



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Thursday 9th July 2020

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School News

- Staff are all busy beavering away and working hard towards the safe and full re-opening of school in September in line with the new Government Guidance which is released daily with updates. Please remember our hands are tied with Government guidelines, health and safety risk assessments, union advice and LA regulations. Please feel rest assured that we will provide you with any updates as soon as we can so you and your children are fully prepared for the return to school. Let’s hope the R rate remains low for the foreseeable and there are no local spikes resulting in a local lockdown.
- Please be reminded that initially, there will be NO before or after school clubs in September to minimise the mixing of groups in accordance with the new Guidance and to allow for additional deep cleaning regimes. We will endeavour to reintroduce wrap-around care as soon as we can as we know how much many of you rely on it.
- Next week’s newsletter will be the last one of the school year, however we expect to be in touch regarding our return before September 8th so please monitor your emails.
- Over the summer holidays, admin and Head Teacher emails will not be monitored every day but they will be checked intermittently throughout the 7-week period.
- Over the next week, Mrs Metcalfe and Mr Mortimer will be having scheduled online Zoom calls with all the new Reception starters and their parents/carers to introduce themselves and to hear all about the children, giving them and their parents/carers the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about their child starting school in September.
- Miss Hope and Mrs Massey have been compiling the September new Reception starter pack bundles which will all be delivered before the end of term. Please return the completed forms by either posting, popping it through the school letterbox or bringing it to school on your child’s first day.
- Schools are not being expected to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. NYCC are bringing together a directory for childcare which will hopefully support parents and carers for the summer holidays.
- The Government’s COVID Summer Fund vouchers have now been ordered by school and the parents of those children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals should receive their one-off eCode voucher via email on **Monday 20th July**.
- Mrs Metcalfe would like to Zoom as many children as possible over the next week, however appreciates that not all children will want to do this. If your child would like a Zoom from Mrs Metcalfe, please email admin by Friday July 10th at 3.30pm. Please include an email address to enable us to make the appointment so keep an eye on emails if you asked for one. Mrs Metcalfe has already Zoomed a number of children over lockdown and has enjoyed hearing about their activities. Unfortunately, whenever anyone walks past her gate her dogs go crazy, so be prepared for intermittent barking!



Year 6 Leavers – Prime Minister Broadcast

Tomorrow at 10am Mr Smith will be tuning in to the Prime Minister who will be giving an address to all school leavers. Children can watch the broadcast from home on [YouTube](#). Our children are a credit to

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Slingsby School and will be greatly missed for their sense of humour, kindness, hard work, sportsmanship and friendships. Mrs Metcalfe and her staff are all incredibly proud of their positive attitudes, bravery and resilience during this unprecedented time. We're really sorry that the Year 6 have not been able to enjoy the highlights of their final year with us but this year has looked very far from normal! Mr Smith has enjoyed chatting to them on the telephone over the last week to wish them all well. We have been unable to do a number of things that we would normally expect to and sacrifices have had to be made. Hopefully next year we can get back to as near to normal as any of us can hope for. Here's to their last week!



Parent Pay - Leaver Refunds

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 the process of refunding money via ParentPay has had to adapt resulting in a longer process but please be assured that any credit remaining on accounts will be refunded accordingly.



Parent Pay Accounts – Please pay your account

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



Sustainable Travel Art Competition

The NYCC Sustainable Travel Team has developed an exciting competition for young people to create a piece of bespoke artwork to inspire others to get more active through healthier, environmentally greener journeys. In recent months the Covid-19 pandemic has altered the way we do things but it has also seen people explore their local areas, walk and cycle more and try something new. The Sustainable Team want people to continue to walk and cycle for their journeys, not only to benefit themselves, but also their school and local community through cleaner air, less traffic and safer streets. Pupils are invited to get creative and provide a piece of artwork. It can be any material and any process, just as long as it's A4 landscape and can be framed. One winner will be selected from each Key Stage with 5 runners up from each Key Stage. The winning pupils' artwork will be showcased in a special art exhibition at County Hall, Northallerton. The winners will receive a £50 Amazon voucher and the runners up will each receive a £25 Amazon voucher, plus one overall winner will win a Scooter Pod for their school. Artists have until Friday 11th September to submit their artwork. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to get creative and spread a positive message about the environment! Please see the attached entry form and poster with further details.



School Shop Update

The cut-off date for guaranteed delivery of uniform ready for the start of next term is **29th July 2020**. If School Shop have orders by this date, then they guarantee they will arrive in time for school starting. They have purposely brought this forward a little to ensure they can process any returns as they fully expect some parents who may have ordinarily ordered through the shop to order online this season. Their shop is open Mon-Fri and from 18th July they will start opening on Saturdays, however visits are by appointment only and appointments can be booked online through their website. If demand for appointments exceeds capacity they will look to open Sundays as well to create as many opportunities for parents to come to the shop. You can place an order and use their Click & Collect service. They will text you to advise when your order is complete. You don't need to make an appointment to collect your order as collections will be handled from their adjoining building so there will be no need to go into the store. They encourage parents to order as early as possible as it is likely to be a very busy season and they want to avoid letting anyone down.

<https://school-shop.co.uk/school/slingsby-cp-school/>



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FOSS

Decorate a Duck and Family Challenges – It's the last week for entries into both competitions! You can find the information fliers attached to the newsletter of 11th June and also links on the work pages updated by the teaching staff. We are so grateful for all the donations made so far. One more week before the end of the school year. Thank you to everyone! <http://www.slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk/staff/foss/>

Bag2School - Collection from Slingsby SPORTS FIELD at 9am on Monday 13th July. Please use your own bin bags and bring them to the sports field before 9am. You can find a list of what B2S will and will not take at this link: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

EasyFundraising

Don't forget to use easyfundraising in your day to day shopping. If you are tempted with travel this summer, keep in mind that sites like Booking.com, trainline, [expedia.co.uk](https://www.expedia.co.uk), TUI and Hotels.com will all send a percentage of your purchase back to our school. For nothing. Free money. Get the app!



Active6Fitness

Mr John, who came to school to teach rugby skills last term, is leading fitness classes for 7 – 16 year olds on the fields at Malton Rugby Club from 6th July. The *Active6 Fitness* programs will only be six attendees at a time and need to be booked in advance. Details can be found on the Malton & Norton Rugby Club website or using the link below.

<https://maltonandnortonrffc.rfu.club/news/active6-fitness?fbclid=IwAR2zCT03a-DNXyliyVIZAtVOhT2JiyI9O02K17JFnIoA7cgqBJMBkCdLGB4>



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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