



# SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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## Message from Mr Smith

Further to the letter from Governors last Friday, we can confirm that Mrs Metcalfe has taken the decision to retire. All the staff would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Metcalfe for her dedication to the school and children over the last eight years. Mrs Metcalfe had a great vision when she arrived here and created an incredibly caring inclusive school with high educational and moral standards; a school in which we are all incredibly proud to work. Mrs Metcalfe will be greatly missed by us all but we wish her a well-deserved and very happy retirement. We will be organising a collection for Mrs Metcalfe from the school (details to follow in due course). I will continue to lead the school as Acting Head in the interim and can assure you my priority is to maintain the high-quality education and care of all the children.



## School News

- It is good news that the next phase of the lifting of national Covid-19 restrictions is hopefully going ahead on Monday as announced by the Government this week, however, as far as schools go the advice has hardly changed and the DFE require us to continue to implement all the same Covid-19 safe systems which are already in place. Nothing, therefore will change in school.
- Team GB Paralympian, Ryan Rago visited school on Wednesday, leading assemblies and PE lessons for every class. Ryan is a long jumper with Cerebral Palsy who persuaded a coach to train him at university so he could reach his dreams of going to the Olympics. In his first race, he broke the British World Record and went on to win gold medals for long jump in the 2015 and 2018 World Games, jumping 4.61m! During his visit, Ryan delivered the message that everyone can reach their dreams and that people are not Disabled; they can make themselves Enabled with positive thought and perseverance. You can watch a documentary about Ryan's story on You Tube; "The Track" by Saskia King <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Arfbj5slbvK>
- Parents' Evening appointment times have now been emailed out to all those who requested a meeting. If you returned your booking form but have not received a confirmation email, please contact the school office. If you have not yet returned your booking form but wish to make an appointment, there are still plenty of slots available so please contact the school office. Please take the time to read the guidance set out below regarding procedures.
- Please return your Club Booking Form by Friday if you wish your child to attend clubs from next week (Details and form sent with last week's newsletter). Clubs must be booked and paid for in advance please to enable us to ensure adequate staffing and resources.
- Letters have been sent to all parents/carers in Class 4 regarding the trip to Eden Camp on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please let the office know about your child's lunch choice.
- Letters have been sent to all parents/carers in Class 1 & Year 6 regarding swimming. Please email the office regarding your child's swimming ability.
- Letters have been sent to Year 6 parents/carers regarding Bikeability, please return the attached slip.

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- Earlier this year, Malton Rotary Club contacted schools in the local area to let us know they were going to donate laptops to assist remote learning. Last week they kindly hand delivered and presented a laptop to Slingsby School and the presentation photograph will be available on their website.
- Class 3 have had a super day visiting Scarborough Castle and looking around St. Mary's Church today, investigating the archaeological evidence of damage caused during the Civil War. The children have learnt more about castles, their historical significance, and why they were important during times of war. The weather was kind too so they were able to enjoy their packed lunch outside and members of the public even commented to Mr Smith what a well-behaved group of children they were, so well done Class 3! Thank you to Mrs Sedran for accompanying the children and to FOSS for giving each child a souvenir.
- We are delighted to be able to welcome Mr Conlan back into school from next week following our Covid-19 safe procedures. Mr Conlan is our peripatetic piano and violin teacher who will resuming one to one lessons in school on a Thursday and Friday. Mr Conlan will be in touch with those families who currently have lessons to confirm your child's lessons time. If you wish your child to have additional music lessons, please contact the school office for Mr Conlan's details and arrange these direct with him.



### **Parents Evening Guidance – Please read before your appointment**

We are pleased that Parents' Evening discussions can take place in person this term; however, we continue to follow the DFE advice and risk assessments in relation to Covid-19. From May 17<sup>th</sup> the rules have not significantly changed for Primary schools so please read these guidelines ahead of your meeting and thank you in advance for your co-operation:

- Please do not attend Parents' Evening if you are showing any symptoms of Covid-19 or have been in contact with anyone displaying symptoms, who have tested positive, or are isolating.
- The Classrooms and communal areas will have been cleaned with anti-bacterial agents at the end of the school day prior to Parents Evening.
- Please arrive at your allotted time and wait outside your child's entrance to be called in as follows:-
  - Class 1 - Class 1 side door
  - Class 2 – Main entrance
  - Class 3 – Main entrance
  - Class 4 – Side gate by Reading Rooms
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided before coming in to school.
- Please wear a face mask and maintain social distancing at all times.
- There will be a waiting area for your classroom where one family at a time may wait if needed, which will be cleaned between appointments.
- Appointments will be kept strictly to ten minutes to allow teachers to clean chairs and surfaces between meetings in line with our risk assessments. Please be respectful of the time for the benefit of everyone.
- Windows and doors will be kept open for ventilation.



### **May Day Exhibition Artwork**

Thank you for all your donations so far for the children's canvas May Day art work. The paintings will be on display at Parents Evenings and then will be sent them home with those who have bought them.



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## Junior Holiday Tennis

Please see the attached flyer detailing junior tennis sessions that are being held at Slingsby Sports Field during the mid-summer term holiday.



## Updated Guidance from North Yorkshire County Council

We have received updated guidance from NYCC that pupils are not able to bring their own hand sanitisers or soaps into school unless absolutely necessary and if so, a medication form must be filled in which can be found on our website. Similarly, if a child is needing to use an emollient, a medication form must be completed. Information for parents and carers can be found [here](#).



## Lateral Flow Testing

We strongly encourage all our families to take part in twice weekly lateral flow testing and please encourage your friends too! To order your test packs go to: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. If testing at home, you will need to [register your results online](#) or by calling 119. You should self-isolate if positive and order a confirmatory PCR test and let school know. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should [book a test online](#) or by calling 119.

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## 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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