



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 18th March 2021

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A Message from Mr. Smith

It has been another great week in school and it is lovely to finally have some sunny weather! The assessments in each class have gone well and the children have worked their socks off - despite many feeling quite tired! We are hugely proud of their attitude to learning and it is brilliant to see them having fun with their friends again.

Once the assessments are complete, we aim to send short reports out to all families shortly after the Easter holidays. The assessments will help us to highlight concepts in which some children may need additional teaching, and will form the basis of our planning for focus areas in school for next term and into the next academic year. Please try not to worry about your children's learning and development. It has been a tough year for which we must make allowances; and rest assured we will be doing our best to help everyone to get back on track academically and mentally over the coming months. As previously mentioned in communications, whilst we will not be holding a parents' evening for the Spring term, if you wish to arrange a Teams meeting to discuss your child's progress with your teacher this can be accommodated.

School News

- Mrs. Metcalfe will not be returning for the foreseeable future and Mr. Smith will continue in leading the school as Acting Head Teacher, as requested by our LEA advisor and governing body.
- Our termly Parent/Carer Feedback Questionnaires will be coming out to you this week and we would be grateful if you could please take five minutes to complete them and return to them us - either in a sealed envelope or by email - by Friday next week. Please complete the form providing your feedback for the current term.
- Thank you for continuing to follow the Covid-19 government guidelines and school systems to ensure the safety of everyone. Please may we remind everyone not to gather on the Green before and after school.
- We strongly encourage you to take part in the free twice weekly testing for families of primary children, and notify us immediately of a positive result. Please see the links below.
- This Friday is a non-uniform day for Red Nose Day! Please see details how to donate below.
- We would like to say a huge thank you to Malton & Norton Rotary Club who are kindly donating a computer to schools in the local area.
- Next week we will be reviewing the return of school Clubs for after Easter considering the latest Government guidance with the lifting of lockdown and our own staffing capacity. We will confirm arrangements in next week's newsletter as we are aware many of you need to know in order to plan childcare.



Updated Government Guidance for Parents and Carers

Please see the updated guidance for parents/carers of children attending out-of-school settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>. It includes a section on asymptomatic

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coronavirus (COVID-19) testing and provides information on how members of a household, childcare or support bubble of a primary or secondary-age pupil or college student can access twice-weekly testing. Please see the email we sent on 16/03/21 regarding the mobile units in Malton where you can collect home testing kits and we strongly encourage everyone to take part. To order test packs to be delivered to home go to <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March!

Tomorrow is Red Nose Day and we will be supporting this great cause by having a 'non-uniform-wear-something-red-day!' ParentPay have set up a Donations Page for free for Slingsby School (ParentPay **does not** profit from donations made) so please click on the following link to make your donation: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3250>



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 - Thank you to all who bought from our Mother's Day plant sale last Friday where we managed to raise almost £50 in sales. A HUGE thank you to Lisa Bolland for sourcing, planting and nurturing the plants for sale. We hope we'll be able to hold an actual plant sale in person next year!

Easter Raffle - Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets for our Easter Raffle. Attached is the flyer reminding you about the wonderful prizes available, with an additional prize added late last week. Tickets will be available until the evening of **Wednesday 24th March**, drawn on Thursday with the prizes handed out on the Friday before school closes for the Easter holidays.

Easter Bunny Mask Competition - School will be distributing the bunny masks to all children to take home with them tomorrow in time for the weekend so they can get busy decorating to then wear their mask on the last day of school where each class teacher will have the unenviable task of choosing a winner who will take home with them an Easter themed box of arts & crafts goodies. Good luck!

Bags 2 School Collection - We've received some feedback that some families would welcome a Bags 2 School collection so we have pulled this forward from May to **Thursday 29th April**. The collection will be from the Slingsby Sports Field where one of the team will be available from 8:45 - 9am. Please refer to the following website for the full details of what you can donate and due to the pandemic, you will need to use your own bags. www.bags2school.com



Slingsby Village Easter Celebrations

All Saints Church and the Methodist Chapel have now placed a cairn on The Green by the Maypole and everyone is 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. Please support this as an act of love and friendship for our community.



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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