



## SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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### School Opening Update

I am sure you will all have heard Boris Johnson's announcements on Sunday about his three-step plan to ease lockdown. We had no prior notice of his thoughts for schools and since Sunday, Head Teachers have been working hard with the Department for Education and the Local Authority to ensure every aspect of a possible phased re-opening is carefully considered and planned. Please be reassured that we will only open when we are satisfied that it is absolutely safe and feasible to do so, and this may not be 1<sup>st</sup> June. As soon as I am in a position to provide you with some more certain information (rather than speculation) I will.

Our governors will work with us to come to a decision about opening but please be prepared for this to be very different to what it was before. As parents, you will still be unable to enter school and will be expected to maintain a 2 metre distance from staff on the front door. We will be unable to run clubs and will also be limited to the amount of children at any given time that we can have back in school. It is unlikely that the children will be taught as before and may have other teachers in school working with them.

Malton Secondary School are currently working on transition materials that they will share remotely with those parents' whose child will be joining them in September. They will be liaising with us to consider what the announcement about Year 6 children returning to school in June will mean in terms of any possible physical induction visits to Malton and how they might be able to best manage it.

I ask that you all consider the bigger picture. It is not just about an individual child. It is about everyone, some of whom may not be able to return as they are shielding a loved family member. Some may not be able to return due to being in either the moderate or high-risk bracket, as set out by the government. Please understand that as soon as we know anything, we will inform you, but that we are working daily to find solutions to the uncertainty this announcement has created.

Best wishes to you all, Mrs Metcalfe.



### Ofsted Report

Further to my email dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 attaching our recent Ofsted report, I can confirm that we have been notified by Ofsted that it has now been published on the Ofsted website.

We are absolutely delighted with the outcome of the report and were very pleased to receive a letter from Judith Kirk, Assistant Director of Education and Skills at NYCC where she has said:

*'Receiving a good outcome, especially under this challenging framework, is a significant achievement and I am really pleased for you, the staff, governors and children. The report was an absolute pleasure to read and really captures the team ethos and pride felt by everyone in your school 'a small school with a big heart'. The outcome is a clear reflection of the determinedness of you and your team, 'a school in which all staff are very*

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loyal and proud to belong', to pull together to ensure that the pupils in your care always continue to 'get a good deal' in all aspects of their education and wellbeing'.



## A Message from Mrs Metcalfe

Mrs Metcalfe has recorded another message for the children. Please use this link.



## School News

- We continue to provide work for all classes on a weekly basis on the website under "In the Event of School Closure" tab.
- There was an error with Mrs Jordan's video links for Class 3 earlier in the week but the problem has now been resolved.
- Mrs Metcalfe and Mr Mortimer are working hard on an alternative plan for welcoming and getting to know our 2020 reception starters.
- We will contact you via the T2P App or email as and when there are any updates regarding school. At this time, please only communicate with school via email relating to urgent or emergency matters.



## Mrs Smurthwaite's Videos

Please use this link to watch Mrs Smurthwaite's gardening update <https://youtu.be/A7maYuzYONk>. Mrs Smurthwaite has also put together this video of a walk she did with her family last night of the surrounding area where she lives <https://youtu.be/AEzTwKpN6nM>



## Parent Pay Accounts – Please pay your account or let us know if you can't

There remains a debt of **£221.50** on Parent Pay. Please notify us if you are unable to pay your accounts at [admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk).



## FOSS

FOSS ONLINE SCARECROW COMPETITION WINNER: Congratulations to the Ponting family who won a £30 Groovy Moo voucher for their fantastic Thank You Baked Potato scarecrow! The competition attracted some really great entries and many votes which we were really pleased with and FOSS would like to thank everyone for taking part and keeping the tradition going. We hope we can return to our regular Scarecrow Trail next year.



## Young Minds Helpline

For any young people struggling with the impact of coronavirus or self- isolation the Young Minds charity has a Parent Helpline open Mon- Fri 9am to 4pm 0808 802 5544.



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