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SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FOSS

Help required! If any family has a waterproof gazebo they would be willing to let FOSS use at the duck race on Sat 8th July please could you let Sarah Rayner or Liz Wilson know?

Duck race forms will be circulated next week. We will be selling ducks at various venues in the coming weeks - any help would be appreciated - details to follow.



Fidget Spinners

Whilst we appreciate the value of such toys, staff have discussed the use of them during school time and have decided that they should not be brought into school. Any fidget spinners brought in will be looked after until the end of the day. Thank you for your co operation.



School News

Mr Mortimer has attended EYFS moderation at Hovingham Primary this week and found it very interesting. Mr Mortimer and Mrs Swallow have asked that children in Class 1 remember their spelling books on a Monday and Tuesday and Reading Records each day. Also, can **all** children ensure they have their PE kit in school every day



Musical Night

We have decided to hold a night of music and entertainment to end our academic school year on July 20th at 6pm in Slingsby Village Hall. Nibbles, tea/coffee and soft drinks will be served. There will be no charge for this event but if anyone wishes to leave a donation on the night a bucket will be available. Could I please ask if anyone wishes to perform on the night, be it a musical instrument or singing, that they let me know. This invitation is open to adults as well as children. There will also be a few surprises to keep you entertained. All welcome!





Social Networking Sites / email / twitter/MSN / Facebook/mobile phone use - Pupil Safety

Think before you type...

It is in some cases a criminal offence to post and produce offensive items and send offensive texts and emails and in some cases police have become involved and prosecutions have taken place following such activity on Facebook, email and other social media sites. This school will take legal

action against any malicious comments posted on such sites against any member of staff or school in general.

Recently in the national press there have been concerns and complaints expressed from parents and staff about people who are using the above computer based applications improperly and in many cases against the published rights and responsibilities of the host. The complaints centre around home computer/mobile phone use where some parents have been using offensive words, pictures and comments aimed at school staff where their child attends school. Regarding Slingsby C P, I must emphasise pupils do NOT use such applications at school and there have been **no** reported incidences of staff using Facebook etc inappropriately.

Although it is not the responsibility of schools to 'police' these issues or act as a 'go between' with parents when things have gone wrong or when they have evidence of such activity - it is fair to say we have a duty of care regarding pupil/staff safeguarding. I would therefore ask parents to discuss the appropriate use of such sites (and other areas such as text messages and email) with their child and raise the importance of proper use and dangers as described above - our children need to be aware of this and how serious it can be. It is worthy to note that it is a condition of use of such sites as 'Facebook' that users are at least **13 years old and** it has been made clear in some newspaper reports that false information is being put on the site by some users to gain access to other users by entering false dates of birth or names. This of course is misrepresentation to those who use the site and can cause big issues with regard to the safety of our children. As a general point it is considered good and safe practice to ensure any computer use at home is carried out in a family area where parents can see what their children are up to. Use of laptops and computers in a private area such as a bedroom can present potential issues - the question is, do we have ways to monitor our child's use of the internet for their own safety? In school we have stringent safety measures in place which ensure the children are unable to unwittingly access an inappropriate site. Furthermore, staff use is monitored closely by NYCC and access to sites such as Facebook in school hours is prohibited.

I hope parents appreciate the necessity for the school to engage in this issue and would like to thank you all for your cooperation and understanding in this very matter. The school will continue to keep an eye out for any areas where we feel parents need to be aware of, and recognise that such issues can be extremely delicate and potentially upsetting to staff, children and their families. The school Social Media Policy is available to view in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Metcalfe

Useful sites for internet safety: www.thinkuknow.co.uk <http://ceop.police.uk/>