

SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 10th June 2021

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Message from Mr. Smith

Welcome back and we hope you all had a great half term in the sun. We are really looking forward to an extremely exciting – and very busy – second half of the Summer term. I would like to say that I have been massively impressed with how the children have returned – refreshed and ready to learn: keep up the great work and attitude!

I would like to add that, as a gentle reminder, there are still new cases of Covid-19 being recorded nationally. We continue to follow Covid-safe systems in school and ask that you also continue to be vigilant. It would be wonderful if we could get through another half term without closing any bubbles and all enjoy what will hopefully be a lovely Summer break.



School News

- Please can we remind all parents and children that full PE kits are required in school every day.
- Now we are in the summer season, please apply sun cream to your child/ren before they come to school and provide them with a suitable sunhat (labelled with their name), as we spend as much time outdoors as possible, not only at break times but also lessons. If you would like your child to re-apply sun cream during the day, please send in a clearly labelled bottle/tube which can be kept in their PE bag. The Reception children will each be given their own sun hat to wear in school by Cancer Research UK.
- Equally, if the forecast is for rain then children need waterproof coats in school, as rain doesn't stop play outside! On these occasions, if children don't have coats they will not be able to go out.
- Please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name to prevent a build-up of lost and forgotten property.
- Class 1 & 2 have had a fantastic day at Duncombe Park this week with Countryside Learning. The children
 learnt about life in the River Rye; saw gun dogs at work; listened to a talk by the NFU about where our
 food comes from; had a go at clay pressing objects they had foraged for; and English Heritage did a
 display of Normal drills and showed the children Norman weapons. A fun filled trip! Thank you so much
 to the parent helpers who accompanied us on the trip.
- Class 1 and Year 6 had their first swimming session at St Albans Sports Centre today and did brilliantly.
 We are hopeful that all classes will be attending swimming lessons next year.
- If you forgot to return your child's photograph order form before Wednesday of this week, don't worry;
 there is one last chance, as any late orders will be collected when the initial orders are returned in about 7-10 working days.
- All school staff have completed the latest Paediatric and Emergency First Aid training.
- The new Reception Starters Parents' Evening is taking place tonight and we are really looking forward to welcoming our new families to school, following all Covid safe systems.
- Mr Conlan is unable to attend school this Friday and therefore music lessons on Friday will not be taking place. Mr Conlan will be in touch about catch-up lessons.



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A Royal Celebration - Friday 11th June

To celebrate the Queen's birthday this weekend, County Caterers have put together a delicious Afternoon Tea menu for this Friday's lunch. There will be Freshly made Sandwiches (3 filling options), Homemade Sausage Roll, Homemade Cheese & Tomato Quiche and Vegetable Sticks followed by Scones served with Raspberry Jam, Cream and Fresh Raspberries. There will also be an alternative option of a Jacket Potato with Baked Beans. Children should advise their teachers at registration as usual if they wish to have the Royal Afternoon Tea option.



Clubs & Parent Pay

The debt is creeping up on Parent Pay and we currently have £283.00 debt for lunches and £330.00 debt for Clubs. Please ensure you book clubs in advance wherever possible and keep the relevant items in your Parent Pay account in credit to ensure debt is not accumulated. You can set up an automatic bank transfer to keep your account items in credit and also a text reminder service to help remind you. Many thanks.



FOSS

Duck Race 2021 - We are pleased to announce that there will be a Duck Race this year, even if it is a scaled back version of the previous year's event. Watch out for more details in next week's newsletter about the event, when you will be receiving your duck sponsor form and information about how you can help sell ducks to raise funds for school.

Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile - A reminder that you can support FOSS when shopping online via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and really make such a difference to the amount of money donated to school when you shop online. We are also registered with AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk, log in to your account and select FOSS as your charity then shop as you normally would with Amazon. See the attached leaflet for more details about how you can raise money for school when shopping online.

Facebook - Don't forget you can follow us on Facebook @friendsofslingsbyschool for all the latest updates on our fundraising events.



Lateral Flow Testing & Track and Trace

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. If you or anyone in your family tests positive for Covid-19, 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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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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PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A <u>NUT-FREE SCHOOL</u>.

WE KINDLY REQUEST <u>NO</u> NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN PACKED LUNCHES OR AS SNACKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

We are all guided by the Slingsby Values for Life: Respect, Honesty, Resilience, Expectations and Caring for Others