



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Friday 16th March, 2018

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School News

- Our School Adviser has visited and held interviews with subject leaders. She was very impressed with the overall appearance of the school and the displays in all areas.
- Mrs Metcalfe and Mr Mortimer attended an Early Years Briefing on Thursday.
- Maypole lessons are continuing with great gusto!
- Year 4 children have attended Malton Secondary School for cookery.
- Year 3/4/5/6 will be at Sand Hutton on Monday 19th March at 1pm to attend their Cross Country event.



Maypole Dancing

Rehearsals are well underway for the Maypole dancing this year to be held on the village green on 7th of May 2018. Letters went out last week regarding the practices and if you would like your child to take part on the day we need your permission slips please. The letters were sent out one per family so you may need to put more than one child's name on your return slip.



School Security

For the safety of your children and following Safeguarding Rules, we would like to gently remind everyone that the front door must only be opened by staff members of the school. Please alert a member of staff if you hear the door buzzer.



Changes to Universal Credit

The government are undertaking changes to the Universal Credit scheme which could impact upon eligibility for free school meals (FSM). Anyone currently receiving FSM has a letter in their book bag providing details. If you require further information, please go to <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>



School start times, holidays in term times and parking

- As you know we have a lot to fit into our school day. The bell for the start of the day rings at 8.50am so that we can unload our bags, take the registers and the dinner orders and be ready raring to go for a fun filled day of learning at 9am! We would be really grateful therefore if you could ensure that your children are at school before the bell rings at 8.50am. If your child arrives after the session has begun they will be marked as late.
- There has also been concern expressed by two villagers to a governor about the speed that some cars drive around the school area and how cars are parking. Police advice is very much that as long as road tax is paid you are able to park in the village, bearing in mind that drives and open roads should not be blocked. Common sense will let you know where and how you can park!
- May we also politely ask that parents refrain from parking across the school car park area by Class 1 as this can make it very difficult for teachers arriving and leaving.
- Governors have also expressed concern about the slight increase in parents requesting holidays in term time. Please consider the guidance, which is sent out with each form, very carefully before you submit a request. Mrs Metcalfe has, and will, continue to consider each request individually

and will remain empathetic to those families who are genuinely unable to take holidays during the normal time.



Head lice

Please be aware that there has been a case of head lice in school this week. There are letters in book bags giving advice and we would be grateful if you would please check your children over the weekend.



February Accounts

Apologies from Mrs Massey that the February accounts are late due to the snow days at the end of the month and Mrs Massey learning the ropes! They should be with you on Monday.



FOSS

Scarecrow weekend – Sat 5th / Sun 6th / Mon 7th May. An early reminder that FOSS will be organising the Scarecrow weekend activities again this year. [For those who are new to school this is a real community weekend with lots of people visiting Slingsby to follow our scarecrow trail, enjoy refreshments in the Chapel Rooms and attend the Mayday celebrations.](#)

We will once again be holding a pre-loved children's items sale (clothes, toys and games, baby equipment) so if you are thinking about spring cleaning (!) please consider putting items aside for us. All we ask is that they are in a good, clean condition.

Volunteers to help run the refreshments / pre-loved stall and donations of cakes etc will be sought nearer the time. The prospect of making a scarecrow may seem daunting – but without families at the school / villagers making the scarecrows there would be no weekend! If you don't live in the village don't worry, we'll find your scarecrow a home!! You don't have to have an art degree to take part – it's about creating something with your children, having fun and feeling a part of the school / wider community. Please see some examples of previous years' scarecrows for inspiration: <https://m.facebook.com/friendsofslingsbyschool/photos> 'Veteran' scarecrow makers will be sharing handy tips in the coming weeks!

Bag 2 School – to coincide with the pre-loved children's items sale a Bag 2 School collection will take place on Friday 11th May so please save any suitable items. Bags will be available next month.



Early Explorers - Helmsley

Easter Holiday Club 3rd-16th April 2018

Full day- £30 Half day- £15 (8-1 or 1-6) or £3 per hour.

If you require alternative times, please speak to us as we can adapt to suit your needs!

Children aged 2-11 years

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