



**SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

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**A message from Mr. Smith**

Dear Parents, Carers and children,

I just wanted to say a huge 'Well done!' to everyone for getting through another extraordinary half term! A huge thank you to all our families for your ongoing support with helping your children with their remote learning: it has been lovely to see all the fantastic work being sent to teachers using Class Dojo. It was also great to see everyone on my visits – remember this WILL all be over, and we cannot wait to have you all back in when Government guidelines permit it. I am sure you will all join me in thanking all the staff team for their continued dedication to the children and school. We all hope that everyone is able to enjoy a well-earned break over half term! Stay safe.

Mr. Smith

**School News:**

- Thank you also to everyone for following the Covid-19 government lockdown guidance which has helped to keep our community safe. It is vitally important that the rules are followed in order to keep our school open. In line with this, we would be grateful if parents and carers of children in school could ensure that there is no playing or gathering on The Green before or after school. We work very hard to minimise interaction between children in different classes in school, and it is much appreciated that interaction is also minimised out of school too.
- For those in school, we will be finishing at the usual times on Friday and re-opening on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- We have not yet received any information from the DFE as to when we may be fully re-opening to all and await the government guidance set to be released on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We know that we will be given two weeks' notice, so regrettably our home learners will be remaining at home for at least another two weeks after half term but we really cannot wait to have everyone back as soon as we are able!
- We have nearly finished the setting up of Microsoft Teams with SchoolsICT for every pupil in the school and very much hope that they will have this ready for us to begin our daily class check-in sessions when we come back after half term.
- Half term is a perfect opportunity to complete the Ultimate Warrior Challenge if you haven't already.
- Mrs Saunders, our fabulous cook, will be offering a second option on the menu after half term again. Mrs Saunders might still have to switch the menu around a bit after half term with still having low numbers, but we hope to get back on track when everyone returns. We will let you know the menu in advance.
- Mr Smith has completed the second part of the RSE online course and Miss Pearce has completed the Early Years: Principles Into Practice course.

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- Tomorrow is our students' last day in Class 2 and 3 at Slingsby. We will all be very sad to say goodbye to Miss Armit and Miss Ashton as they have been a real asset to the team and we will miss them greatly, but wish them both all the best of luck for the future!



## Track and Trace in half term – Important

Please note that although school will not be open during the half term week. Mr Smith, Miss Hope and Mrs Massey will be on call for the purposes of Track and Trace. If anyone attending school becomes symptomatic and/or tests positive at any point during half term, please email [admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk) immediately to enable us to take the appropriate steps to notify the relevant parties in line with government guidance.



## World Book Day – 4<sup>th</sup> March

For World Book Day this year, we would really like it if children could send in a photograph of themselves reading or holding their favourite book along with a sentence or two about why they would recommend the book to their friends: older children may even want to write/video record a review. Mrs Jordan will then put together a 'Recommended Read' list to share with everyone! If you're feeling creative, you could also have a go at making a model of your favourite book character out of recycled materials, playdough or modelling clay? Or you could simply paint or draw the character or even build it out of Lego! Please can you upload your book recommendations and photographs to Class Dojo entitled World Book Day by **4<sup>th</sup> March**. Please see attached this year's digital book token.



## Parent Pay

For those children in school in Years 3-6, lunches are being charged to Parent Pay in the usual way (unless you are entitled to free school meals) so please remember to keep your account in credit. Many thanks.



## FOSS

Please see the attached flyer for the up coming plant sale.



## 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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