



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday September 5th, 2019

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School News

- Welcome back! We hope you have all had a great summer. We have had a brilliant first few days with good behaviour and our new Reception starters have settled in well. Many, many thanks for all the wonderful gifts that were given to staff at the end of the summer term. We are always very moved by your generosity and kind words of support.
- A big thank you to Geoff Bishop who spent the summer holidays secretly painting the doors and gates of school which now look fresh and smart. We are hugely appreciative of his time and the care he continues to show our school. Without Mr Bishop where would we be?!



Uniform

Please may we remind you that we have a strict uniform code which is available to view on the website and in the Prospectus. Jewellery is not allowed, however, small studs may be worn in ears but must be covered for PE for safety reasons. Hair should be tied back during PE, cookery and science experiments, please provide a bobble. There will be a Lost Property Amnesty until Friday 13th September, any items not collected by this date will be recycled.



ParentPay Accounts

There remains £1,716.00 outstanding debt on parent accounts on Parent Pay for dinners (£490.60) and clubs (£1,225.50). Please double check your accounts and click on 'active payments' tab which lists everything that's owed, not just the lunch costs which show on the home page. The debt is simply not sustainable for school. May we remind you that accounts should be paid in advance. **Non-payment will result in the NYCC debt collection service being activated this month.**

School will not hesitate to initiate this process.



After-School Clubs starting from 9th September 2019 -subject to payment of accounts

Please be reminded that all club sessions must be paid in advance. **There is outstanding debt from last year for clubs and school has to pay for staff to run these clubs, therefore we cannot afford to run clubs at a loss.** Breakfast Club and Chill Club will currently run as usual but if arrears are not paid then this will have to be reviewed. Please ensure your ParentPay accounts are kept in credit. Moving forward, your child will not be able to attend a club if you are in arrears.

Clubs for this term will be as follows subject to all accounts being in credit this week:-

- Monday - Unique Sports Club with SCSS payable direct to SCSS (form attached)
- Tuesday - Comic Club with Mr Smith £2
- Wednesday - Film Club with Mrs Mitchell (any parent willing to volunteer to help would be welcome!) £2
- Thursday - Lego/Games club with teachers £2
- Friday - Art Club with Ms Wray until October, after half term with Mrs Mitchell £2

Regrettably after School Clubs cannot be guaranteed due to finances.



Attendance

We have a duty to report and monitor school attendance. In this last year we recorded our lowest attendance rate for six years. We fully appreciate that illness can occur, however, we have seen an increase in 'holiday in term time' requests which Governors require a full explanation for. School is bound by Government guidelines which are clear regarding exceptional circumstances and Mrs Metcalfe has shown empathy to genuine requests. We ask that you avoid putting Mrs

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Metcalf in a difficult position when requesting holidays. Regarding illness, a note must be provided and the School Office informed on the day for safeguarding purposes. The School Office will ring you if we have not been contacted.



New Staff from September

We are pleased to confirm that we have made these 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 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

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. For the duration of this trial period, Mr Smith will be Assistant Head Teacher. 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.



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. Many thanks to the donations we have already received. We are as always, touched by your generosity.



Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor five days a week. We would be willing to consider a job share. The hours are 11.50am-1.10pm. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Metcalfe or the School Office and they will be able to give you more details.



Slingsby Produce Show

A reminder to all that it's the Slingsby Produce Show next Saturday, 14th September. Please see attached the leaflet for further details. We hope that you will all be entering your pumpkins and marrows produce grown from the seeds that were very kindly donated to each pupil by the Produce Show Committee back in the Summer Term. Please support this village tradition event which is in its 47th year!



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