



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 15th July 2021

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Message from Mrs Metcalfe

To the Children, Parents, Families and Staff in the community of Slingsby C P School.

I wished to say a huge and heartfelt thank you for the beautiful gifts, letters and cards. Mr Metcalfe and I were very touched by the generosity of you all and the words written were frankly very emotional! I can only repeat that it has been a pleasure and privilege working for you all and when I think of the school that I arrived at in 2013 I feel very proud of all that we have achieved together. Slingsby is an outstanding school and I hope in the future that policies and boundaries change and that the recognition that the school deserves is awarded officially. I will feel very honoured to have played a part in that journey. The easiest thing in the world would have been for me to come back, the hardest was making the decision that it was time to hang up my plimsolls! I am very secure in the knowledge that I leave behind an exceptional group of people who work tirelessly for you and your children and am confident that the ethos I held in my vision in 2013 will be upheld and further improved. You are in very safe and caring hands!

I wish you all the very best and I know for some if you this is not a goodbye and that we will meet again. With the kindest and warmest of love,
Mrs Metcalfe



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Message from Mr Smith

Well done to everyone for making it into school on Monday morning despite the events of Sunday night! The football has taught us many valuable lessons; it is about more than trophies, it is about the friendships made along the way, being part of a team; giving everything we can towards a common goal-not only for one event, but throughout our lives. You should always hold your head high if you have tried your very best.

We feel very fortunate that we have made it through another week remaining open when so many schools around us have had to close due to Covid. As explained last week, because of the high numbers of cases in the area we will be continuing to follow Step 3 guidance until the end of term. The decisions have been made on a fully informed basis with the advice of North Yorkshire and our Health & Safety team. We are all very much looking forward to a fun last week and thank you for your support in respectfully adhering to our rules for just a little longer.

Mr Smith



School News

- Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Flamingoland and Florios on Wednesday to celebrate the end of their time here at Slingsby School. The weather was wonderful and it was lovely to see our super Year 6's having such a great time on all the rides and hearing so much laughter! They all thoroughly enjoyed their meal at Florios and were exceptionally well-behaved throughout.
- This week is Mr Conlan's last music lessons for this year.
- Class 1 and year 6 have had their last swimming sessions today.
- We are saying a big "Goodbye and good luck!" to Mrs Scott, who is going on maternity leave next week. Thank you to Mrs Scott for her unwavering enthusiasm and hard work-especially this term-and we cannot wait to receive an exciting announcement in August when baby arrives!
- Year 6 are having their special Leaver's lunch picnic tomorrow with Mr Smith, Miss Secker and Mrs Smurthwaite.
- End of year reports will be coming out to you via email next week.
- We are very much looking forward to our Beach Days. Please respond to the letter sent out yesterday to confirm your child's lunch option or if they will be bringing lunch from home. If we do not receive confirmation by Friday, we will assume your child is having a school packed lunch. We would also be very grateful for a £6 contribution for transport which can be paid via Parent Pay. Sadly, we cannot invite parents, carers or family to join us this year as we continue to follow Step 3 of the Government Guidance and we do not have the staffing capacity to manage groups outside of our bubbles in line with our Risk Assessments.
- We will be carrying out Sports Day in our two bubbles next week and we hope that you have all received your child's team colours. If you need help with coloured t-shirts, please let us know as we have bibs that can be used. Once again, we are very sorry that we cannot invite parents, carers and families to spectate but we are trying our very best to carefully manage our last days of term as best we can for the benefit of the children, families and staff. We would be hugely grateful if you could please respect this decision and appreciate your co-operation.
- A reminder there are no after school Clubs from Tuesday next week. Simon Carson's Sport's Club will still be taking place on Monday. Breakfast Club will still take place every morning.
- Everyone will be finishing at 2pm on Friday after the Leaver's assembly.



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Parent Pay – end of term accounts

Our current debit is **£995.22**. 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! Remember that if you have credit you would like to move between clubs/payment items, please let the school office know what you would like transferring and we can do that for you. You can also set up an automatic bank transfer to keep your account items in credit and also a text reminder service to help remind you when your balance is low. Many thanks.



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>.



FOSS

2021 Duck Race

As detailed in last week's newsletter, the Duck Race will run as planned with a small number of volunteers releasing the ducks after school on Thursday 22 July. More than ever we need your continued support for our biggest fundraiser and ask that you sell as many ducks as possible with all forms and money to be returned to school by **Monday 19th July**. Don't forget there is a prize for the highest school fundraiser and a £50 prize for the first duck under the beck bridge, so help us make this Duck Race a 'quacker'!

2021 Tea Towels & Tote Bag Pre-Orders

Thank you again for all your pre-orders. We are now asking for payment to be made to our FOSS bank account detailed below. We are expecting our orders to arrive early next week so we will have a table on the Green on Wednesday 21 July and Friday 23 July after school so that you can collect your items. Please make sure all payments are received by **Monday 19th July** and simply email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk if you are unsure of how much you need to pay.

Account name: **Friends of Slingsby CP School**

Account number: **3542 2341**

Sort code: **05-05-70**

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



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Pupil Voice: Some of the things our Year 6's said about their day out on Wednesday

I loved it so much! My favourite ride was Kamali because it was fun doing it with my friends and teachers. I also liked the motorbikes! So a massive 'Thank you!' to Mr. Smith, Miss. Secker, Mrs. Smurthwaite and FOSS.

I really enjoyed Flamingo Land and my favourite ride was the animal ferris wheel. We named a Baboon 'Bob' (after Bob Marley) and the Red Panda 'Squishy.' At Florios, I got spaghetti bolognese and After Eight ice cream. I loved our trip – Thank you FOSS.

Flamingo Land was fantastic – from the crazy rides, to the cutes animals! I really enjoyed this Year 6 trip and I had a great time. My favourite part was trying my first ever ride: 'The Hero', but a close second would be getting soaking wet. I even thought the coach was fun, with its LED lights and soft chairs.

The best part about Flamingo Land is probably the rides and getting over your fears. It got me over my fears because I did not want to go one on ride at first but I want to go on them all now! Florios do the best pizza and chocolate cake ever!

My favourite ride was 'Velocity' because it was really quick and went over 50mph! Thank you FOSS for an amazing day!

Before I went to Flamingo Land, I had never been on a rollercoaster and I got the chance to go on one called Kamali. It was quite scary I was very proud of myself after going on it. My favourite animal was the giraffe. I really love them and it was nice seeing them in real life. At Florios it was really nice having a meal with my friends and school teachers, out of school.



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