



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 11th June 2020

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School News

- We re-opened the school doors on Monday and welcomed back a handful of children in priority groups. We have been really proud of how the groups have adapted to the changes and restrictions as it is not school as we once knew it. The children have been very well behaved and many are very well drilled with the Covid-19 rules!
- A huge thank you to the staff in school who have not only adopted a completely new way of working, but have also spent their time after school each day deep cleaning all the equipment and resources used. Not to forget of course the rest of the team supporting from their desks at home!
- Unfortunately, at this time **we are unable to take any further children** as we are at capacity in accordance with the Government guidelines and also the stringent health and safety documents received from the LA alongside union advice. We received the news at the same time as you this week that the Government will not be getting all year groups back to school before the summer break. They now realise most schools simply do not have the space or staff to teach smaller groups which in effect doubles or even triples the number of classes and they assure us they continue to follow the best scientific advice. We are very sad not to be welcoming everyone back this term but until the R-rate lowers and the Government change the social distancing rules and safety requirements, our hands are tied. We appreciate that some of you may be disappointed with this news but in everything we do in life there is an element of risk, and this Covid-19 situation is no different. The priority remains the health and safety of our whole community.
- We are in the full throes of planning for September but we have no idea what the next few months hold or what the Government guidance will be. We are using our imaginations and working hard to have a number of possible scenarios in place so we are ready for any eventuality. We are working on the view that we will be open. Brace yourselves and watch this space!
- Home learning packs will now be added to the website by 9.30am on a Monday morning instead of the previous Friday to give the teachers a bit of extra time now that they are back in school full time. The children in school are receiving the same work.
- Mr Mortimer has uploaded two new story videos on the Class 1 web page aimed at the younger children but we are sure all ages will enjoy them!
- Malton and Ryedale Secondary schools have now both sent out details of their transition days to the Year 6 children. Please contact the schools direct if you have not received this information.



Parent Pay Accounts – Please pay your account

There remains a debt 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.



National School Sport Week – NSSW at Home – 20-26th June

This year, National School Sport Week - rebranded as NSSW at Home - will take place from Saturday 20th June to Friday 26th June. Parents/Carers can register their interest in the event using this link:

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<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/national-school-sport-week-home> When you register you will be provided with free access to videos and activity cards to help you plan a range of challenges. The active challenges will be things that can be done at home. They focus on togetherness, inclusivity and well-being - and allow virtual competition with family and friends.



Oxford Owl Free Online Reading Resource

Many of you may have already used Oxford Owl as the teachers have referred to it on the Home Learning packs, but in case you have missed it, it is a fantastic web-based resource for supporting children's reading at home. The 'e-books' section has digital copies of titles that the children will be familiar with from our own schemes in school. There are many new titles and interesting adventure-style stories that can be read via computer or tablet. There is also an audio option to support younger or less confident readers. The titles are organised by age bands but also using the colour book bands that our school reading scheme uses too.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>



FOSS

As many of you know, FOSS have had to cancel two of our biggest school fundraisers this year which has left a huge gap in the amount we historically donate at the end of the academic year. So we have put our thinking caps on and have come up with, not one but two virtual fundraisers we hope you will enjoy and support to raise some much needed funds. Details of each competition are in the attached leaflets detailing how to enter and donate money to the Friends of Slingsby School Just Giving page. We know it is a very challenging time for each and every family and hope that each fundraiser offers your children the opportunity to have some fun whilst learning at home. The closing date for both events is Sunday 12th July with the winner of each to be announced in school's final newsletter on Thursday 16th July.



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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