



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 5th December 2024

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A Message from Mr Smith

Thank you for all our parents, carers, families and friends for such a brilliantly attended FOSS Christmas Fair event last Sunday. It was wonderful to see everyone there to support the superbly run FOSS event and I want to say a HUGE 'thank you' for all their time and effort. I also wanted to say well done to those members of the school choir who represented the school – MANY of whom were members of Class One in school: you were so brave! Thank you also to Miss Secker & Mr. Conlan and well done to the children who played their musical instruments on stage. There was also great support from so many local trades; and the delicious turkey, stuffing and pigs in blankets rolls home cooked by our amazing FOSS team. It was also great to see one of our previous teachers, Mr. Mortimer, running a stall.

We would also like to say thank you to Castle Howard for donating a beautiful Christmas Tree to school once again this year. The children have enjoyed decorating it today and it is making us all feel even more festive! The lights on The Green also look superb, kindly organised by the Parish Council.

Last week's house point scores were: Dragon – 171, Griffin – 205, Pegasus – 184, and Phoenix – 196. Congratulations to Griffin house! The overall leaders so far this Autumn term are Pegasus – can any house catch them before the Christmas break?

Tomorrow it is our whole school trip to the Scarborough Spa to watch Cinderella. We would be really grateful if your child/ren could be in school by **8.30am** so that we can leave promptly at 8.40am to arrive in time for the start of the show. We will be opening the school doors at 8.25am.

Finally, we would like to wish Mrs Walker, our supply teaching assistant in Class 1, Bon Voyage! Mrs Walker is leaving us tomorrow for the warmer climes of Australia to spend time with family. Thank you very much for all your help and support this term, Mrs Walker.

Have a great weekend. Mr. Smith



School News

- Don't forget to bring a packed lunch from home tomorrow for the pantomime if you opted out of the school packed lunch. The school doors will be opening at 8.25am for early registration so that we can set off promptly at 8.40am. Please be in school by **8.30am**. It is normal school uniform for the trip.
- Notes went home last week in book bags to those children who need items of clothing from home for their Christmas plays next week. We have a lot of costumes already in school but some might need extra items or specific clothing underneath. Please check your child's book bag and if you are struggling to obtain any of the items listed, please let us know and we will do what we can to help. All costumes need to be in school in named carrier bags no later than 9th December for dress rehearsals.

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- Class 3 had their fifth swimming lesson at the St Alban's Centre on Monday afternoon. Their last lesson will be on Monday.
- Ms Breese undertook a subject leadership and management day in school on Tuesday spending time in each class focusing on the teaching of mathematics across school.
- Play rehearsals are going well and the children have enjoyed practising on the stage in the Village Hall this week. We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday for Class 1 & 2's performance of 'Star Shine' at 1pm, and Class 3 & 4's performance of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' at 6pm.
- Carbon Checklists are due back in this week so that our Eco Committee members can review them on Monday. Please return them if you still have them at home (copy attached if you have misplaced them)
- We had a good Fire Drill practice last week and we will be undertaking a lockdown drill in the near future.
- Don't forget to sign up for busking at the Malton Christmas Market this Sunday with our music providers, Richard Shepherd Music Foundation. Details were emailed out to families on 29th November.
- A reminder that it is our school Christmas lunch on Tuesday 17th December - please complete the online form for your child if you haven't already [Christmas Lunch or Home packed lunch Form – please complete](#).
- On Wednesday 18th December 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. Please complete the FOSS online form by Monday if your child wishes to attend the party. The link and more details are below in the FOSS section. This is a free event kindly funded and run by FOSS.
- 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. 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.



ECO Committee Update

Cut your Carbon Month is now over. It's time for us to collect the results and submit them with the chance to enter a draw to win a mural painted by a professional artist. So please send in any last-minute sheets because the committee will be counting them up on Monday 9th ready for submission. Remember that the class with the highest percentage of completed returned sheets will gain a certificate for their class.



FOSS Update

What a wonderful atmosphere there was at the Christmas fair on Sunday which raised a profit of £858. A huge thank you to everyone who came along, supported, and volunteered and well done to the children who performed beautifully!

Christmas Draw - Deadline tomorrow Friday 6th December

Last chance to sell your Christmas Draw tickets before the deadline for handing them in this Friday! The winners will be announced at the evening Christmas Production.

Christmas Productions - Thursday 12th December 1pm & 6pm

FOSS will be running a refreshments stall again during the afternoon and evening productions, selling soft drinks, crisps, and festive treats. We can accept card and cash. We would be very grateful for

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donations of mince pies to sell at the Christmas Productions. Please could donations be brought to school on the morning of the productions.

Christmas Party - Wednesday 18th December

If you haven't yet done so, please confirm your child/ren's attendance at the FOSS Christmas Party using the link below and completing the form:

[FOSS Christmas Party Attendance Form 18th December - Must be completed to attend](#)

The deadline for completing the form is Monday 9th December. This is the school Christmas Jumper (non-uniform) day so no party clothes are needed!

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!



Richard Shephard Music Foundation

Did you know our school music is supported by the Richard Shephard Music Foundation? This week they are raising funds to keep their programme running. Donate from midday on **Tuesday 3rd December to midday on Tuesday 10th December**, and get your donation doubled! - [Help us develop the next generation of musicians](#) Also, don't forget to sign up to busk with RSMF at the Christmas Market in Malton on Sunday. Details were emailed out on 29th November.



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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