



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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## School News

- The children have all adapted really well to our new routines and there is a wonderful happy buzz in school. We have put a significant emphasis on pastoral care and wellbeing and we have heard many tales of lockdown and home-schooling experiences! The children are all working really hard and now that they have had time to gently settle in, the Class teachers will be introducing assessment “quizzes” over the coming weeks as part of our Recovery “Catch Up” Curriculum.
- Thank you for your continued support and co-operation in maintaining your distance from others outside school and for following the staggered starts and finishes. This has really helped us and is under continuous review but with the R rate rising at the rate it is, we all need to be extra vigilant and cautious to ensure we protect our community and that Slingsby School remains open.
- Thank you to all of you who returned the School Clubs survey which was emailed out last week. It has been hugely beneficial to see what essential wrap-around care is needed. We are now reviewing and planning how the clubs will be facilitated and we hope to confirm this next week.
- The class work that is being uploaded to the website is the work being taught in each class each week and is for those pupils who are having to self-isolate at home due to Covid-19. If your child is in school, there is no need for you to do this work with them.
- A reminder not to bring in book bags or anything other than essential items. Please do not let children bring comforters or cotton handkerchiefs - we have plenty of paper tissues in school and are following the “Catch it, Kill it, Bin it” guidance.
- If your contact details have recently changed, it’s vital that you inform the School Office as soon as possible of the changes so that we have the correct details should we need them in an emergency.



## Absences/Attendance

A new Covid-19 pupil related absence guide has been produced by North Yorkshire County Council and Public Health and was sent out to you via email on Monday. This guide provides parents with a clearer understanding of what do to in different circumstances, what action is needed and when the child can return to school. Please refer to and follow this guidance and if your child’s absence is Covid-19 related, please be reassured that the attendance code used will reflect this and it will not go against their attendance data. In addition, Public Health England have asked that we distribute the attached letter regarding NHS Test and Trace.



## Hot Dinners will be back!

We know a lot of parents are keen for the school hot dinners to resume as soon as possible, as are we. We are working with North Yorkshire County Caterers to work out a new system of delivery which is safe and manageable because lunches will continue in the classrooms as the class bubbles are to remain for the foreseeable future. Catering orders have a lead time of 2 weeks so we are hoping to be able to offer hot meals again week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> October, if not before, and it will be a simplified menu. A menu will be sent out in due course once County Caterers finalise details.



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WE KINDLY REQUEST NO NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN PACKED LUNCHES OR AS SNACKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

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

## Winter Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6

If you would like your child to receive this immunisation, please ensure your consent form has been submitted no later than 1<sup>ST</sup> October 2020. If you submit your consent form after this date, your child may not receive a flu vaccination in school on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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## Parent Pay – please keep accounts in credit

Parent Pay is being updated with lunches and new club payment items will be added once they resume. Please ensure you set up your account with your low balance alerts and ensure any outstanding payments are credited accordingly.



## Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6, the deadline to apply for a Secondary School is 31st October 2020. For residents of Slingsby and Fryton Malton Secondary School is the feeder school. For any other areas please contact School Admissions. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>



## Pupil Voice

*“Coming back to school made me feel: happy, excited, nervous, worried and tired all in one! Seeing my friends again however, made me feel like everything was gonna be okay. My favourite thing so far would be doing self-portraits because it was funny seeing how everyone was laughing at the fact that theirs looked nothing like them. Working with others was so much more fun than lonely home learning.”*

By Izzy

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