



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 4th June 2020

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School News

- Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a lovely half term and stayed safe. Please do ask your children to continue to let Mrs Metcalfe and the teachers know what they have been up to by emailing headteacher@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk.
- We hope you have now all received and read the information sent out separately regarding the phased re-opening of school and we thank you for your support and patience.
- This week we finalised groupings, risk assessments and staffing with Governors based on your email feedback two weeks ago confirming who required a place. These parents have now received a confirmation email of their place in school and starting details. Unfortunately, at this time **we are unable to take any further children**. We will keep you informed with regard to additional places when the Government and Local Authority advise this is possible and we have further assessed the options.
- What many of us love about Slingsby School is its intimacy but in the current circumstances the size of our school is not ideal! You will appreciate we are very limited for space to allow for the social distancing and hygiene rules and therefore will not be able to accommodate everyone's needs. Safety is our priority. We will, however, do our best over the coming months and we remain positive and hopeful that one day soon it will be safe for our whole school family to be reunited!
- Home learning packs will continue to be added to the website for every year group each week.
- For those returning who have ordered school lunches, these will be a cold packed lunch provided by Ryedale School under the new temporary catering arrangement set up by North Yorkshire County Caterers. Lunch orders must be made at least a day in advance by contacting the School Office and can be paid for via ParentPay as normal. Food allergies/intolerances will be catered for.
- In accordance with GDPR, we have updated our Privacy Notice to include the current change in circumstances. Please read this on our website at <http://www.slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk/policies/>.
- The School Office will not be re-opening to minimise the number of people on site as per the guidelines, but Miss Hope & Mrs Massey continue to work their usual school hours from home so if you have any urgent administration queries, please email admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk.
- The Year 5 Experience days at Malton School have sadly been postponed until further notice. They very much hope to be able to offer these to the current Year 5s next year and in the meantime ask that you enjoy looking at their website.
- All the Year 6 pupils going to Malton School should have received a letter rearranging the transition times this term. Please contact Malton School if you did not receive a letter. We have not yet received any information for pupils going to Ryedale School.
- Mr Smith will be attending the North Yorkshire and York PE network meeting via Zoom to discuss the latest health and safety guidance, social distancing in PE as well as ideas, worries and successes in school sport.



Parent Pay Accounts – Please pay your account

Lunches will begin being added to Parent Pay again from next week for those returning to school who usually pay and have ordered school lunches in advance. Please keep an eye on your account. There remains a debt

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of **£216.50** 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. If your account is above £20 you will receive a text reminder.



FOSS

Easy Fundraising - please sign up!

We hope everyone is keeping safe and know that you are, like us, all missing school very much. Slingsby CP School prides itself on its community feel and as part of that Friends of Slingsby School (FOSS) work incredibly hard to raise funds for activities and resources (e.g. educational visitors to school and interactive whiteboard) that government funding just doesn't provide. In the past we have donated up to £6,000 each year to the school - for a relatively small school this is outstanding. The Scarecrow weekend and Duck Race are our biggest fundraisers which have both sadly been cancelled meaning the amount donated this year will be a lot less. This may have a knock-on effect on what additional activities school can provide for our children.

You can help FOSS to fundraise for school at no extra cost to yourself whilst shopping online by signing up to the Easy Fundraising website at www.easyfundraising.org.uk <<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>> and nominating Friends of Slingsby School as your cause. If you shop online via the Easy Fundraising website you will earn money for FOSS without it costing you a thing.

Easy Fundraising have added some helpful tools to remind you to visit their website before shopping online. The easiest way is to download the app to your phone and access online shops via this. If you shop online using a laptop / computer you can add a reminder which pops up as soon as you open your browser. You could even set the Easy Fundraising website as your homepage!

School will also earn more money for referrals so please invite friends and family who shop online to join using the link Easy Fundraising provide.

In the current climate it is important to support the school - so watch out for a couple more virtual fundraising ideas that everyone can get involved with in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support from all at FOSS.



Power Down Pete

Power Down Pete helps North Yorkshire County Council to save the environment and he has lots of great ideas for all of us! His new website is now available with many great activities for children at <http://nyorks-eco.education/>.

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