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Dear families,

This week has flown by! It has been great to see all of the children so settled and enjoying their first full week in the classroom. Throughout the week, there has been a great deal to see!

Our new Explorers have been settling in well and each time I have visited, they have been busy enjoying the different areas of their new classroom. Once again, it has been lovely to see those children who have already been in Explorers for some time make our new starters feel so welcome. Well done to them!

Pioneers enjoyed their very first PE session in the hall this week! They really impressed all of the teachers with just how well they did (including getting changed!) In the classroom, the children have also been creating their own house, using huge sheets of cardboard. They cut out windows, doors and even a letterbox. It looked like so much fun!

Adventurers have been sharing the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. When I visited on Wednesday with Mrs Kellerman, our Chair of Governors, we were so impressed by how hard everyone was working on their writing, which was focused on including speech marks. We were particularly impressed with our Year 1 children, who have settled beautifully into their new classroom. Great work!

It was a very noisy, but fun, afternoon on Thursday in Discoverers. From my office, I heard lots of noise and commotion, as the children were exploring sounds. It was really great to hear the children being so practical and hands on with their activity! This week, the children also began to explore the story of the 'Minpins'. I know that there are lots of fun activities planned to explore this further in the coming weeks.

Children in Leaders class have been working hard on non-chronological reports (information texts) this week. The children have been unpicking and exploring different features, as well as starting to write their own texts. The children have also told me that they are really excited to write their own reports about a Yorkshire attraction. We can't wait to see what they produce!

I also wanted to make a special mention to our older children and the huge amount of support and help they have given to our new starters over the last few days. It has been commented on by a number of different staff that their perseverance and patience with the new children has been amazing. Well done and thank you to them.

Well done to all in Team Sleights! What a great week!

Sirius naming ceremony

On Thursday, we were delighted to find out that Joe, Isaac, Owen and Freddie from Leaders Class had been chosen as winners in a competition. Sirius Minerals asked school children from the local area to name a piece of their new mine shaft machinery and the boys' name was chosen. The group decided that Bessy was the perfect name for the machine, as it has a meaning of "God's promise" The children wanted the workers of the machinery to always be safe and protected and the team at Sirius agreed that Bessy was the perfect name for this!

On Thursday afternoon, the boys revealed the machine's name to television cameras and radio interviews, as well as a rather large crowd of workers. The celebrities for the day were total superstars and spoke so well to the media and Sirius staff. They were a total asset to the school and made Miss Stubbs and I incredibly proud. The story will be shared across a range of news stations. Well done boys!

New website launched today! www.sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk

After such a long wait, today our new website is finally launched! A great deal of work has been done behind the scenes to make sure a range of useful information is available to all. Please do also check back regularly, as on a fortnightly basis, each class will write and publish their own blogs. We hope this will give you a chance to see what the children have been up to. These will be found under the 'Class' tab across the top of the page.

Attendance update for this week

As you know, we are continually striving to improve our attendance. Therefore, each week, I will now be providing updates about attendance in each class. The class with the highest attendance each week will receive a class treat. This will be shared in Collective Worship on a Friday.

Whole school attendance ★	Pioneers attendance ★	Adventurers attendance	Discoverers attendance ★	Leaders attendance
97.1%	100%	95.7%	100%	93.7%

As a school, we are working towards a whole school target of 96%. Well done to Pioneers and Discoverers for full attendance!

Open afternoon

Just a reminder that on Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30pm, we will be opening the doors to give you the opportunity to see how well your child has settled in. Please meet at the side gates where children come in on a morning and a member of staff will let you in from there. We look forward to seeing you then!

Bags in school

Due to our very small cloakrooms, it is becoming a little tricky to store so many big bags! Can I ask that children bring a bag that is of a suitable size, as a number of children are bringing huge rucksacks, with only their reading (or similar) Your support with this really would be most appreciated. Thank you.

Diary Dates

A copy of the autumn term diary dates will be coming home today with this newsletter. I will also upload this to the website.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

We will, once again, be opening our doors for the MacMillan Coffee afternoon on Friday 28th September. We hope you can come and support this worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your support.

Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason
Headteacher