



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 25th February 2021

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School News

- Welcome back! We hope you all had a good half term break. We are sure you are all as delighted as we are that everyone will be returning to school on Monday 8th March 2021.
- Since the Prime Minister’s announcement on Monday, we have received a large amount of updated guidance from the Department for Education which sets out the expectations on schools from 8th March and “*must be rigorously applied to enable the safest environment possible*” for our children, families and staff. We await further specific guidance from North Yorkshire County Council and then we will write with details of the arrangements for opening fully to all pupils. Please be reassured that whilst curriculum catch-up is of course the main focus of our plans for the coming months, the health and well-being of our whole school community is of equal importance and we will be doing everything we can to manage a successful return for everyone.
- It is certainly welcome news that the R-rate is improving and Covid-19 numbers are declining with the implementation of lockdown and the vaccine programme; however, we are currently aware of individual cases of Coronavirus locally and would urge everyone to continue to be vigilant and responsible for the safety of our whole school community. The same procedures remain in place regarding self-isolation, testing and track and trace.
- We are pleased to now have Microsoft Teams up and running for the daily class registration / check-in sessions and we are thrilled that most children have been able to attend. It has been great to see everyone! Thank you for bearing with us with the initial teething problems. Please ensure you have read the letter dated 12th February setting out the expectations of both teachers and pupils and explain these expectations to your children whether they are in school or at home.
- We have successfully passed our annual Fire Risk Assessment audit and inspection this week.
- Miss Pearce has completed the EYFS Principles into Practice training course and will also be completing her Paediatric First Aid Training later this week.
- The staff and all the children would like to say a huge thank you to our Governor, Matthew Thompson (dad to Finlay) and his business Thompson Architecture who have very kindly donated a new book to each class for World Book Day. They will be much enjoyed!
- We would be very grateful if everyone attending school could please check at home for a small pair of Clarks black boy’s school shoes. Unfortunately, there has been a mix up in shoes and one child in Reception is now missing his pair.
- The application closing date for Reception starters in September 2021 has now passed. Please contact NYCC Admissions if you have any queries via <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>.



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.



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World Book Day – 4th 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 and post it on Class Dojo. Mrs Jordan will then put together a 'Recommended Read' list to share with everyone! If you are 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? Alternatively, 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 4th March. In addition, see attached for this year's digital book token.



Slingsby Village Easter Celebrations

All Saints Church and the Methodist Chapel, as part of the village Easter celebrations, are planning to place a cairn on The Green by the Maypole on 13/14 March for a month. Children and adults are invited to add decorated pebbles or stones to the cairn. The stones can depict Easter, Spring, thanks to the NHS, a pebble in memory of loved ones, or anything that means something to you. A supply of free suitable paint and brushes for the stones/pebbles will be available from Rachel Carmichael at the Methodist Chapel schoolroom from 10am until 12noon on Saturday 13th March. We hope the villagers and school family will support this as an act of love and friendship for our village to hopefully celebrate the beginning of the end to this awful pandemic. For further information, please contact: Chrysa Apps 628128 or Geoff Bishop 628055.



Change4Life

The NHS Change4Life programme supports schools and families to encourage and inspire children to move more and eat well. We as a school fully endorse the Change4Life programme as part of our Healthy Eating Policy. Their website has lots of great ideas, activities, recipes and top tips for parents as well which can be found using this link <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>



Supermobile Library at Slingsby – Fri 12th March 10-12am (date is subject to change)

During lockdown, the NYCC Library Bus is offering a select and collect service. To pre-order a selection of books call 01609 533878 or email supermobile@northyorks.go.uk. For further details, see the attached leaflet.



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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We are all guided by the Slingsby Values for Life: Respect, Honesty, Resilience, Expectations and Caring for Others