



SLS Update

Learning today for a better tomorrow.

Friday 1st December 2023

School Photos – Deadline for Orders

Please remember that there is a strict deadline for ordering school photos this year. Order forms must be completed and returned to school by Tuesday (5th December). Payment must be made at the time of ordering. Unfortunately any orders received after this time will not be fulfilled. Thank you.



Weekly Gold Awards

Well done to this week's GOLD award winners:

Reception – Ayda and Hunter
Class 1 – Cici and Harry
Class 2 – Ava and Henry Tif
Class 3 – Ella

Safeguarding: Road Safety continued

As you are aware, following a safeguarding concern being raised by North Yorkshire Council, we have increased our monitoring of parking around school as well as encouraging families to cross a little further down Low Moor Lane away from the junction.

We are incredibly proud of the way in which the children have embraced this and are actively reminding their parents where is safest to cross. Miss Calvert hosted a meeting with head teachers from local rural schools this week who were very impressed to hear the children talking about safe places to cross the road.

Unfortunately, there are still a small number of parents/carers parking in the farm entrance across from school. Not only is this unsafe as it is necessary to cross the path that the children are using to exit onto the road, but this is private land and we have received a number of complaints from the landowner. Additionally, some parents/carers are parking on the yellow lines and zig zags outside school to drop off and collect children from after school clubs. These road markings are in place to keep your children safe. It is unsafe, and illegal, to park in this area and we would respectfully request that you find a more suitable and safe place to park.

Whilst it may seem an inconvenience to walk or park a little further from school, we ask that you do so to ensure the safety of all children. We would ask that respect is shown to all staff and governors who are supporting the safety drive. Please ensure this information is passed onto anyone collecting children on your behalf.

Book Fair

The Book Fair was a big success and we have received over £90 in vouchers to spend on books for our school! Thank you to everyone for your support!

Reply Slips

We are so pleased that the children have been on various school trips this term, they have really enjoyed them and we have been very proud of them as they have visited new places and met new people. One of the drawbacks of trips is that we require parental consent for each one and we realise that reply slips can get overlooked. Whilst they may seem trivial, it is important for us to have a signed slip for all children on every trip. Mrs Sowden has spent a lot of time chasing slips recently so we would appreciate it if they could be returned in a timely manner. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Phunky Foods

Thank you to those parents who came into school yesterday to sample some healthy food, hopefully you were inspired! The Phunky Foods ambassadors did a great job and they also visited all the classes to promote healthy eating. The children were very adventurous and tried lots of new foods, the recipes are attached so you can make them at home.

Menu Change

On Tuesday 12th December, there will be a slight change to the lunch menu. Instead of the usual chicken burger, there will be beef burgers. The new Spring term menu will be sent out in the next week or so.

FEAST Activities

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of activities as part of the FEAST programme. There are also free places available for eligible children. To see all the activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, visit the FEAST website [here](#).

Christmas Jumper Day

It is Christmas Jumper Day next Thursday, 7th December. Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. If they have PE, they can bring their PE hoodie in too to keep them warm. The suggested donation is £1 per child and money raised will go to Save the Children. We are also holding a 'Design a Christmas Jumper' competition, the children will be bringing home the templates today. Entries cost 50p. All donations, including entry fees, can be paid via JustGiving [here](#).

Upcoming Christmas Events

The children were very excited today to come into school to find tinsel and elves galore! We have lots of Christmas events coming up and will be sending out more information soon regarding the nativity rehearsals and performances. Here is a brief rundown:

Thurs 7th – Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas jumpers with school uniform)

Wed 13th – School Christmas Dinner / PTA Christmas Movie Afternoon from 3.30 to 5.15pm

Fri 15th – Carol Singing – all parents welcome, the PTA will be serving drinks and mince pies

Mon 18th – Nativity rehearsal in the afternoon at Scotton Village Hall for Reception and Class 1 children only – we are looking for parent volunteers to transport children in their cars, please let the office know if you can help and have appropriate car seats

Tues 19th – Nativity rehearsal at Scotton Village Hall for all classes

Wed 20th – Nativity performance at Scotton Village Hall at 2.15pm – this will be for parents of Reception and Class 1 children only, more details to follow

Weekly Attendance Figures

[Reception – 97.22%](#)

[Class 1 – 98.85%](#)

[Class 2 – 96.76%](#)

[Class 3 – 100%](#)

Well done to Class 3 who achieved 100% attendance this week! The expectation is that schools maintain an attendance level of **at least 97%**. This is the measure that schools are subject to during both local and national inspections. Figures below that level will be heavily criticized. We appreciate your support with this. It is also a legal requirement for children to attend school regularly. Please ensure that children are in school and on time every day and please avoid term time holidays.

Over 97%

90 – 97%

Under 90%

DID YOU KNOW?

Whilst 95% attendance doesn't sound too bad, across a year it means your child would have missed 9 days of school, or 45 lessons. Over 7 years of primary school, 95% attendance each year would add up to 12.5 weeks or 3 months or one whole term of missed school.

Diary Dates – Subject to Change

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Thurs 21st – **School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas break**

Fri 22nd – Staff Training Day

January 2024

Mon 8th – Staff Training Day

Wed 10th – Class 2 Swimming – 1/10

Tues 9th – **School re-opens** / **Young Voices concert for KS2 children in the choir**

Phunky Foods:



Walk to School Day today:

