



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Thursday 9th January 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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A Message from Mr Smith

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a great break and on behalf of all of the staff I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' for all your gifts, cards and kind words. We were really warmed by your comments and the treats to eat are still being enjoyed in the staff room - providing much-needed fuel on these cold wintry days!

It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the remains of the snow in the playground on our first day back and I would like to say a massive 'Thank you' to my 'ice-clearing' crew who helped me to clear the top playground – your help was greatly appreciated! Please remember to send children in to school with suitable footwear to change into for playing in the snow if we have any more over the coming months; and spare socks, hats and gloves too, as we will always try to play outside if we can. I attach our Unavoidable Closure plan for your information in case of any future inclement weather; this is also available on our website.

It is a quieter half term than last, in terms of visits and productions, but we are looking forward to welcoming Mr. Sturgess for our rearranged WOW Basketball morning towards the end of the month, as well as our continued involvement in participating in the Malton Sports Festival events and upcoming local school swimming gala at Derwent pool (more details to follow).

Finally... Congratulations to Pegasus House for you Autumn Term Class Dojo point victory and I hope you have been wearing your gold medal awards with pride. The scores now reset for the Spring term so keep earning those points!

As always, we wish you a lovely weekend!

Mr. Smith



School News

- Our School Council held their first meeting of the new year to discuss improvements to the outdoor areas for all the children in school, including an exciting opportunity to work with staff from Castle Howard. The children are discussing their ideas with classmates before the next meeting on the 30th January.
- The mobile library is coming tomorrow and Class 4 will be visiting. Please bring in any books borrowed last term so that we can return them.
- Please ensure the children have suitable clothes and warm layers for the cold weather so they can enjoy playing outside, and please label everything! We try really hard to ensure all the

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children place their own items on their own pegs or in bags at the end of every break time and if anything is left outside or in a different room, it is easy to return if it is labelled. Many thanks.



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

We hope you all had a nice winter break, and we are now looking forward to planning our two biggest fundraisers of the school year, the Scarecrow/ May Day weekend (3rd-5th May) and the Duck Race (Sat 5th July). If you are able to help with organising either of these events, please chat to a member of FOSS or email us at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.



Hovingham Repair Café – this Saturday

This Saturday, the Hovingham Repair Café has a bike repairer who is offering to set up new bikes (for free). If you have received new bikes for Christmas and need some help setting them up, they can help. Their bike repairer designs and builds bikes and takes part in ultra-endurance cycling competitions! All bike repairs are welcome regardless of their vintage. The Repair Café also repair other items for free including electrical, tech, toys, sewing, knitting, furniture and jewellery. Please see the attached flyer.



Ampleforth College Year 7 Scholarship Applications and Open Day

Year 7 2025 11+ Entry Assessment, Scholarship & Experience Days – Friday 24th and Saturday 25th January 2025 - for families applying to Ampleforth College for Year 7 entry in September 2025.

Applications for 11+ Academic, Dance, Drama, Music & Sport scholarships should be submitted by 10th January. Application forms can be found [here](#).

We recognise that the current economic climate and VAT on school fees means parents may be concerned about embarking on this path. Means-tested bursaries can be applied for, and we are happy to have a conversation with any parents or carers who may have questions.

Children will sit scholarship assessments on Friday 24th January, in a choice of disciplines including Dance, Drama, Music and Sport. On Saturday 25th January, Academic scholarships will take place, together with entry assessments and interviews. In the afternoon a carousel of activities will give the children an opportunity to meet future peers and experience a taste of life and the wide co-curricular programme we have here at Ampleforth College. A separate programme will be available for parents.

Ampleforth College Open Morning - Saturday 1st February 2025, 10am – 1.30pm

You are warmly invited to our Open Day. This is an opportunity for families to see our school and talk to students and staff. Please find more information on our website [Ampleforth College - Open Morning - Saturday 1 February](#)



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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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