages. Most of all, he was thrilled to meet someone who looked like himself, with an extraordinary talent and a shining spirit of conquest over their shared disability. Will Theo grow up to be a musician? A percussionist perhaps – he and Edward

both love drumming. But one thing's for sure: he'll never forget meeting Felix at the Ryedale Festival.

(The Atkinsons work with LimbBo, a charitable foundation which supports children with limb differences and their families.)

Marion Van der Weyer



Felix Klieser at Sowerby

- Thank you to everyone who has completed our 2024 online Parent/Carer questionnaire which was emailed out on Tuesday 19th November, your feedback is really important to us. There is still time if you haven't already, the closing date is Monday 2nd December.
- Please respond with your child/ren's Christmas lunch selection using the online form sent out in our email dated 18th November.
- Please return your Cut Your Carbon November checklists next week so our Eco Committee can review the results. More details below. Please contact the office if you need another checklist.
- We would welcome any parents/carers volunteers coming in to school to listen to some of our children reading on a weekly basis. If you are interested or know anyone who might enjoy this, please contact the school office.
- Class 3 had their fourth swimming lesson at the St Alban's Centre on Monday afternoon.
- There was a Full Governing Body meeting on Tuesday evening which was very productive. If you ever wish to feed back to Governors, you can do so through the parent representatives on the Governing Body chair@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk or apope@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk.
- We will be carrying out a full school fire drill on Friday as part of our continuous Health & Safety procedures. We will also be having a practice of our Lockdown drill next week.
- It's non-uniform day tomorrow for the FOSS Christmas tombola. Your child can bring an item into school for the tombola stall as a forfeit. Suggestions for prizes include something Christmassy, sweets, festive treats and small gift items.

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- Miss Secker has emailed the choir members who are singing at Sunday's Christmas fair with details of timings for their performance, and Mr Conlan has contacted our musicians. If you have not received an email, please contact the School office.
- Next Friday, we are looking forward to taking the whole school to the Scarborough pantomime of Cinderella (details in our letter sent on 11th November). Please ensure your child/ren are in school by **8.30am** that day if possible so that we can leave at 8.40am to arrive in time for the start of the show.



Christmas Post Box

Our School Christmas Card Post Box will be placed in the entrance hall from Monday 2nd December for the rest of the term. All children are welcome to bring their written Christmas cards for friends and staff to post on a morning when they arrive at school. Mr Smith and his elf helpers will then sort the post and hand the cards to the right classes for teachers to hand out at the end of the day. To ensure cards reach the correct child, please can we ask you to put which class they are in on the front of the envelope.



Please return you Cut Your Carbon Checklists!

We're just about to wrap up this year's Cut Your Carbon campaign! **But, there still time left to make a difference!** We're challenging you to tick off any remaining actions on your checklists this week. Every action counts! Please return completed sheets next week and make sure you add your Class number so that we can work out which Class had the highest percentage of participants to get their certificate. Our next Eco Committee meeting is Monday 9th where we will be reviewing the checklists.



FEAST Christmas Vouchers

Vouchers for free places on the Christmas programme were issued on **Monday 25th November 2024** which is when bookings went live. There are loads of activities to get involved in and they're absolutely free! For more information about FEAST, visit www.feastny.org.



FOSS Update

Non-Uniform Day and Tombola donation - Tomorrow Friday 29th November

Please bring donations for the Christmas Fair tombola to school tomorrow morning and place them in the collection tubs located at each entrance.

School Christmas Fair – This Sunday 1st December

We can't wait to see lots of you at the school Christmas Fair this Sunday between 11-3 in Slingsby Village Hall. There will be a selection of delicious refreshments including festive sandwiches with all the trimmings, home-made soup, a selection of home-made cakes, mulled wine, hot chocolate and a sweet cart. Plus we'll have festive fun with children's games, a variety of stalls for your Christmas gifts plus a performance from the school choir at 1pm and some surprise music performances.

We will be accepting card or cash payments, please bring cash for the children's games, priced at 50p each.

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Christmas Party - Wednesday 18th December

We are delighted to invite all children of Slingsby School to the annual FOSS Christmas Party on Wednesday 18th December, 3.45pm - 5.30pm in Slingsby Village Hall. This is a FOSS event run by parent and carer volunteers. There will be party food and entertainment provided by Magic Mike, plus a gift for each child. School staff will accompany them to the Village Hall at the end of the school day. Once at the party adult supervision will be provided by FOSS and parent volunteers. We ask that children are collected from the Village Hall at 5.30pm.

Party Food Donations

If you added your name to the party food list that was on display at parents evening, please bring your donation to school at drop off on the morning of the party, Wednesday 18th December, thank you. If your child has specific dietary requirements, we ask that you provide plate of food for them with their name and class on, please bring to school on the morning of the party.

Volunteers

If you are able to help with either setting up, during the party or clearing up at the end, please tick the appropriate box in the attendance form below. We need lots of volunteers to ensure the party can go ahead successfully!

Please confirm your child/ren's attendance by Monday 9th December by clicking on the link below and completing the form. This form must be completed for children to attend.

[FOSS Christmas Party Attendance Form 18th December 2024 – must be completed to attend](#)

Christmas Draw - deadline Friday 6th December

Please keep selling as many tickets as you can to be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes! There is also a prize to be won by the family that sells the most tickets! If you need extra tickets please email FOSS at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.



Ryedale Mumbler – Christmas Events

Ryedale Mumbler have been in touch to share their Christmas activities, events and ideas newsletter with you with - please use this link to find out more [Family Christmas Ideas 2024](#)



Malton Library – What's On Over Christmas

Please find attached the latest What's On listing for December including information about our Christmas Monster drawing and writing competition which launches on the 30th November for ages 7yrs and upwards.



Child Welfare and Safeguarding - who to speak to

Details of our safeguarding contacts can be found on our website at [Safeguarding & Child Protection - Slingsby Community Primary School](#). If you have concerns about a child's welfare, please contact one of our school safeguarding members:

- ❖ Mr. L. Smith (Designated Safeguarding Lead): headteacher@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk
- ❖ Mrs. C. Jordan (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

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❖ Mr. T. Storrar (Safeguarding Lead Governor): chair@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk

Further advice can also be obtained from:

- ❖ The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on: 01609 533080
- ❖ The Local Authority Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) on: 0300 131 2131
- ❖ North Yorkshire Police on: 101



Lost Teddy

This little dog teddy was found outside school on Tuesday morning. Please contact the school office if it belongs to you.



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