



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Thursday 4th March 2021
**Happy World Book
Day!**

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School News

- We hope you have all received and read the letter from Mr Smith regarding school procedures from Monday 8th March. Please may we emphasise the importance of continuing to follow the Coronavirus Guidelines as we remain in lockdown.
- By way of clarification, if you have siblings in different year groups, please drop off and collect altogether at the **LATER** of the times as you did last term.
- If there is a case of Coronavirus in school, our procedures will be the same as last term. We will close the affected bubble(s); contact you by telephone and confirm details by letter- providing you with instructions. Please notify us **immediately** if any member of your family has any symptoms of Coronavirus.
- Our school staff continue to undertake twice weekly rapid lateral flow Covid-19 tests. The government has announced that twice weekly testing is to become available to all families of school children and we have included the details below. We strongly encourage all our families to take part in this to help us to stay safe and fully open to all children.
- Today is World Book Day and we have loved receiving everyone's photographs and reviews! Mrs Jordan will be providing a summary in next week's newsletter, together with a top 'Recommended Read' list for each class. Every child in school will receive a £1 Book Token. The tokens can be taken to your local bookseller and swapped for a £1 book for FREE, or you can use the token to get £1 off any book or audiobook work £2.99 or more.
- If your child is currently in Year 6 and you have applied for a secondary school place, the offer date was Monday 1st March 2021. Please contact NYCC Admissions if you have any queries via <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>.



Rapid Lateral Flow Twice Weekly Testing Now Available to all our families

The government announced this week that that free twice-weekly testing -using rapid lateral flow tests - will be available from 1st March to all families and households with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people: including childcare and support bubbles. This is to help find more COVID-19 cases and break chains of transmission. With about a third of individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms and potentially spreading it without knowing, targeted, regular testing means more positive cases within households are found and prevented from entering schools and colleges; helping to keep educational settings safe and open. It is not mandatory, but it is recommended and **we strongly encourage all our families to take part**. Getting a rapid test is quick and convenient via:

- Local Authority test sites
- Collection at a local PCR test site during specific test collection time windows
- The new home ordering service, which launched on 1 March and allows people to order lateral flow tests online to be delivered to their home

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For more information go to

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week>

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NYCC Sensory Saturday – 27th March 2021

Please find attached the flyer for a FREE session that NYCC are running to support parents in the area. The session will be full of informative hints and tips of activities that can be done in the home to support children.



Parent Pay

If your child's Parent Pay account is in arrears, you will be receiving a text this week reminding you to clear your debt before that start of next week. 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). Many thanks.



FOSS

We are pleased to confirm the Mother's Day Plant sale will go ahead as planned on Friday 12th March with details of what is available, **how to pre-order**, and where and when you can collect your order from in the attached flyer. We have had to place an order limit at this time simply due to having a limited supply of plants, however do let us know if you would like more in your email and we will see what's available depending on sales. Sales will be on a first come first served basis with orders closing on Wednesday 10th March.

We have also attached details of our affiliate schemes with easyfundraising and Amazon Smile just to remind you that not only can you raise donations for FOSS by doing your online food, clothing and homewares shopping, but also when switching or renewing your car or house insurance or booking your family holiday. Simply follow the registration steps outlined in the attached flyer and search for the company you are shopping with. Every little bit helps and we truly value your support.



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