



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 11th March 2021

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Welcome Back Message from Mr Smith

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back this week and the whole team are so proud of all the children who have settled into the daily routine brilliantly. It has been heart-warming to see everyone so excited to be reunited with their friends and there is a real willingness to work hard, although I think there will be some very tired children by Friday!

School News

- Thank you for continuing to follow the government guidelines and school systems to ensure the safety of everyone safety from coronavirus. We hope that you all read our letter dated 1st March 2021 and found it useful so we are all singing from the same hymn sheet!
- Our school staff continue to undertake twice weekly rapid lateral flow Covid-19 tests. Twice weekly testing is now also available to families of primary 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.
- 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.
- Some of you may have noticed a familiar face on Tuesday. We are delighted that Mr Mortimer is helping us in school over the next few weeks in Class 3.
- If anyone has any old metal pans or pots/trays and any short lengths of pipes or guttering they would like to donate to school for our outdoor mud kitchen and water area we would be incredibly grateful. All donated items will be quarantined for 72 hours then cleaned before given to the children to use.



Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March

Next Friday is Red Nose Day and we will be supporting this great cause by having a 'non-uniform-wear-something-red-day'! We would normally say the 'fine' for not wearing uniform is £1 per person but we are trying to reduce the risk of spreading the virus by not handling and exchanging cash. Therefore, we are pleased to inform you that ParentPay are currently setting up a Donations Page for free for Slingsby School. Please note that ParentPay **does not** profit from donations made. We will inform you via the Teacher2Parents app once the Donations Page is up and running, along with the link to access the page to make your donation, however big or small.



Holiday Activities and Food Programme

NYCC will be delivering a programme of support over Easter through a combination of the extension of the Covid Winter Grant scheme food vouchers for all families who have previously been in receipt of them and age-appropriate Activity Packs for those statutory school-age children who are eligible for free school meals (Due to Department for Education criteria, the eligibility for Activity Packs is limited to statutory school-age children eligible for free school meals only. The eligibility framework for support through the Covid Winter

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Grant Scheme (i.e. supermarket vouchers) will retain the wider discretionary eligibility previously described.) The packs have been put together by North Yorkshire Together (consortia of North Yorkshire Youth, North Yorkshire Sport and Rural Arts) and include a range of sports and craft materials with a detailed booklet full of ideas for the school holidays.



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

To order your test go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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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.



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.



FOSS Update

Plant Sale: A quick reminder that the plant sale pre-orders have been extended to the end of today so please refer to the attached flyer for details of how to order and the collection point and time.

Easter Bunny Mask Competition: Now that we are back at school after such a long, hard slog at home, FOSS would like to celebrate this and the lead up to Easter by holding a decorating competition where one child in each class bubble has a chance to win an Easter themed crafting & treats prize.

Easter Raffle: As you know, so many events or fundraising opportunities haven't eventuated so we felt it would be an opportune time to do something for school and have been able to secure some lovely prizes for an Easter raffle.

Details for both the Easter Bunny Mask Competition and Easter Raffle are outlined in the attached flyer.



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 this weekend. Children and adults are invited to add decorated pebbles

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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.



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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