



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 12th March 2020

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School News

- Mrs Metcalfe, the staff and governors wish to thank you for your overwhelmingly supportive letters and comments sent from parents during our recent inspection. When the report is available it will be released to parents immediately. Mrs Metcalfe would also like to thank the entire staff team who gave above and beyond on the day, and supported each other as only a school family can. She would also like to say that for her, that is her day to day experience of all staff, she feels we are very lucky to have them all.
- For those who requested Parents' Evening appointments, you should now have received confirmation of your meeting time. We apologise for the delay, but Ofsted have set us back a couple of days.
- Kevin Hollinrake MP came into school on Friday to catch up with Mrs Metcalfe and was sympathetic to the continued plight of schools with the lack of funding. He pledged that the Government are making changes so that schools should be better off in the future but we are yet to be convinced!
- Class 1 had a day with the Ryevitalise Team on Friday learning about our local environment, animals and their habitats and they went pond dipping down at Slingsby Beck and Class 2 are going tomorrow.
- The North Yorkshire Parks team came to present an assembly to the whole school on Life Cycles yesterday.



After-School Clubs – Please make sure you keep your account in credit

The outstanding debt for clubs this week stands at **£337.50** and **£188.10** for lunches. Clubs and meals **MUST** be paid in advance and kept in credit. Please check your accounts weekly. The running of after school clubs is continuously under review, and will be decided upon on a weekly basis dependant on funds.



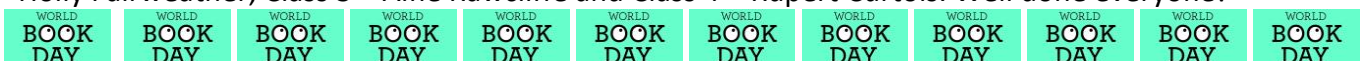
Club Bookings – Please book in advance!

Please email the office to book your children into clubs. We are unable to manage staffing ratios without knowing numbers in advance.



World Book Day

We all thoroughly enjoyed our animal themed world book day last Thursday! The children looked fantastic and the star costumes were awarded to Louis Owens who was a fantastic Mad Hatter and Rupert Owens who was the Highway Rat. All classes benefited hugely from mixed class reading sessions throughout the day and there was much excitement looking for the hidden book characters around school. Everyone should have received a World Book Day book token to spend in any book shop. We loved all the photographs of children and staff reading with their pets and the winners from each class were: Class 1 - Henry Turner, Class 2 – Holly Fairweather, Class 3 – Alfie Rawcliffe and Class 4 – Rupert Curtois. Well done everyone!



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We are all guided by the Slingsby Values for Life: Respect, Honesty, Resilience, Expectations and Caring for Others

Coronavirus Advice

At this stage, the Government advice for schools remains the same. We continue to be vigilant in school and we would ask that you also continue to encourage your children to wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds regularly, catch their coughs and sneezes in a tissue and throw it away and remind them to avoid touching their eyes, noses and mouths. It is also a good idea to avoid sharing cups, bottles, cutlery, towels etc.

Guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>



Slingsby Produce Show 2020- Would you like a starter kit?

After the success of last year's children's entries for the Slingsby Produce Show in September, the Produce Show Committee would love the school children to enter again. The committee will provide any child who wishes to try to grow a pumpkin or a marrow with a starter kit including a seed, a pot and compost together with growing instructions. These will need to be planted before Easter, and by September you should have a fantastic vegetable to enter into the produce show! Please email the school office if you wish to receive a pumpkin or marrow starter kit.



FOSS News

SAVE THE DATE - SCARECROW WEEKEND - Friday 8th May to Sunday 10th May. More details to come!

Mothers' Day Plant Stall, Friday 20th March at 3:30pm - Children do not need to bring money to school for the stall as it is being held after school hours. The Art Club children have designed some fantastic posters advertising this event that are displayed around school. Please bring your own bags for any purchases.

Easter Trail, Sunday 29th March 2-4pm from Slingsby Methodist Chapel – Please join us on a trail around the village, collecting letters to make up a word and receiving a sweet treat at the end. £1 per entry. Refreshments will be served at the chapel. Please see the poster on the noticeboard at school for more details. Hope to see you all there!



'Come and See' Church Party

On Saturday, 14th March from 3-5pm there will be a 'Come and See' party at Brandsby Hall (not the village hall) as a way of sharing the Good News of Jesus and the Christian faith to local families. The session will be led by Rev Liz Hassall and Bishop Jill Duff. Children must be accompanied by their parents/carers and will be responsible for them throughout. There will be food, activities, songs, treasure hunt, prizes and craft. Please bring outdoor clothing and wellies. Please RSVP to 07930 380918.



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