



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 22nd October 2020

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School News

- As we approach half term, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone for working with us to ensure our school has remained safe and open for our children. We believe it has been a very successful first half term and we are hugely proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, hard work and kindness to each other. The current systems and routines will remain in place when we return after half term.
- Given the increase in Covid-19 cases across Yorkshire, it has been decided that we will be continuing with our no visitor policy in school next half term and this includes peripatetic teachers. The situation is under continuous review.
- Mr Smith attended a full day NYCC Child Protection webinar on Tuesday which is a requirement for all Safeguarding leads in every school.
- Interviews took place on Wednesday evening for a new school cook with County Caterers having received ten applications. We hope to welcome a new cook next half term.
- As you know so far during much of this half term, cold school lunches have been prepared for the children by temporary NYCC County Caterers cooks or neighbouring schools whilst they recruit a new cook for our school. Meanwhile the County Caterers team have been working hard to bring hot lunches back into all their schools dependant on individual school logistics. We are pleased to confirm that County Caterers advised us this morning that they would be carrying out a trial-run in school today ahead of their intention to start hot lunches at Slingsby as soon as possible, so the children on school lunches today were given the choice of a sandwich or a hot meal. Meals were taken to each bubble in a 'hot-box' following COVID safe guidance and this was considered to be a very useful exercise in assessing the best and safest practice going forward. As soon as County Caterers advise us of when they intend to start hot lunches we will update you and provide you with their intended menu.
- Please may we remind all parents that KS1 (Class 1&2) children should not bring separate snacks in for break times as this is causing much confusion and distraction. 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 at first break.
- The FOSS Halloween parties in class bubbles will be taking place this evening. Thank you to FOSS for all their hard work in enabling this to happen in the current circumstances with snack bags and decorations being prepared and delivered in advance to enable 72 hours quarantine. If your child is not attending please collect them at their usual times from their usual exits. If your child is attending, please collect them from their class exits at 5pm. There is no after school club and refunds have been credited to relevant accounts. Chill club will run from 5-6pm.



Parent Pay – Please keep accounts in credit

Thank you to everyone who is keeping their Parent Pay accounts up to date. There is currently £15.96 outstanding for school meals. If your child is absent from school, any club bookings for that period will be credited. We would be grateful if you could please just check your account for any debts showing. It is also useful to set up your account with the low balance alerts.



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Eco Week

Ryedale Environmental Group are organising a virtual 'Ecofair' in half-term week to inspire greener action in the area. Originally planned as an all-day event in Malton, the fair had to be cancelled due to Covid 19 and will now be held as an on-line event with input from our local MP Kevin Hollinrake, Ryedale District Council and successful local groups who are showcasing initiatives which could be disseminated across the region. It is hoped the daily live zoom events (which must be booked in advance via the website - ryedalenvirogroup.co.uk), videos and stories will inspire more people to get involved. Please refer to the attached leaflets for further information and a list of events.



Slingsby Village Pumpkin Trail 2020

Rather than knocking on doors and giving out sweets this Halloween, those who live in the village can join in making a "Pumpkin Trail" by putting a pumpkin or picture of a pumpkin in your window during the half term week from Thursday 29th until Saturday 31st October. Children can follow the trail and spot pumpkins. Parents/carers can then give their own children sweets/treats. Not only can the trail be done during daylight hours, the creation of the pumpkin can also be a great wet weather activity too! Please let Joanna Plaskitt (Henry & Rex's mummy) know if you're interested in either taking part by displaying a pumpkin so they can add you to the trail map or if you would like a trail sheet sending through. If there is enough interest there may even be the opportunity to raise some money to be put towards the Slingsby Play Area. Donations are all completely optional but should you wish to donate, there is a JustGiving page and there will also be donation boxes on the route. Please contact Joanna at joannaebadley@hotmail.com for details.



FOSS Update

Bag2School - Monday 2nd November - 9am - Playing Fields

Please bring your clothing donations in your own bin liners to the Slingsby Sportsfield on the morning of Monday 2nd November by 9am. It's the first day back after half term and we will try to get a reminder out to you but a diary note now could be useful! We are paid by the kilo so the more you can bring along the better. Please note here what you can and cannot include in the bags:

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



Child's Voice

Ever since school re-started, I've been very happy. Maths and English have been very enjoyable and Geography has been very nice too. I've also gone to games club lately and had lots of fun. Two days ago in English lessons we made Cloud – Men from James and the Giant Peach. The next day we wrote instructions on how to make them. That same day we did some geography and in that we used a river experiment to help us.

By Sam

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