



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 END OF TERM

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## School News

- Year 6 had a great time in Edinburgh last week. More details below!
- We all enjoyed the beach days and were very lucky with the weather once again. All the children behaved so well whilst having lots of fun!
- Well done to everyone for giving it your best at Sports Day and a huge thank you to Mr Pope for organising the events.
- We look forward to seeing you at tonight's Entertainments' Evening which starts at 5.30pm in the Village Hall. We would be very grateful for any contributions of nibbles!
- The Honourable Nicholas Howard will be attending this year's Leavers' Assembly on Friday which will start at 1.15pm in the Village Hall. After the assembly all pupils will come back to school to collect all their belongings and then they are free to leave early with parents at approximately 2.15pm.



## Goodbye and Thank you to Mrs Rough!

We are very sorry to see Mrs Rough go, however, she feels it is the right time and she has a fantastic opportunity to move closer to her family. Thank you so much Mrs Rough for everything you have done for us!

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

## Year 6 Residential Trip

Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Jordan and Mr Trolle had an excellent trip to Edinburgh with the year 6 children. The pupils were a credit to school and their behaviour was brilliant. They managed to pack in a visit to the Real Mary King's Close, Camera Obscura, a fantastic meal at Vittoria's, Dynamic Earth including the Show Dome and the Museum of Scotland. They had lots of giggles on the train and the children finally got to grips with the self-service tills at Marks & Spencers. There were a number of conversation along the lines of "No, Colin the Caterpillars are not part of a meal deal...!". For Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Jordan that part of the trip was quite stressful!



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## **ParentPay Accounts – please pay before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

There remains **£3,148.55** outstanding debt on parent accounts on Parent Pay for dinners and clubs. This is simply not sustainable for school. May we remind you that accounts should be paid in advance. Please ensure your account is settled before the end of term. **Non-payment will result in the NYCC debt collection service being activated in September.**



## **After-School Clubs from September 2019**

After-School Clubs cannot be confirmed for September at this stage due to finances. There is **£2,379.75** outstanding debt for clubs and we cannot afford to run clubs at a loss. Breakfast Club and Chill Club will run as usual in the first week back but if arrears are not paid then this will be reviewed. Please be reminded that all club sessions must be paid in advance. Please ensure your ParentPay accounts are in credit.



## **New Staff from September**

We are pleased to confirm that we have made four new appointments for September.

- Mr D Cash is our new full time Class 2 teacher.
- Mrs D Mitchell joins us as an Advanced Teaching Assistant in Class 1 on a full time basis and will also be leading Chill Club.
- Mrs C Scott is a General Teaching Assistant, mostly based in Class 3, and Midday Supervisor.
- Mrs V Tataryn joins us as a full time Midday Supervisor.
- Mrs S Matique will be teaching in Class 4 on a Friday all day and Mr Smith will be teaching Class 4 at Gillamoor until Miss Pope (Gillamoor KS2 Teacher) returns from maternity leave in February 2020.

We hope you will join us in making them feel very welcome next year.



## **Class teachers next year**

From September the classes will be led as follows:-

Class 1- Mr Mortimer & Mrs Mitchell

Class 2- Mr Cash & Mrs Swallow (Mrs Swallow AM only / Mrs Turner, Mrs C Scott or Mrs Smurthwaite PM)

Class 3- Mrs Jordan & Mrs Turner/ Mrs C Scott

Class 4- Mr Smith & Mrs Smurthwaite

Mrs Metcalfe will be in school Monday morning, Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon and all day Friday. The remainder of her time will be spent at Gillamoor School. It is important for you all to know that Mrs Metcalfe can be contacted at any time as usual if you wish to speak to her.

Mr Smith will teach at Gillamoor on a Friday all day and Slingsby will have Mrs S Matique teaching in Class 4.

We pride ourselves on our family ethos in school and our timetables are created to give your children the best possible educational experience within our budget constraints. There will, however, sometimes be variations to the above. Mr Smith continues to be our PE Co-ordinator having completed his Level 5/6 PE Specialism training this year.



## **ParentPay Donation Page**

We now have a donation section on Parent Pay. We are very lucky to receive donations from parents and this function has been set up at parent request on Parent Pay to enable parents to easily make voluntary donations to School. Donations help to enhance the experience of our pupils by contributing to their classroom supplies and resources. Any donation is always hugely appreciated as with government cuts and limited budgets, we are often restricted and frustrated in our ability to progress and grow alongside the ever changing curriculums without the necessary and fresh resources. The names of parents making donations will not be shared publicly.



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## **Autumn Term Menu**

Please find attached the menu for next term. Due to food deliveries out of our control, on the first day back, Ms Wright will be serving Margarita Pizza and Oaty Flapjack with Orange Slices.



## **FOSS News and Duck Race thanks**

A big THANK YOU!! for all of our wonderful volunteers, not forgetting the marvellous efforts of several children, who contributed before, during and after the Duck Race. Thank you also to all of you who came along to support and enjoy the day. It was a wonderful success thanks to all your effort. Special thanks must go to the FOSS Chairwoman, Liz Wilson, for her tireless endeavours to make sure the day ran well. FOSS raised a fantastic £3636.49- which wouldn't have been possible without you all so well done!!

Thank you: Thank you to all families who sold ducks, it was a great effort this year. Every student who returned a form will receive a certificate of thanks at assembly on Thursday. The winner of the most ducks sold trophy was Ollie Wilson!!!! Well done to you!

Year 6 Leavers: FOSS has contributed to the Year 6 Leavers by paying for a meal for those who attended the Edinburgh trip. FOSS will also give each one of them a voucher from WH Smith to say goodbye and good luck with their next adventure.

FOSS Donation to the School: Finally, this year FOSS is pleased to say that it will be able to donate £8,000.00 to the school.



## **Important message from Yorkshire Water – Water Safety**

In this current hot weather people are often tempted to cool down by taking a swim in our reservoirs. However, cold water can be a killer and we'd like to raise awareness of these risks amongst young people. Cold water shock can lead to hyperventilation, increased blood pressure, breathing difficulties and heart attacks plus water temperatures remain just as cold in summer as in winter."

We are promoting the 'Float to Live' summer safety message from the Royal National Life Saving Institute (RNLI). In their hard-hitting video, they deliver advice on how to react should you become stricken in cold water.

Everyone who falls unexpectedly into cold water wants to follow the same instinct, to swim hard and to fight the cold water. But when people fight it, chances are, they lose. Cold water shock makes you gasp uncontrollably and breathe in water, which can quickly lead to drowning.

If you find yourself unexpectedly in the water, the message is to float until the cold water shock has passed and you will be able to control your breathing and have a far better chance of staying alive.

We'd also like to raise your awareness of Drowning Prevention Week, a campaign run by the Royal Life Saving Society UK.

It is important that we share water safety advice with our young people to prevent further incidents occurring and we would be grateful if you could share this advice with your students.

I have attached below advice from the West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service and links to two youtube videos which might be of use for assemblies and for sharing in newsletters.

- #coldwaterkills <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ile-FwNEafk>
- #FloatToLive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OBCFEEZe1U>

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### **Safety Advice for Dog Walkers**

- Avoid throwing sticks or balls near water for dogs – they will go after it if they think you want it back even if you've thrown it too far or into dangerous water
- Never enter the water to try and save a dog – the dog usually manages to scramble out
- Even dogs that like swimming can usually only swim for short bursts – keep an eye on your dog and don't let it enter the water if it's older or tired
- If your dog loves the water keep it on a lead and make sure you have control to prevent it jumping into hazardous or unsafe areas
- Remember the wet riverbanks, steep edges or jagged rocks can make it hard for a dog to scramble out and be a slip risk for owners
- Don't lean into water and try and lift your dog out – you can topple in
- Dogs can have cold water shock too
- If your dog has struggled in the water it may have inhaled water and should see a vet as dogs can drown after the event if water has entered the lungs

### **What to do if someone falls into deep water:**

- The first thing to do is call for help – straightaway. **Call 999**, ask for fire service and ambulance. The emergency services will need to know where you are. Accurate information can save precious minutes. If you have a smart phone and have location services or map tool enabled, this can help.
- Don't hang up – stay on the line but try and continue to help the person if appropriate.
- Never ever enter the water to try and save someone. This usually ends up adding to the problem. If you go into the water you are likely to suffer from cold
- Can the person help themselves? Shout to them 'Swim to me'. The water can be disorientating. This can give them a focus.
- Look around for any lifesaving equipment. Depending on where you are there might be lifebelts or throw bags – use them. If they are attached to a rope make sure you have secured or are holding the end of the rope so you can pull them in.
- If there is no lifesaving equipment look at what else you can use. There may be something that can help them stay afloat – even an item such as a ball can help.
- You could attempt to reach out to them. Clothes such as scarves can be used to try and reach or a long stick. If you do this lie on the ground so your entire body is safely on the edge and reach out with your arm. Don't stand up or lean over the water– you may get pulled in.
- Be mindful that if the water is cold the person may struggle to grasp an object or hold on when being pulled in.

For more information visit:

<http://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety/drowning-prevention-week/>

<https://rnli.org/>

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