



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Thursday 25th June 2020

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School News

- We hope you are enjoying the heatwave and we are sure you are all feeling happier that the lockdown restrictions are easing slightly. It certainly feels to us that there is light at the end of the tunnel! The next few weeks and months are crucial and if we continue to be sensible then a full September return should be possible.
- Mrs Metcalfe has asked us to thank you for all the lovely emails you have sent her via admin and for the cards posted to school. She has really appreciated them and is feeling better for the break, though she is still working at home in some capacity. If you have any queries or communications for Mrs Metcalfe or school staff, please continue to send them to admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk and we will ensure they are directed to the appropriate person.
- The Government announced this week that social distancing will be reduced to 1m outdoors but with the recommendation that it ideally should remain at 2m indoors. This has not directly changed any of the advice for schools and in following the DfE and LA safety advice, our situation remains unchanged at the moment and regrettably we do not have the capacity to take any more children.
- We were really pleased to hear Government announcement last week that they will be providing schools with funding to support catch-up initiatives throughout the next academic year. We do not yet know what the criteria will be for such grants or how the funding will be allocated and await the details with interest. Aside from this, we have already been planning our own changes to next year’s standard curriculum where we will be re-visiting areas of learning from where we left off when we closed in March. This will be geared at helping all our children at every level to meet their expected progress attainments, together with pastoral care and mental health and wellbeing. This is going to be at least a year long plan which will be incorporated into every aspect of school life.
- There is much negative press around at the moment about missed education and catching up for school pupils but the most important factor is that we seem to be coming through the pandemic and we would really encourage you to focus on the positives. From what we have seen and heard from you, your children have had so many new learning experiences and they have been growing and developing in amazing new ways. Adapting to living life at a very different pace in itself has been no bad life lesson! We strongly believe that all our children will bounce back and we are ready to work hard with them in September.
- We have not received any confirmation about the Government’s summer catch up initiative mentioned a couple of weeks ago. The LA has been asked by the Government to look into possible outside providers to possibly run summer camps, but this is by no means decided and when we know we will let you know!



Parent Pay Accounts – Please pay your account

There remains a debt of **£217.50** on Parent Pay from before we closed. Please notify us if you are unable to pay your accounts at admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk.



PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL.
WE KINDLY REQUEST NO NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN PACKED LUNCHES OR AS SNACKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

Oak National Academy Assembly – Spread a Little Kindness

The Duchess of Cambridge has recorded an online assembly for the Oak National Academy during which she speaks about the importance of mental wellbeing among children. The theme of the Duchess' assembly is 'spread a little kindness' and it can be viewed using this link

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/>



National History Archives – Free history lessons

Each week on a **Tuesday** the National History Archives bring the Archives to your armchair with a series of pre-recorded broadcasts for **8 – 11 year olds**. Time travellers will find out all about *The National Archives* and the wonderful treasures that we hold; from the extraordinary to the down-right bizarre! Each session will have exciting follow-up activities for viewers to complete, including a detective based enquiry exploring other documents in our collection, and a creative themed craft. Please use this link:

<http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/students/time-travel-tv/>



500 words with Virgin Radio – 29th June to 3rd July 2020

Virgin Radio is running a new story writing competition to encourage children to share their experience and understanding of how different ethnicities and cultures interact and to encourage important conversations on the themes and issues emerging from the Black Lives Matter movements around the world. Please follow this link <https://500words.me/>



Power Down Pete

Power down Pete has moved online! There are activities for all ages based on environmental issues including an online assembly and key stage 1 pupils can listen to Power down Pete read two of his favourite stories. Please visit www.nyorks-eco.education/



FOSS

Decorate A Duck and Family Sponsorship Challenge - Details of how to enter and how to donate via our Just Giving page are in the fliers on the school website. The closing date for both events is Sunday 12th July with the winner of each to be announced in school's final newsletter. Thank you again to everyone who is in the midst of their Sponsorship Challenges or Decorating A Duck. Just over two weeks to go before our Just Giving page closes on Sunday 12th July. Why not take a peek at what sponsorship challenges some of our families are doing <http://www.slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk/staff/foss/>

Bag2School - Collection @ Sports Field on Monday, 13th July at 9am - FOSS are running a B2S collection on 13th July. Due to coronavirus, there will be no bags distributed - please use bin liners from home. Also, collection will be at the **SLINGSBY SPORTS FIELD**, just inside the gate, **NOT** at school on the Green. Mel Staley will be there to help direct people dropping off bags. Please be mindful of social distancing measures while dropping off your bags so that we can conduct the collection safely. For a list of things that B2S will and will not accept, please go to this link: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> . If they see any items in a bag that they would not collect, they leave the entire bag so please have a look before filling your bags.



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