



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 27th February 2020

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School News

- Many thanks for your patience and understanding, it has been an eventful start to the half term with snow and unforeseen maintenance and boiler issues. Please be reassured that we do not take the decision to close school lightly and will always do all we can to avoid closure. On this occasion we were advised by NYCC that it was necessary to remain closed until further investigations had been made. Works on the boiler are ongoing but this only affects one classroom and Mrs Metcalfe's office. We are very fortunate to be given use of the Chapel School Room which is being used this week by Class 4.
- Mr John, Club Development Officer from Malton & Norton Rugby Club, came in to take the first of four rugby skills sessions with Class 4 this week.
- Reverend Robertson from Castle Howard led an assembly for the whole school for Ash Wednesday.
- Roadworks are due to take place in Slingsby today and tomorrow. We have been given very little information but understand there could be some diversions in place. Please allow extra time.



After-School Clubs – please book in advance & keep your account in credit

The outstanding debt for clubs this week stands at **£336.21** and **£166.60** for lunches which is very disappointing at the start of the new half term. Parent Pay accounts are checked daily and texts are sent weekly if accumulative debt exceeds £10. Clubs and meals **must be** paid in advance and kept in credit.

The running of after school clubs is continuously under review, and will be decided upon on a weekly basis again dependant on funds. Remember to book your child into clubs in advance whenever possible and advise us at the start of every new term if your child is maintaining their regular After-School and Chill Club bookings so that we can staff accordingly.



CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

We have received advice from the Department of Education, Public Health England and North Yorkshire County Council regarding the coronavirus/covid-19. The chance of being in contact with the virus was upgraded yesterday by the government from low to moderate in the UK, therefore, if you have recently travelled to any of the high-risk locations or been in contact with anyone suffering from symptoms, you are asked to self-isolate for up to 14 days by staying at home, avoiding public transport, work and places of education. Everyone can help to prevent the virus spreading. Please 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 avoiding touching their eyes, noses and mouths. It is also a good idea to avoid sharing cups, bottles, cutlery, towels etc. This is all daily practice in school. 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>



Thursday After School Club - Make Your Own Board game

We are lucky to have the North York Moors Park Education Team coming in to our Thursday after school Games Club for four weeks to teach the children how to make their own board game. Pupils will design and

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make their own river themed board game and will tell the story of the trials and tribulations of our river system, with several animals playing the main starring role. If you wish your child to attend these sessions, please contact the office to book them in.



Reception – Heights & Weights

Our Screening Technician with the 5-19 Healthy Child Service will be coming into school on the morning of Monday 2nd March to see all Reception children to record their heights and weights.



World Book Day Thursday 5th March – Photographs needed please!

For World Book Day this year, we are asking children and staff to bring in a photograph of you reading with an animal - the more obscure the animal the better! All photographs will be displayed in the foyer with a closing date of 5th March. The competition will be independently judged with book prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. We are going to be focusing on our favourite animal stories and we invite children and staff to come to school dressed as their favourite animal character. This can include a full costume or alternatively, just an animal mask - whatever your child feels comfortable wearing. There will be reading events taking place during the day.



Maypole Dancing

Further to our message last term, Maypole dancing lessons will be taking place as follows: Class 1 & 2 Friday 20th March, 27th March, 3rd April, 24th April 1st May in school time. Those who wish to take part from Class 3 & 4 can attend the after-school club 3.30-4.30pm on Thursday 19th March, 26th March, 2nd April, 23rd April and 30th April. The performances will take place on Friday 8th May at 12 noon. Mrs Thompson would be grateful for parent helpers for the after-school sessions. Please contact the school office if you can spare an hour on those Thursdays. Thank you.



FOSS NEWS

Friday 20th March 3.30pm – Mothers' Day Plant Stall – a very kind FOSS committee member has been lovingly growing bulbs ready to be sold as Mothers' Day gifts on Friday 20th March on The Green after school (£1-£2 each). Watch out for some fabulous posters advertising this around school soon.

Sunday 29th March 2-4pm – Easter Trail - Come along and join us on an Easter trail around Slingsby (whatever the weather!). Setting off from the Methodist Chapel Hall (opposite The Green) following a trail around the village (30-45 mins) collecting clues as you go and receive a sweet treat on your return. £1 per entry. Refreshments available the Methodist Chapel. The trail is dog friendly (but unfortunately not pushchair friendly due to stiles).

A huge thank you to everyone who has used the Easy Fundraising website to raise funds for school so far. Since setting this up just before Christmas we have raised an amazing £75! Please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk to join up as it's an easy way to raise money for our school.



Ryedale Mumbler Charity Horse Race in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

SJ Barker is riding in a charity horse race at York Races in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on 13th June 2020. There are a number of ways of donating to Macmillan and to have visibility on either website <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-jane-barker2>



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