



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

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Message from Mr. Smith

Firstly, I would like to say a huge 'Well Done!' to all our wonderful children at Slingsby School. You have been absolutely AMAZING over the last three weeks back in school and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning activities you'll hopefully be experiencing in the Summer term, provided National Covid-19 restrictions allow.

On behalf of the Friends of Slingsby School (FOSS), our Governing Body and all the staff, we are very excited to announce that, on Tuesday 6th April, we will be making some significant upgrades to our outdoor areas. These include: the resurfacing of the upper playground (to include a running/ride-on track and target zone); resurfacing of the area between Class 3 and our lovely nature area (to include a permanent hopscotch grid); and the development of a 'chill zone' to the rear of the Reading Rooms (currently Class 4).

The project is being part-funded with a significant contribution from the monies raised by the school community over the last 2-3 years through the hard work and dedication of the FOSS team. The one upside of the pandemic has also meant that we have not yet spent this year's PE and Sports Premium allocation on our usual expenses; therefore, we have been able to use a significant amount on the planned improvements to the outside areas. By incorporating markings, which encourage physical activity into the design of the playground surface, we have been able to ensure the project meets the funding allocation criteria. We have also taken the opportunity to purchase a range of new sport equipment for the children (including various heights of netball/basketball nets for all ages, balls, le-cross sticks, cricket and tennis equipment) - something we have not had the opportunity to do previously. We have no doubt the children will be as excited as we are when they return and can enjoy some great new play areas.

We would like to say a huge 'Thank You!' to the whole school community in making the financing of this project possible through all your support of FOSS fundraising over the last few years, which has enabled the school to make these improvements a reality.



School News

- Thank you to you all for your support in helping us get the children back to school these last three weeks. It has been wonderful to all be back together again. Please enjoy a break to re-charge and we very much look forward to a great summer term.
- We are looking forward to having a fun last day tomorrow where the children will be given lots of Easter activities, including decorating pebbles for the village Cairn, as well as showcasing their decorated masks kindly given by FOSS last week. As there is no end of term school assembly, we will be finishing at the usual times.
- Monday 12th April is a teacher training day. All children return to school on Tuesday 13th April 2021.

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- Please remember to return your Parent Feedback Questionnaires by tomorrow.
- Some clubs will be resuming next term, subject to the latest Covid-19 guidance. Please see below for details.
- It is our intention next term to gradually expand the bubbles in school alongside the Government lifting of restrictions so that Class 1 & 2 will become one bubble and Class 3 & 4 will become one bubble, for the purposes of play times and some educational activities. However, we will be continuing to do everything we can to minimise the possible spread of the virus by maintaining Covid safe systems in line with our risk assessments. Please note that starting and finish times will remain the same as the Spring term.
- Short reports will be sent home at the beginning of next term and we will be discussing with parents/carers the provisions we have in place with regards to any areas of 'catch-up' that we consider are needed, having had this three-week period of assessment and review.
- Please be assured that also next term, subject to Covid-19 guidance and staffing, we are planning to resume PE lessons on the Sports field and tennis courts; host a whole school Sports Day; take each class on a planned educational visit; have school photograph; and also enjoy an end of year trip to Sandsend. We will be confirming all key dates at the beginning of next term.
- Everyone in Year 6 should have received a letter this week about the planned leavers' events and activities.
- A letter was emailed to all Year 5 parents/carers this week about the Experience Day at Malton School in June 2021.
- Year 4 and 5 hopefully all received a letter regarding the Peat Rigg residential in October 2021.
- We are pleased to confirm that we have appointed a new Midday Supervisory Assistant. Ms Wilson will be joining us after Easter when we look forward to giving her a great big Slingsby School welcome!
- Please see the Summer term lunch menu attached and the Term Dates for 2021/2022.
- We would be very grateful for any unwanted old large (adult sized) t-shirts (preferably not collared shirts) which the children could use for art. All t-shirt donations will be quarantined for 72 hours before use. Many thanks.
- Mr Smith has had a productive termly review with our Local Authority School Advisor.
- Mrs Massey and Miss Hope have completed the 'Education Safeguarding - Single Central Record training and safer recruitment practice' this week.



School Clubs 13th April -17th May 2021

After the Easter break, we are slowly going to re-introduce Clubs in line with the Government lifting of restrictions. From Tuesday 13th April, we will be resuming Breakfast Club, SCSS Sports Club and Chill Club until 5.30pm. **Please continue to only use the clubs if essential, as there will be a limit on numbers because we still need to minimise interaction between bubbles.** Please return the attached booking form by **Friday 9th April** to secure your child's place and pay in advance via ParentPay.

Breakfast Club – *Mon – Fri 8 - 8:50pm (£3 per session)*

Monday – *SCSS Sports Club (book/pay directly with SCSS)*

Tuesday to Thursday - *Chill Club 3.30-5.30pm (£5.50 per hour, £3.50 for siblings)*

Friday – *Chill Club 3.30-4.30pm (£5.50 per hour, £3.50 for siblings)*

It is our aim that from 17th May 2021, in line with the lifting of further government restrictions, full Clubs will resume.



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Government Guidance

From Monday, the lockdown rules begin to lift cautiously and rules change further on 12th April. Thank you for continuing to follow the guidance which can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary> . Please also continue to take part in the lateral flow twice weekly testing which we believe has been hugely successful and reassuring this term. Details can be found in the previous two newsletters which are available on our website.

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Red Nose Day

Thank you for your Red Nose Day donations - £277 has been raised so far. If you didn't get round to making a donation then don't worry, you still have up until the end of tomorrow, after which point the donations page will close down. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3250>



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 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. Food vouchers were processed and allocated today, prior to the Easter holidays and the activity packs will be handed out tomorrow.



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

Easter Bunny Mask Competition Don't forget to bring your decorated Bunny masks into school tomorrow for a chance to win a prize in each class bubble. We hope you've all had a wonderful time decorating them. Also, as a small thank you to the children for all their hard work and effort during the recent period of home-schooling, each will bring home with them tomorrow an Easter arts & craft pack with some fun activities to do during the Easter break.

Bags 2 School Collection Another quick reminder and a wonderful opportunity to clear out your cupboards during the Easter break, is our Bags 2 School collection scheduled for **Thursday 29 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 provide your own bags. www.bags2school.com

Uniform Collection We would very much like to hold a pre-loved uniform sale or have a running stock list so if you have any uniforms you no longer need, we would be incredibly grateful if you would donate these to FOSS. If you're able to, please drop them off in a separate bag to the Slingsby Sports Field on the day of the Bags 2 School collection on **Thursday 29 April**.

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Easter Raffle And finally, thank you to those who purchased tickets for our Easter Raffle. We have raised a wonderful £225, which for an event we have never run before-and held virtually- is a great outcome. Following is the list of winners of each prize (which will also be added to our Facebook page) with the prizes being distributed this afternoon or tomorrow on the Green. A huge thank you must also be extended to the businesses listed below who have supported the raffle by donating their prizes. Thank you all again and wishing you a wonderful Easter with your loved ones.

THE FOSS EASTER HAMPER - Ann Smith
PIZZA FOR 2 AT THE GRAPES SLINGSBY - Faye
BODYSHOP AT HOME WITH CHARLOTTE voucher - Annabelle
PEDICURE AT CLAIR'S NAILS voucher - Arlo
COFFEE & CAKE FOR 2 AT THE PARK HOVINGHAM - Lu Turner
PEAGREEN POTTERY voucher - Florence

2021 Scarecrow Competition and May Day Celebrations

It was over a year ago that we began our plans for the 2020 Annual Scarecrow Trail, which runs in conjunction with the Slingsby Village May Day Maypole Celebrations-which as we know, was unable to take place. One year on and we are in a much better place; however, we don't yet know what will be possible come the May Day Bank holiday long weekend of Saturday 1st May through to Monday 3rd May. We have historically received amazing entries for the FOSS Scarecrow Competition, demonstrating how well supported this event has been which is why we don't want to let this event simply pass us by. Therefore, we are asking for Scarecrow Competition entries at this time, with plans for the competition to take place virtually or at best, placed on display in the village to be held as a School and Village only event. Further details and examples of entries from previous years are in the attached flyer. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and the School newsletter for further updates closer to the date.



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.



***HAVE A VERY HAPPY EASTER
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