



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th July 2021

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Message from Mr Smith – Important Update

Despite the Government announcements this week regarding the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, we have received advice from the Department of Education that schools may continue with the current guidance to the end of term. We are still awaiting our Local Authority specific guidance but we have held discussions with our NYCC Health and Safety Advisors and together we have taken the decision that Slingsby School will not lift any rules or change any systems before the end of term. Over 100 North Yorkshire schools have closed bubbles in the last week due to the local rise in Covid-19 positive cases and we wish to do all we can to prevent a closure before the end of term.

Our priority is the education and wellbeing of the children and I am sure none of us wish to go back to isolating and home learning before the end of term, or at the beginning of the holidays if we can avoid it!

With regards to forthcoming events, as you know from our 'Key Dates' lists and recent correspondence we had hoped to have as normal an end of term as possible with parents and carers attending. However, it is clear from speaking with our NYCC H&S Officer that to host events with large groups of adults would be an irresponsible course of action considering the significant rise in coronavirus cases in the area.

Therefore, it is our intention to proceed with our Year 6 leaver's events, beach days, KS1 and KS2 Sports Days as per our Key Dates, but regrettably with no parents or carers in attendance- the exception being the Leaver's assembly on the last day of term, where Year 6 parents/carers will be invited (letter to follow) and the other classes in the school will be joining via a live feed on the Microsoft Teams platform. We will take photographs of the events which will be posted onto the Class Dojo accounts for you to see.

We understand that you may be as disappointed as we are with some of these decisions, and we have not made them lightly. However, we have a responsibility to do all we can to keep our whole community safe and well. Our goal is to give the children a well-deserved, fantastic end of term with their friends!

We would be hugely grateful if you could work with us to be extra vigilant in these last weeks. Please avoid coming to school if you or your children are showing any possible symptoms, take regular lateral flow tests and a PCR test if appropriate, continue with regular handwashing and maintain social

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distancing outside of school. It remains a legal requirement to isolate if you have a positive lateral flow result or if anyone you have been in contact with has tested positive.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Mr Smith



School News

- We are delighted to announce the recruitment of Mrs McCandless and Mrs Robshaw as Teaching Assistants working in Class 1 and Class 2 from September. We are very much looking forward to them joining our fabulous team!
- We have passed our annual Health & Safety visual inspection this week with NYCC.
- Class 3 & 4 enjoyed a damp but brilliant day with the Countryside Alliance on Blakey Ridge on Tuesday learning all about the North Yorkshire Moors. The children learnt about the management of the heather, trapping unruly predators, treating sheep for ticks, putting out fires, tasting game and the Mountain Rescue team.
- Class 2 had an exciting day at Gilling Forest School on Wednesday where they explored the Friendship Forest, made dens for their blobsters using natural materials from the forest floor, enjoyed the opportunity to play in the mud kitchen and also got to use a rope pulley system. They also turned their hand to willow craft making wands, stars, dream catchers and broomsticks and finished the day sat around the fire pit.
- Miss Pearce has undertaken Module 3 of Principles into Practice this week.
- Mr Smith has attended a Pupil Premium schools update.
- Class 1 and Year 6 will be having their last swimming session next Thursday.
- Staff will be presenting Mrs Metcalfe with the cards and retirement gifts bought with the very kind donations from everyone this evening. We will include photographs in next week's newsletter.



Menu Change – w/c 12 July 2021

County Caterers are having a Seaside Promotional Day next Thursday so the menu will be Battered Fish, Chipped Potatoes, Peas and Bread followed by a Doughnut Muffin. Friday's menu will change to Pasta Bolognese with Crunchy Vegetable Sticks and bread, followed by Fruit Gingerbread.



School Clubs & End of Term early finish

There will be no after school clubs or Chill Club for the last week of term due to all the events happening that week, together with staff meetings and end of term administration. Breakfast club will continue. Everyone will be finishing at 2pm on the last day of term.



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.



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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>.



Summer programme for FSM children

The Department for Education is providing local authorities with funding to coordinate a holiday programme offer combining provision of healthy food and enriching activities for free school meal eligible children and young people. You can find out more about the HAF programme in a brilliant video starring Marcus Rashford MBE <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDgm8KpXAXE>. The County Council has commissioned North Yorkshire Together, a partnership between Rural Arts, North Yorkshire Sport and North Yorkshire Youth, as lead provider for the programme which will be branded as FEAST. The activity sessions will be available to all children and young people in North Yorkshire, but will be free to families eligible for benefits related free schools meals (FSM). Letters will be sent out with details before the end of term



Feedback from SEND families

We are working in partnership with Parent carer voice, and local Clinical Commissioning groups to develop a joint strategy for North Yorkshire that covers education, health and care, for children and young people with SEND up to the age of 25 years. The Council for Disabled Children is hosting online events starting w/c 28 June and there will be sessions to enable young people and families to give their feedback. Please look out for updates.



Go Green with the Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Remember to sign up to the North Yorkshire Summer Reading Challenge. 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.



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2021 Duck Race

Due to the increase in local Covid-19 cases, we will unfortunately be unable to host the BBQ and attractions as planned, however the duck race will still go ahead with a small number of volunteers releasing the ducks into the beck on Thursday 22nd July. We will film the event and contact the prize

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winners shortly after, with the footage added to our social media pages if possible.

So more than ever, we need your help to sell as many ducks as possible! Don't forget, there is a prize for the highest school fundraiser so please try and fill your sheet. If you need more, let us know as we can easily provide you with additional sheets. The deadline for handing in your form and money into school is Monday 19th July.

2021 Tea Towel & Tote Bag Pre-Orders

Thank you to everyone who placed a pre-order, we've had a wonderful response! The final artwork has been approved and we know you will absolutely adore the self-portraits each child has completed (and the school team too!). The supplier has confirmed the delivery window will see us receive the items in the last week of school so we can now ask all families who have placed a pre-order to make their payment direct to the Friends of Slingsby CP School bank account, details as follows. If you are unsure of how much you need to pay, please email the team at our hotmail account. Details of how we will distribute the items will be included in next week's newsletter.

Account name: Friends of Slingsby CP School
Account number: 3542 2341
Sort Code: 05-05-70
Reference: Tea Towel

Pre-loved uniform

If you are looking for uniform we do have stock, a list of items will be available on the FOSS page of the school's website, please get in touch and email us on friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to place an order.

Double donation week with Easyfundraising

When shopping online you really can make such a difference to the amount of money donated to school when you shop online via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and this week they are running their double donation week when you shop with selected retailers. The website and app are free to use, simply select Friends of Slingsby School as your chosen charity then click on any of the huge range of retailers linked to their website and shop as normal.

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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