



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 14th January 2021

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School News

- We are really missing having everyone in school together and hope that you are all keeping safe and well. It is not at all fun for any of us being in lockdown for a third time but we are grateful to everyone for following the rules and playing their part in keeping our community safe. Those of us in school are working hard and still constantly washing our hands! Many classes have been enjoying PE with Joe Wicks to get the day going. We have thoroughly enjoyed hearing from those of you at home who we know are working really hard too; there have been some fantastic examples of work sent in and also some impressive snowmen! We fully appreciate that home learning is incredibly challenging and all we ask is that everyone tries their best and contact us if you are struggling. Together we will get through this!
- Everyone should have received a letter from Mr Smith yesterday giving an update on Microsoft Teams and also the Class Dojo system for uploading work. This is relevant for all parents and carers because even those currently in school may have a period of time homeworking due to self-isolating etc. at some point so please take the time to read the letter.
- Children working at home will receive a telephone call from their teacher over the coming week to check-in. The number may show as withheld or unknown.
- From next week, everyone who is home learning should send in their daily work using the Class Dojo platform. The teachers will not have the time to reply and feedback every day because they are teaching in school and preparing the online work, but they will certainly respond weekly. This platform should only be used for uploading work. It is not to be used by parents to ask queries of teachers. Any queries should still be sent via admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk.
- For those children who are currently in school, please can you send your child/ren in with a winter PE kit if you haven't done so already. Also, if it snows again, please send your children in with wellies in a labelled carrier bag and with appropriate winter layers.
- For children who are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) who are not currently in school, a letter was emailed on Tuesday regarding the provisions available. Please confirm your chosen provision with the school office as soon as possible.
- Children who are in Reception Year 1 and Year 2 who are currently attending school qualify for a Universal Free School Meal (UiFSM).
- We have had our annual full fire extinguisher and fire safety service this week.
- All staff are currently completing an updated 'Mindfulness in the Classroom' training course online.
- Look out for Mrs Smurthwaite's fun Weekly Wellbeing videos which will be on our Home Learning pages.



School Closure due to Snowy Weather

If the weather 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 (what used to be Minster FM).



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BBC Bitesize

As a third national lockdown is under way, the BBC is bringing hundreds of additional educational resources together to help support home-schooling. Whether on TV, online or on social media, they have lots of brilliant content to help you learn at home. CBBC will broadcast three hours of primary school programmes from 9am every weekday. They will include BBC Bitesize Daily, as well as other much-loved shows with an educational twist, such as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and more. Bitesize Daily Primary will also air every day on BBC Red Button, and episodes will be available on demand on BBC iPlayer. This resource can be used alongside our own home learning. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvryp4j>



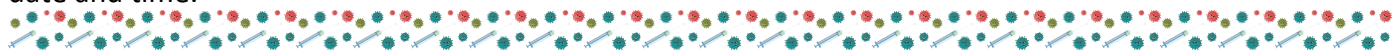
FOSS Update

We at FOSS didn't want to start the New Year without saying hello, and hope you've had a beautiful break over the Christmas period which may seem a long time ago now. A huge thank you again to all families for their support in 2020. We have some great fundraising ideas bouncing around in addition to those we would historically hold, and we cannot wait to see you again - hopefully in person - at an event soon to celebrate our wonderful school. In the meanwhile, one way you can help us help school is by remembering easyfundraising or Amazon Smile when doing your online shopping. Attached is a reminder of how to go about supporting FOSS using these affiliate schemes. We've raised close to £30 in the past 30 days and the easyfundraising site will donate £5 to FOSS if you are referred by an existing member once you've achieved £5 in donations so please, feel free to contact one of us at FOSS via friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk if you are looking to become a supporter.

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Flu Immunisation Catch-Up Clinics - CANCELLED

Due to today's severe weather conditions, the Childhood Immunisation Team have taken the decision to **cancel** the catch-up flu clinic scheduled for this afternoon (14th January) at Ryedale Sports Centre. They hope to reschedule the clinic for later this month, and you will be notified by school as soon as they have a new date and time.



Ampleforth Abbey & College

For the Year 5 & 6 children, Ampleforth School have their next online open day on Saturday 23rd January where families can meet students and staff and learn about life in school. To register for the open day go to <https://www.ampleforthcollege.org.uk/college/open-days>



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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