



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Mrs Metcalfe

Dear All, thank you for all your positive support over the last year, it has certainly been a new experience for me in many ways! I would like to thank all our families for the incredible work they have done with their children during the lockdown period. I do understand how very difficult it might have been and even our own teachers have expressed the challenges of teaching their own children. I hope you have achieved a balance of formal work, jumping in puddles, camping out, baking, reading and actually just enjoying your children for the lovely little people they are.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked incredibly hard in school these last 7 weeks. Mr Smith, Mrs Jordan, Mr Cash, Mrs Smurthwaite and Mrs Swallow have done a brilliant job, and I know they are all feeling very tired now.

I must also thank everyone who has continued to work at home. Mrs Massey and Miss Hope who have valiantly run the school from home with various children needing home schooling as well. You are such a dedicated pair!

We have other staff at home who have also continued to contribute to the running of school so thank you to Mr Mortimer, Mrs Turner, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Scott. As parents, you might not have seen it, but the wheels have kept turning!

Thank you to the governing body too who also work very hard for us behind the scene. We all feel privileged to work together as a team.

I am currently working with staff to finalise plans for September and plan to be in touch very soon to let you know what is happening, all with a caveat of things might change.

I hope you all have a great summer break and I am just really looking forward to seeing you in September, with everything crossed.

Mrs M xx



School News

- We cannot believe it is the end of the year already - everyone deserves a huge pat on the back! The last four months have been so unbelievable to say the least and a far cry from how any of us would have wished to end the year. School will not be completely normal in September but we very much hope that all goes to plan and we are looking forward to welcoming all the children back. In the first few weeks we will really be focusing on settling everyone back in gently whilst we all adjust to new routines. The virus has not gone yet though, so we all need to continue to work together to keep everyone safe. In time, we will all hopefully look back at this time and reflect upon all the positive things we have achieved that we wouldn't have ordinarily done had we not gone into lockdown! In the meantime, from all the staff at Slingsby School, we wish you all a very happy summer holiday and warmly thank you for your support.
- 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. We have not yet received details of the NYCC directory of summer childcare that the Government advised they would be providing to support parents and carers through the holidays. If we receive anything in the coming days, we will let you know but otherwise keep an eye on the NYCC website.
- County Caterers have advised us that initially they will not be providing hot lunches in schools in September. Miss Wright will be providing cold lunches to the children who wish to have school lunches until new specific routines are established in line with the new Government Guidelines. There will be a choice of ham, cheese or tuna sandwich together with a drink, fruit or vegetable sticks and a home-made cake or biscuit. Allergies will be catered for. Children will choose in the same way as usual during registration each morning.

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- Please be reminded that from September 2020, the price of school meals will increase to £2.66 per meal for KS2 children (KS1 remain entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals) as previously communicated in the newsletters dated 22nd April and 30th April 2020. This price will be fixed for three years.
- Initially, there will be NO before or after school clubs to minimise the mixing of groups in accordance with the new Guidance and to allow for the additional deep cleaning regimes. We will endeavour to re-introduce wrap-around care as soon as we can as we know how much many of you rely on it.
- 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. We expect to be in touch before September 8th with regard to the return to school so please keep an eye on your emails.
- Mrs Metcalfe and Mr Mortimer have really enjoyed their Zoom calls with our new starters and we are all very excited about welcoming them to Slingsby School in September. If you have a child starting reception, your new starter pack will be hand delivered over the coming week. 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.
- **If your child won a trophy in last year's Slingsby Produce Show, please email admin to arrange a time for them to be returned.**



Parent Pay - Leaver Refunds

We can confirm that all credit remaining on leaver accounts has now been refunded to the original payee or credited to sibling accounts.



Parent Pay Accounts – Please pay your account

Thank you for all the payments received this week in response to reminders. There now remains a total debt of £144.00 on Parent Pay. Please can those who have been contacted by email, arrange to clear their arrears before the end of term. Thank you.



Goodbye and Good luck to our Year 6 Leavers

We bid a fond farewell to all our fantastic Year 6 children who will be greatly missed. You will all be receiving a special letter, report, video and present (which will be hand delivered over the coming week or so) as your parting gift. We very much hope you leave with many happy memories of your time with us and we know that you will all go on to achieve great things in the future. Good Luck from us all!



FOSS NEWS

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the virtual fundraisers FOSS have held in recent weeks. The Family Challenge and Decorate a Duck competition raised £1,336 and Bag2School £114. Well done to everyone who entered the Family Challenge, what brilliant ideas you all had! Poppy Cooke raised the most money, a whopping £492, by completing a 20 mile walk in only 10 days! Well done Poppy! Poppy will receive a Peagreen Pottery voucher. We also had an amazing selection of decorated ducks entered, thank you for all your fantastic efforts. FOSS ensured an anonymous judging process and Mrs Metcalfe found it very difficult to pick one as they were all so good but the winning duck was number 18 "Hope".... the winner is therefore Freddie Massey winning a book voucher! Congratulations to you both!! Everyone's entries will be available for you to enjoy on the Foss Facebook Page from tomorrow.

It has been a difficult few months for everyone but the fabulous ideas for virtual fundraising and the team spirit of the FOSS committee members have been amazing. We have already donated £1,500 to school but will add a further £1,000 for the start of the term. No-one knows what the new term will bring but FOSS are likely to need to continue to run virtual fundraisers for the foreseeable future - families can continue to help over the summer by shopping online via Easy Fundraising.

Finally, I will be standing down from the committee after eight years and I would like to thank everyone who has supported me. We currently have a fantastic, hard working committee who despite having other pulls on their time

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always come up with great ideas. In particular a huge thank you to Sonja Sedran and Mel Staley who have been Treasurer and Secretary over the last two years, I couldn't have done it without them!! Liz Wilson, Chairman.



Thank you to FOSS

School would like to say a huge thank you to FOSS for all their continued efforts this year and to parents for supporting them. It really is incredible that FOSS has been in a position to give school a donation whilst we have been in lockdown. All the staff in school are also so very impressed with Poppy Cooke walking 20 miles in 10 days raising £492! Thank you Poppy! A massive thank you to Liz Wilson who has worked tirelessly for FOSS and organised events and enthusiastically kept FOSS going. Liz has helped raised thousands of pounds for school over the years and with only one ambition – to benefit all the children at Slingsby School. Thank you Liz, we are sincerely grateful.



NYCC Covid Mental Health Survey

Please find below a link to the Covid Mental Health Questionnaire for young people aged 10 – 25 years. This survey is important as NYCC need to hear from young people about how the coronavirus lockdown has impacted on their mental health. They know the current situation has been difficult for many young people and they want to ensure we better understand the challenges they face. The survey has been developed so they can understand what they are worried and concerned about now and how things change as the situation changes and lockdown eases. The survey will take no more than 10 minutes to complete and is completely anonymous. The closing date for the survey is the **12th August**.

<https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=159282805192>



DANGER-BEWARE

North Yorkshire Police, The Community Impact Team and RNLI are raising awareness of the dangers of tombstoning (jumping or diving from a height into water). The video is only 3 minutes long and is suitable for Year 6 upwards. Please take care in the summer holidays. <https://we.tl/t-yOOY6QPJHg>



LIFESTYLE 2020 WITH NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

North Yorkshire Police have launched the 2020 Lifestyle competition for children and young people aged 8 – 18. They have until 31st July to register and then until 30th September to submit their entries. It is a fantastic way to make a difference to your local community! Full details can be found at: <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/public-campaigns/lifestyle/>



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.



Have a Happy Summer and Stay Safe

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