



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 7th January 2021

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Message from Mr Smith

Happy New Year and welcome back! Whilst this is not the start to the new term or New Year that we had all hoped for, myself and the rest of the team would just like to say a big 'thank you' for all the positive communications and feedback school have received from parents and carers this week. They have made negotiating these continually challenging hurdles that much easier to manage. We really do appreciate your kind words of support and encouragement as we enter another period of national lockdown. If you or your children have any questions or concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



School News

- We are so pleased to have been able to re-open school on Wednesday to accommodate vulnerable and critical/key worker children. The children who have returned have once again amazed us at how well they have adapted to the changes.
- For those children working remotely from home, we hope the home learning that has been set out on the website is working as efficiently as possible. New to remote learning (hopefully, beginning next week!) will be a daily class 'check-in' session on a morning via Microsoft Teams with all those children working from home and in school. We have to follow strict Safeguarding rules and work with NYCC Schools ICT to set this facility up, so we've not been able to implement this as early as we'd hoped to but this should be up and running soon.
- Please remember to regularly check your emails and the T2P App for any updates, communications and eventually, Microsoft Teams invitations for those who are remote learning.
- Please continue to follow the Covid-19 government guidance. We all need to ensure we do our bit to help drive this virus down.
- Staff completed a virtual De-Escalation training course on Monday.
- For children who qualify for benefits related Free School Meals (FSM), we're still awaiting an update from the Government to see if they're going re-introduce the national voucher scheme again so we will be in touch with those families as soon as we know more.



Message from Mr Mortimer

Mr Mortimer has asked school to pass on his sincere thanks for the many kind words, cards and presents from families and children before Christmas. It felt like an extra Christmas for him on the last Friday in school and he left with armfuls of presents and cards in addition to 5 years of happy memories of Slingsby School. Mr Mortimer will miss everyone and looks forward to seeing the children in school and in the community after lockdown.



Snowy Weather

If we have snow this term, for those currently attending school, please send your children in with wellies in a labelled carrier bag and with appropriate warm winter clothing. The children will not be allowed to play out in the snow at break times without wellies or coats. If the snow is so bad as to affect school opening, we will let you know by 8am via text message on the T2P App, and similarly if it means we have to close early for the safety of everyone travelling, we will do the same. Snow closure will also be announced on Greatest Hits Radio York & North Yorkshire.



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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.



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