



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1st October 2020

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School News

- We are very sorry to say goodbye to Ms Wright, our super school cook, and would like thank her for all her hard work and dedication during her time with us. The staff and children wish Ms Wright all the very best and we will really miss her and her delicious baking!
- Please be reminded that if your child or anyone in your immediate family have any symptoms of Covid-19 whatsoever including sickness or diarrhoea, then you must all self-isolate. Please refer to the Public Health England flow chart that was emailed out last week which helps clarify what steps need to be taken.
- We have been asked by NYCC and the DfE to ensure social distancing continues outside of schools and that no gatherings take place. This is especially important with the R rate rising. Our staggered drop-off and collection times and bubbles in school are helping to reduce interaction and hopefully ensuring that our school doors remain open, but we also need your help to ensure no gatherings take place. We regret having to ask that once your child is collected, please refrain from allowing them to mix bubbles and play on The Green outside school.
- We kindly ask that KS1 children do not bring separate snacks in for break times as this is causing much confusion with some children thinking they have a packed lunch for lunch time and then not ordering their school lunch. The Healthy Schools Scheme provides us with healthy snacks (fruit and vegetables) which we give to all KS1 children every break time so no additional snacks from home are required. KS2 children may take a piece of fruit from their packed lunch if they are hungry. We are part of the Healthy Schools Scheme which promotes healthy eating as part of our children's education and wellbeing. We would be hugely grateful for your support in providing your child/ren with a healthy nutritious packed lunch.
- Please be aware that we have children in school with severe nut allergies therefore no nuts or nut derivatives are to be brought in to school in packed lunches or as snacks.
- Thank you to those – who have returned Club Booking Forms – **Deadline is today for this half term**. You will receive an email once your booking has been processed and uploaded onto Parent Pay. If you child/ren is attending an after-school club (3:40-4:30pm) we ask that parents/carers **do not** collect their child/ren earlier than 4:30pm. Staff will bring them to the door.
- We are turning over a higher volume of rubbish than normal in school due to Covid-19 with the extra hand washing, cleaning and packed lunch waste. We have received complaints from local residents because of the unsightly overflowing bins. Unfortunately, school does not have capacity to manage the increased waste levels being produced at the moment therefore, if your child brings a packed lunch from home, regrettably they will keep their own rubbish to dispose of at home. Sincere apologies and thank you for your support and understanding.
- We are pleased to have resumed our Chapel Assemblies this week, one class each week, working together with the Chapel and Church teams to enable this to take place whilst following strict Covid-19 guidelines.



Drop off and Collection of Siblings

By way of clarification regarding the staggered arrival and collection times (as communicated in our letter dated 21st July) if you have siblings in school, we ask that you drop off/collect all your children together at the LATEST time allotted to avoid any unnecessary waiting. *For example - if you have a child in Class 1 and Class 4, both children should arrive at 9:10am (via the Class 1 side door in this instance, where the older children will use the class 1 cloakroom door onto the playground to walk around to their own classroom) and be collected at 3:40pm from the Class 1 door (a member of staff will walk the older child to the Class 1 door at the relevant time). Or if you have a child in Class 2 and Class 3, both children should arrive at 9am and leave at 3.30pm using the main entrance.*



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Parent Pay – please keep accounts in credit

Please ensure your Parent Pay accounts are kept up to date, especially now that Clubs are resuming. It's also useful to set up your account with the low balance alerts.

Absences

Due to Covid-19, we are currently not sending home absence forms so if your child/ren are absent from school due to reasons unrelated to Covid-19, please can you email the school office to notify us for the reason of absence when the child returns to school for our records. Many thanks.



School Cook Position

County Caterers are advertising for a new cook for our school. This is a great opportunity for term-time working with a caring dedicated team and very enthusiastic children! If you are interested in receiving information about this post from County Caterers, please contact the School Office, we would love to hear from you.



FOSS

The Annual General meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday 23rd October at 8pm using Microsoft Teams. If you'd like to hear about the work the committee has done over the year please join us. We are also looking for new committee members with ideas for virtual fundraisers for the coming year so please consider joining this group of hard-working friendly parents. If you'd like to attend please email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk and they will send you a link nearer the time.



North Yorkshire Music Therapy Sessions

North Yorkshire Music Therapy are holding weekly group music therapy sessions for adults with mental health problems arising from the Covid-19 crisis. They are starting on 12th October at 6.00pm At the Byre, Wath Court, Hovingham YO62 4NN. Ten free sessions will provide the opportunity to express and explore feelings and emotions through playing and listening to music with others in a supportive environment. You can book by visiting www.music-therapy.org.uk or you can email enquireis@music-therapy.org.uk to book your place.



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>



Malton School Virtual Open Evening for Year 5 & 6 Parents

Parents/carers of Year 5 & 6 pupils have all received a letter from Malton School about their virtual Open Evening event which starts at 6:30pm on Thursday, 1st October. There will be a live element, to include a Question and Answer session, and then further information, including a tour of the school as well as details on school uniform, transport and catering. The letter details the link for the live meeting.



Ampleforth College - Year 7 e-Open Evening

On Thursday, 15th October 2020 Ampleforth College will be holding an e-Open Evening for parents who are looking for Year 7 school places. Please visit their website to find out more <https://www.ampleforth.org.uk/college/open-days>



Child's Voice

When I went back to school I didn't really know what to expect especially since I was starting a new class, Class 4, and with a different teacher. If I am completely honest I didn't think I would enjoy it as much as I am. Mr Smith is an amazing teacher and I knew this before I joined his class partly because he had taught us PE before and partly because my sister, Mollie who had him for three years, told me everything! Now I know that I can do things if I try, things like: use a dictionary, number sequences, and use negative numbers correctly just to name a few. I think I am really going to enjoy Miss Secker and Mrs Smith teaching me, even with the changes it still feels good to be back.

By Poppy

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