



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th December 2024

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A Message from Mr Smith

We had a really great time at the Pantomime in Scarborough last Friday, even though I was picked on by the actors! Thank you for ensuring everyone arrived here early so that we could get there on time, as it made the morning run extremely smoothly.

Excitement levels continue to be high in school this week as we prepare for our Christmas performances today. The Village Hall doors will open to parents & carers, friends and family from 1pm for the Key Stage 1 performance of 'Little Star's Story' and the children are welcome to go home with parents/carers after the performance (including any older siblings from Class 3 and 4); however, please collect them from the front entrance of school, following the performance.

The doors will open for the Key Stage 2 performance of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' at 5:30pm, with the performance starting at 6pm. Please ensure that children performing arrive no later than 5.45pm to allow them time to change into their costumes. At the end of the evening, as we dismiss the children, we need to account for everyone and ensure every child has been collected by a parent/carer: your patience is appreciated. The children will also be reminded about this before the performance. FOSS are very grateful for all your mince pie donations, thank you!

Last week's house point scores were: Dragon – 73, Griffin – 73, Pegasus – 96, and Phoenix – 86: congratulations to Pegasus house. With two weeks left of this term, there are only 11 points between first and second place in the race to win the coveted Autumn term winners medals; so keep earning those dojo points!

Have a great weekend. Mr. Smith



School News

- Unfortunately, Class 3's final swimming lesson at the St Alban's Centre this week was cancelled due to problems with the pool heating. For those parents/carers who have contributed towards the cost of the transport, a refund for this trip will be processed.
- The Eco Committee had a productive meeting on Monday and the results of the Cut Your Carbon campaign will be announced in this week's assembly. Their update is attached to this newsletter.
- Our Art Clubbers have made some beautiful sparkly baubles with prayers for the Slingsby All Saints Church Christmas Tree Festival which is open from the 19th of December. Please go and see them over the holidays if you have a moment.
- We are looking forward to the Fire Service coming into school tomorrow afternoon to deliver Dark Night talks to the children in Class 3 and 4. They will be returning in the Spring for our Class 1 & 2 children.

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- The mobile library is in the village tomorrow and we will be taking Class 3 across. Please return any library books for us to take back.
- Mr Saunders is making her scrumptious Christmas lunch on Tuesday for all the staff and children.
- There is a lot happening next Wednesday! It is our Christmas Jumper Day and children are permitted to wear home clothes for school, as this is the same day as the FOSS Christmas Party in the Village Hall after school (details below, booking required). The choir will also be attending the Methodist Chapel Christmas Soupa Lunch to sing; and Year 3 & 4 are attending a Dodgeball tournament at Malton Community Sports Centre. A letter has been sent out with details.
- Our end of term Christmas Service will take place at 1pm in All Saints Church on Friday 20th December. Children may leave after this service at approximately 2pm if you would like to collect them from school. If you are unable to collect them early, school will remain open until 3.30pm and sports club will still be taking place until 4.30pm.
- Miss Hope & Mrs Massey undertook a rigorous Health and Safety paperwork audit on Friday morning with North Yorkshire Council's NYES Health & Safety Service. The Officers were very pleased with our policies, risk assessments and safety procedures.



Menu Change – Friday 13th December

As well as what is on the menu tomorrow, Mrs Saunders is also offering a sausages and chips option.



Early Notice – No After School Clubs Wednesday 26th February 2025

All our staff will be attending an obligatory Health & Safety training session on Wednesday 26th February 2025 after school therefore we will be unable to provide after school care on this date. Please note in your diaries if your child usually attends Film and Chill Club on a Wednesday. Many thanks



FOSS Update

Christmas Party - Wednesday 18th December

It's almost time for the Christmas Party! School staff will accompany the children to the Village Hall at the end of the school day.

We ask that children are collected from the Village Hall at 5.30pm. Classes 1 and 2 can be collected from the main entrance and Classes 3 and 4 from the side entrance. Siblings from Class 1 and 2 with older siblings should all be collected from the side entrance. If you have added your name to the party food list, please can donations be brought to school on the morning of the Christmas party. If anyone needs a reminder of the food they have offered to donate please get in touch with FOSS.

If your child has a dietary requirement please provide a plate of food for them, clearly labelled with their name and class and bring to school on the morning of the party.

If you have not yet confirmed your child/ren's attendance, please do so as soon as possible by clicking on the link below and completing the form:

[Christmas Party Form – Please complete the form to attend](#)

If your child has a medical need that requires medication, medication must be labelled and given to a member of FOSS (Kate or Sophie) on the day of the party unless your child is supervised by a parent or carer who understands their needs.

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Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is an easy way to help raise funds for the school whilst doing some Christmas shopping! Just download the app and choose FOSS as your cause, then use it as a search engine to shop and the brands you buy from will donate money to our school for free. Download the app here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk



Trans Pennine Christmas Activity Pack

The Christmas pack encourages children to embark on a Winter Treasure Hunt, solve a word scramble, and test their knowledge with a fun quiz. They'll also be able to craft a hanging star decoration and make wildlife-friendly magic reindeer food to spread a little holiday magic. And they'll be able to delight family and friends with a selection of Christmas cracker jokes guaranteed to bring a smile to the face.

The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We're also happy to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the PDF. All you need to do is email us info@transpenninetrail.org.uk and we will post it out. Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/> or by clicking the image below:



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)
- ❖ 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



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