

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 27th May 2021

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Message from Mr. Smith

We are incredibly happy to have made it through a full half term without closure of any bubbles! Thank you for helping us to keep our community safe; and to the children for fully embracing all the Covid-safe systems that are now part of everyday life here in school. Thank you also to all the staff for their never-ending hard work; it is a great pleasure to work with such a dedicated team. We are all looking forward to a fun-filled time next half term and a list of dates is included in this newsletter. All being well, everything will happen as planned; we just need to do some sun dances during the holidays to encourage good weather! Have a great half term and stay safe. Remember: Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air still applies! Mr Smith.



School News

- It was really great to meet up with the Class 3 and 4 parents at Parents' Evening this week, all the staff have really enjoyed chatting to everyone in person. Of course, if you ever have anything you wish to discuss regarding your children between Parents' Evenings, you are very welcome to contact the office to make an appointment with the class teacher.
- We will be maintaining the majority of our Covid-safe systems in school after half term, as per the DFE and LA guidance; therefore, drop off and pick-up times, lunch in the classrooms and our two bubbles etc. will remain the same for now. All staff will continue to test twice weekly.
- Mrs Jordan has asked that Class 2 do not bring pencil cases in to school next half term as this is no longer required. Individual pencil cases will be sent home on Friday.
- Big congratulations to all our Year 6 children who passed their Bikeability last week. Despite the rotten
 weather, the children all powered through and impressed the instructors. Certificates and badges were
 handed out last Friday alongside Celebration Assembly awards.
- Class 4 had a brilliant day at Eden Camp today learning all about World War 2 and its impact on sites in the UK and beyond which relates to their topic last term. Once again Mr Smith was approached by a member of the public who commented on the excellent behaviour of the children. Well done Class 4!
- May Day art-work will be sent home on Friday to all those who have made a donation on Parent Pay.
- The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) have extended the Covid Winter Grant to cover the Summer 2021 half term school holiday period; the extension is through the Covid Local Support Grant (CLSG). All pupils currently in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals should have received their Wonde food vouchers. If your child is eligible to receive Free School Meals but you have not received your voucher, please contact the school office.
- Please can we remind all parents and children that waterproof coats and full PE kits are required in school <u>EVERY</u> day. With the ever-changing weather conditions, it's important that all children are well prepared to enable us to be outside as much as possible. Please can we also ask that all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name to prevent a build-up of lost and forgotten property.
- Class 1 & 2 Duncombe Park Trip letter was emailed out on Wednesday. Please email the office before
 <u>Friday 28th May</u> to confirm whether your child wishes to have a ham or cheese packed lunch, or if they

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will be bringing one from home. If you **do not** wish your child to appear in any Countryside Learning photographs, please email the school office before the date of the trip.



Collection for Mrs Metcalfe

Thank you for all the contributions received so far for Mrs Metcalfe's retirement present. The final day for the collection is tomorrow. We will get our thinking caps on and after half term we let you know what gift we will be presenting.



Clubs & Parent Pay

Breakfast and After School Clubs are now all booked on Parent Pay as per your booking forms. Chill Club attendance will be entered onto Parent Pay on a weekly basis, according to the pick-up times. Please ensure you book in advance wherever possible and keep the relevant items in your Parent Pay account in credit to ensure debt is not accumulated. Many thanks



Dates for The Diary

Please note some dates could be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, and any new dates for additional activities and trips will be notified to you as and when they are confirmed.

Summer Term 2

7th June - Staff First Aid Training Day 8th June - School re-opens to pupils 9th June - Class 1 & 2 Trip to Duncombe Park 10th June - Class 1 and Year 6 Swimming Lessons Start (1 of 6) 10th June - New Reception Starters Parents' Evening 17th June - Class 1 and Year 6 Swimming Lessons (2 of 6) 18th June - New Starter Settling in session (1 of 5) 22nd & 23rd June - Year 6 Transition Day to Malton School 24th June - Class 1 and Year 6 Swimming Lessons (3 of 6) 24th June - Year 6 Ryedale School Literacy Day 25th June - New Starter Settling in session (2 of 5) 30th June - Year 5 Experience Day at Malton School 30th June - Year 6 Ryedale Literacy Day 1st July - Class 1 and Year 6 Swimming Lessons (4 of 6) 1st July - Year 1 Vision Checks with school Nurses 1st July - Year 6 Ryedale School Opening Evening 2nd July - New Starter Settling in session (3 of 5) 6th July - Class 3 & 4 Let's Learn Moor Trip to Blakey Ridge 7th July - Year 6 Ryedale School Induction Day 7th July - Year 6 Malton School Induction Evening 8th July - Class 1 and Year 6 Swimming Lessons (5 of 6) 9th July - New Starter Settling in session (4 of 5) 14th July - Year 6 Leaver's Trip to Flamingo Land and Florios 15th July - Class 1 and Year 6 Swimming Lessons (6 of 6) 16th July - New Starter Settling in session (5 of 5) 16th July - Year 6 Ryedale School Activities Afternoon

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20th July - KS2 Sandsend Trip 21st July - KS1 Sandsend Trip

22nd July - Slingsby School Sports Day on Slingsby Sports Field 1pm

23rd July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

23rd July - Last Day of Term for pupils

26th July - Staff Training Day in school



Track and Trace/Testing in Half Term

We have been asked by the Government to encourage all our families and staff to continue Lateral Flow testing for Covid-19 twice a week. As lockdown eases, taking a rapid COVID-19 test twice a week, even if you do not have symptoms, will help the Government stay ahead of the spread of the virus, particularly as new strains appear. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing. This includes those who have had their vaccine. School emails will be monitored during half term for notifications regarding Covid-19. If you or anyone in your family tests positive for Covid-19 during the holidays, or are asked to self-isolate, please let us know so that we can take the appropriate steps for track and trace. To order your test packs go to: https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests.

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Summer Term Menu Change – Week 1 and Week 2

There will be a permanent menu change to Thursday of Week one of the Summer Term menu. Unfortunately, there is a problem with orders, the lasagne sheets are being discontinued so Lasagne will be replaced by Pasta Bolognese and this will be for the rest of the summer menu. We apologise for any inconvenience. Also a reminder that there has been a permanent menu change to Tuesday of week two's Summer Term Menu from Lentil and Vegetable Curry to Cheesy Vegetable Pasta Bake. An updated menu is attached.



FOSS

easyfundraising Affiliate Scheme Competition - If you are considering supporting Friends of Slingsby School by registering with the above affiliate scheme, now would be a good time as they are currently running a competition where a PTA has a chance to win £250 if we have three new supporters register before Monday 31 May. There are now over **5,000** retailers who are supporting PTA's like FOSS via donations including M&S, H&M, eBay and Just East and thanks to our supporters, they have raised over £50 for FOSS in the past 30 days. Please contact one of the FOSS team at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to be referred or details of the scheme and how to register are attached. Thank you.

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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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