



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Thursday 1st July 2021

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Message from Mr Smith

We have been completing our end of year assessments in school this week, so the children have been using all their brain power to complete a lot of 'quizzes' in class. The teachers have tried to balance the days with fun learning too, as well as Sport's Day practice, and Class 1 have enjoyed a Wimbledon themed week!

I am sorry to report that some local schools are facing a steady increase in Covid-19 cases, leading to bubbles having to isolate and revert to home learning once again. Although many of us have been vaccinated, this does not stop the spread of the virus. Therefore, it is of the upmost importance that we all continue to be extra vigilant for these last few weeks of term and - even better - to complete the lateral flow tests twice a week to help us prevent an outbreak. Details of how to obtain FREE testing kits are below and they are very easy to do. This is the best way to prevent the spread and all our staff continue to test twice weekly. Thank you for your continued support.



School News

- The Healthy Schools Team nurses have visited school today to undertake Year 1 routine vision checks.
- We have had a few incidents recently with the increase in allergy/hayfever sufferers whereby school has been previously instructed to administer antihistamine in school on a 'as and when needed' basis but unbeknown to us, children have already received medication before school. It is vital that school are informed daily if medication has been administered for the safety and wellbeing of the children as maximum dosages applies. Similarly, it is important that school is made aware of any medication your child/ren has been prescribed, even if it's administered at home only. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.
- Class 3 & 4 are going with the Countryside Learning team to Blakey Ridge on Tuesday and a letter should have been received by all parents and carers with information as to what they need. At the moment, the forecast is not great so please ensure the children are well prepared for wet weather.
- Class 2 parents and carers should also have all received information about their exciting Forest School Trip to Gilling next Wednesday.
- Mr Smith has again been selected as an LEA moderator for writing and has spent today moderating two primary schools.
- Miss Pearce has completed Early Years Foundation training this week.
- Mr Smith and Mrs Jordan have completed Early Careers in schools training.



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Please take part in Lateral Flow Testing

Taking a lateral flow COVID-19 test twice a week, even if you do not have symptoms, will help school to prevent any potential outbreak and also 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> or you can pick them up from many local pharmacies <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-covid-19-test-if-you-dont-have-symptoms>.



Parent Pay – end of term accounts

As we approach the end of term, please ensure your Parent Pay accounts are paid up to date to assist with our end of academic year accounts. It will save us a lot of administration if accounts are in credit and there is no debt at the end of term! 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.



Go Green with the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Children can once again sign up for the North Yorkshire Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes and is all about nature and looking after the planet. The challenge is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Wild World Heroes medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 10th July until Sat 11th Sept. There will also be a fantastic programme of online activities to go with the challenge – whilst there will be some pre-recorded activities available on the @nycclibraries Facebook page, many of the activities will require bookings to be made via eventbrite (see attached flyer) Some libraries may be able to have events in the library, depending on Covid restrictions – just ask at your local branch.



FOSS

2021 Duck Race - The Duck Race is planned to take place after the School Sports Day on Thursday 22nd of July. Depending upon the Covid-19 rules in place at the time, we are hoping to have a few stalls along with a BBQ and refreshments, and of course the release of the ducks into the beck.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SELL DUCKS!

- Each child has been handed a Duck Race sponsor form in school, please try to fill your sheet - there is a prize for the highest school fundraiser! The deadline for handing in your form and money is Monday 19th July.
- We still need volunteers to sell ducks on our stall, if you able to spare a couple hours on a Saturday morning or run a local business that could host a stall please get in touch and email us on friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk. Any volunteers or suggestions would be very much appreciated.

Slingsby School Tea Towel and Tote Bag - Thank you to all those who have pre-ordered tea towels and

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tote bags, we will be in touch with more details soon.

Pre-loved uniform Sale – Thank you to all those who visited our stall on The Green last Friday. If you are looking for uniform we still have stock, a list of items will be available on the FOSS page of the school’s website from Monday the 5th July, please get in touch and email us on friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to place an order. Don’t forget you can follow us on Facebook @friendsofslingsbyschool for all the latest updates on our fundraising events.



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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