



SLINGSBY C.P. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th February 2022

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Message from Mr Smith

You should have all received my letter this morning which confirms we are returning to bubbles for the rest of this half term because of the eight new cases we have had in school this week. There was a government announcement yesterday that some rules are no longer going to be enforced from February 24th, so we await guidance from the DFE and NYCC and will communicate any new systems to you before we return to school after the half-term break. In the meantime, please continue to lateral flow if you are a close contact, as this is really helping us all to protect those we love and care for.

It is Children's Mental health week and Safer Internet Week this week so the children have been focusing on these topics in their PSHE lessons. We have all really enjoyed some calming wellbeing sessions-with relaxing music in the background; yoga lessons and we have been busy creating posters for school from our discussions.



School News

- The first Choir Club session took place on Monday and was really well attended. The children really enjoyed learning a song from Zimbabwe and vocal gymnastic activities.
- Please note that from after half term, our Thursday 3.30-4.30pm club will be changing from 'Nature Club' to 'Well-being Club'; led by the teachers. This will include activities such as Yoga and mindfulness colouring, amongst other fun and relaxing activities. Booking forms for next half term's clubs will be out next week.
- SCSS multi-sports Club on a Monday 3.30-4.30pm will be changing to Football Club next half term.
- Class 1 will be starting their six week swimming course after half term on a Thursday morning and a letter will be coming out to parents and carers before the end of the week with further details.
- Our Health and Safety advisor from NYCC undertook a thorough Premises Inspection on Wednesday and we are pleased to confirm we passed!
- All the staff completed the compulsory Fire Awareness, Manual Handling and Working at Heights training last night.
- PC Jane Jones is coming in tomorrow to speak to the children regarding the Mini Police.
- Please be advised that there has been a case of headlice in Class 2 so please check your children's hair carefully and follow the NHS guidance on treating headlice.
- There have been a few instances recently where party invitations or sweets have been handed out by pupils in class time. We are more than happy to help facilitate the children's birthday celebrations but we kindly ask that you give any invitations or gifts to the teacher on the door in a

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morning to be handed out at the end of the school day as otherwise it causes much discussion, excitement and disruption! Many thanks.



Debt Owed

There is a current debt on Parent Pay of **£610.53** due for meals and clubs.

As a result of this continuous amount of debt, we are reviewing our booking and paying systems to ensure payment is made before a place is booked. It takes up a huge amount of administration time calculating individual debt, sending text reminders and having to instigate our debt collection process which we really do not enjoy doing. All meals and clubs should be paid for in advance and there should always be credit on your Parent Pay items that you use regularly.

You can set up an automatic bank transfer to keep specific payment items in credit at all times and you can also set up a text reminder service to remind you when your balance reaches a chosen amount.



FOSS News

Spring-time lamb competition - Join us at our pop-up stall on the green this Friday, the 11th of February at school pick-up. We will be hosting our new lambing competition - guess the total number of lambs to be born by the 1st of April out of a flock of 220, the entry with the correct total will receive a Easter hamper packed with delicious Easter themed treats, entries are £2 per guess. There will also be guess the number of sweets in a jar, with the winner receiving a huge jar of sweets! And there will be baked items for sale too. See the attached leaflet for more details.

Donations of baked items for our stall would be very much appreciated, please get in touch with us for further information.

FOSS meeting - We are holding a meeting this Friday at 2pm in the Chapel rooms to discuss upcoming fundraising events including the Scarecrow competition and Jubilee celebrations. If anyone is interested in volunteering or would like to find out more about FOSS this would be a great introduction, you don't have to join the committee to provide support. We always need LOTS of help and ideas!

Pre-loved uniform - We have pre-loved uniform in stock, a list of items is available on the FOSS page of the school's website. We are always happy to take donations, if you have pre-loved uniform that you would like to donate please leave at school for the attention of FOSS or get in touch and email us on friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to place an order.



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