



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Wednesday 22nd April 2020

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Welcome back everyone. We are missing all our children! We hope you are all keeping well and have managed to have a good Easter break in the sunshine as we all continue to follow the rules on lockdown and social distancing. We were proud to hear in the news that Yorkshire has been the most compliant County!



A Message from Mrs Metcalfe

Mrs Metcalfe has recorded a special message for the children on a private You Tube channel.

The children can reply to Mrs Metcalfe at headteacher@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk



A message from Staff

Don't stress about schoolwork. In September we will get your children back on track. We are teachers and that's our superpower! What we can't fix is social emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So, right now, we need you to share your calm, share your strength and share your laughter with your children. No children are ahead, no children are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.



A Message from the Governors

As we enter another month or so of lock-down, we would like to thank Mrs Metcalfe and colleagues for all the effort and support they are offering our children and our local community. Although we can't see them in Slingsby, Mrs Metcalfe continues to work hard for school and is keeping school managed and led from home and Miss Hope and Mrs Massey are working hard to deal with the important daily administrative matters. Our teachers are working hard in local school hubs to ensure that the children of key workers are looked after, and many are also caring for their own families, home-schooling and volunteering as well. We are very proud of them.

Now that many of us are trying to channel our inner teacher, we are appreciating just how skilled our amazing teachers are! We know that trying to home-school is challenging and appreciate all that parents and carers are doing in these difficult times, building on the fantastic skills, knowledge and values that our children have already developed. As Governors we are fully supportive of the strategy being adopted, which has sought to provide some structured content and to signpost people to other resources, but not to overload you with work which would be counter-productive for learning and living together. We know many of you are making the most of the amazing nature on our doorstep, discovering new walks and wildlife in your daily exercise, keeping fit and healthy by helping to cook some delicious meals, and practising your music, singing, story-writing and drawing, with whatever you have to hand.

If you are experiencing particular challenges, please do also make use of your local community support hub. Slingsby's Support network is being coordinated by the parish council, and there are similar organisations now in most areas. You can find contact details for Slingsby here. <https://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk/news/slingsby-support-network-slingsby-needs-you/> As you can appreciate we are all trying to do the best we can in the circumstances for the children and we ask you to allow us to use our professional judgement, as you would in your own jobs. Take care and stay safe.



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WE KINDLY REQUEST **NO** NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN PACKED LUNCHES OR AS SNACKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

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School News

- Mrs Metcalfe and the team have continued to work throughout the holidays in collaboration with the Local Authority and our teachers are working in the local school Hubs across the County which are supporting Key Worker families and vulnerable children seven days a week.
- We continue to provide work for all classes on a weekly basis on the website under "In the Event of School Closure" tab. Please also go here to read messages from the teachers to their children. In accordance with the lockdown rules, staff are unable to travel to school and cannot obtain additional resources to send to individuals. The teachers are carefully providing work which covers key areas of the curriculum but equally they are ensuring it is realistic for home schooling using home resources. Please do not feel under any pressure to complete all the work provided. Whilst we actively encourage all learning, we simply ask you do what you are able to do given your own circumstances and in whatever ways you choose. We full appreciate the different stresses and strains many of our families are under at this time. Growing seeds, going on a nature walk or learning to catch a ball are just as valuable. The priority for us all needs to be our mental and physical health and wellbeing.
- The Government have launched the Oak National Academy at <https://www.thenational.academy> which is an online classroom and resource hub to support schools during the lockdown. The BBC has also launched BBC Bitesize and ThinkUKnow helps parents and children learn about staying safe. Please use these in addition to the work our teachers are providing if you wish to do more.
- At this time, please only communicate with school via email relating to urgent or emergency matters. We will contact you via the T2P App or email as and when there are any updates.
- Our greatly valued Chair of Governors, Mrs Wigby-Ashurst has stepped down after four years. We wish to say a huge thank you to Mrs Wigby-Ashurst for the tireless work and support she has dedicated to our school and we hope very much that she will stay closely in touch. Our Vice Chair, Mrs Wilson, will be Acting Chair until further notice.
- We have received notice from County Caterers that there will be an increase in school dinner prices from £2.50 to £2.66 in September which will then be fixed for three years.
- We are happy to announce Sweetie and Bear, the Class 1 Guinea Pigs, gave birth to five very healthy pups in the holidays! Please see Mr Mortimer's message on the Class 1 tab on the website.



Parent Pay Accounts

There remains a debt of **£493.00** on Parent Pay. We would really appreciate getting the accounts to zero, however, we understand that finances are a concern for many people. Texts will be sent if your account has a debt but if you are unable to pay your accounts, or wish the credit from one payment item to be transferred to an item in debt, please email Miss Hope & Mrs Massey at adming@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk.



FOSS- SCARECROW ONLINE COMPETITION!

FOSS is pleased to announce that, while the Scarecrow Weekend had to be cancelled, we will be holding an ONLINE competition via the Friends of Slingsby School Facebook page instead! You can make any type of scarecrow you like - how about one of the many brilliant key workers? Use anything you have to hand - old toys, costumes, recycling. Take a photo of your scarecrow and email it to friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk by **Thursday, 7 May** with the child/ren's name and class no/s (which won't be made available at any time) and the name of their scarecrow entry. Please don't include anything in your photo that could identify the entrant (and no children visible). You will need to like the Friends of Slingsby School Facebook page so that you can view and vote on the entries. The deadline for voting (by liking your favourite - only one!) shall be **Monday, 11 May**. The winner will be announced in the newsletter on Thursday, 14 May and shall receive a £30 voucher for Groovy Moo!!!



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