



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Thursday 12th November 2020



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A message from Mr Smith & all the staff

We would like to say a huge WELL DONE to all the children (and parents!) for coping so well at home. We have been really impressed with the schoolwork we have received and how creative you are being. It is also lovely to hear that some children have been helping parents with jobs around the house, enjoying playing games and activities in the fresh air. There continues to be plenty of ideas on our Home Learning Pages and feel free to look at the videos and activities on other class pages too. We cannot wait to see you again next week!



School News

- Every child will receive a phone call from their class teacher this week to catch up on what they have been doing and how they are getting on. Please note that calls from teachers will display as No Caller ID.
- We can confirm that as of today only one other child who was in school last week has tested positive for coronavirus since the two pupils on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November and they were a sibling. We hope very much that no one else will develop symptoms and that the spread has been kept to a minimum, but of course we are not yet through the fourteen day isolation period for Classes 2 & 3 so we must not be complacent. We wish those who have been unwell a speedy recovery.
- Please note that there were some families and staff members already isolating due to track and trace or because other members in their home support bubble had become symptomatic before we opened after half term so not everyone is following the same isolating time frames. We thank everyone for being vigilant and continuing to follow the national guidance in accordance with your own personal circumstances.
- School will re-open for every class on **Tuesday 17th November**. Having reviewed the staggered drop-off and collection times in the first half term, we have decided that it will work well to now move to just two groups. All classes will continue to use the entrance/exits that they were using last half term. If you have siblings in both groups, please use the later drop off and collection times as before. Please follow these changes from Tuesday 17th November:-

Class 1 and Class 4 - drop off 8.50am / collection 3.20pm

Class 2 and Class 3 - drop off 9.00am / collection 3.30pm

- It remains especially important for us all to continue social distancing outside of school given the increase in local cases and the National Lockdown. We must sadly continue to discourage gatherings at drop off and collection times and ask that your children do not play in groups on The Green.
- We are pleased to confirm that **ALL before and after school clubs will resume from Thursday 19th November**. There will be no clubs at all on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November.
- We have three students working with us this half term from York St John University. We support training teachers every year as it is vital we encourage the next generation. Please be reassured they have followed strict coronavirus guidelines during the school closure and Mr Smith has been in regular contact with their college tutor to confirm that all safety measures and procedures are followed.
- As you all know, Mr Mortimer will sadly be leaving Slingsby School at the end of December. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new Class 1 teacher and are pleased to report that we have had a very good response to the job vacancy so far. Interviews will be held in early December.
- Our school chickens have retired! Our feathered friends have given us all a lot of joy over the last 8 years and have now moved to a luxury free range home in Pickering where they will enjoy the company of other old hens in an open green space. We wish them a very happy retirement!

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- We know that many are finding life incredibly tough. We are in unprecedented times and it is tricky for adults to manage their feelings never mind our children. Please do not suffer in silence. We will always help and support any family in need as best we can and there are lots agencies who can offer assistance. Please email us on the admin or head teacher email addresses if you need help. The Young Minds charity has a Parent Helpline open Mon - Fri 9am to 4pm 0808 802 5544.



SUMDOG

Individual pupil log-in details for Sumdog were emailed to parents on Tuesday morning. Sumdog is a great maths and spelling game-based learning platform to help motivate and build confidence in children and teachers and parents/carers can track their child's progress. We have used Sumdog before in school so many of the older children may remember it well!



FOSS Update

Annual General Meeting - Following the FOSS AGM which took place on Wednesday 21st October, please find attached a copy of the minutes from the meeting. This and the supporting documents mentioned in the minutes will also be available on the FOSS tab on the school website.

Easyfundraising - A gentle reminder with Christmas not far away, and lock-down in play you really can make such a difference to the amount of money donated to school when you shop online via www.easyfundraising.org.uk. The website and app are free to use, simply select Friends of Slingsby School as your chosen charity then click on any of the huge range of retailers linked to their website and shop as normal. Being referred by an existing user will boost the funding even further, please use the following link or get in touch with a member of the committee for a referral or further information.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofslingsbyschool/?invite=tas6js&referral-campaign=s2s&fbclid=IwAR3CcqacBRsZF9LBkaD5QeCOdOSdQT-k_nZCDDeSgLRomSIAo98zNuUxwsU

Last year we raised almost £90 simply from FOSS supporters registering with the scheme and logging in before going to a retailer website to shop.

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Blue Peter on YouTube

Blue Peter has launched on YouTube<<https://bit.ly/3hNvZiR>> at CBBC. Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. You can subscribe for free via <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.



Slingsby Pumpkin Trail

Thank you to each and every one of you who made this pumpkin trail a success whether it was by displaying a pumpkin, walking the trail or donating to the Slingsby Play Area fund. It was heartening to hear that so many people enjoyed the activity and had fun on the trail as a socially distanced alternative to trick or treating - despite the terrible weather. It just goes to show how wonderfully supportive our local village community is and that our community spirit is certainly alive and well. We're overwhelmed by the very generous donations that have been made which now total a huge £375! Thank you! If you didn't get chance to donate but would like to do so, the JustGiving page is still open <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/zeta> There are plans afoot for a Christmas trail so get your thinking hats on as to what you might do. Watch this space for more info! From The Pumpkin Trail Team Joanna Plaskitt, Charlotte George, Jayne Goldsmith, Nicola Buchan.



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