

Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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Working together to be happy; to flourish; to succeed through our Christian Values of perseverance, respect and trust.

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Dear families,

The change in the weather has certainly started to show that the winter months are on the way! The wind and rain has certainly not been pleasant, so, as ever, it has been lovely to walk around and see our children happy in their learning. Gemma Kellerman (our Chair of Governors) and I showed a visitor around Sleights on Tuesday afternoon and we were all incredibly impressed to see such focused, hardworking and engaged learning taking place.

In Explorers this week, the children have been bringing the outside inside, by using natural materials for painting. There has been an abundance of leaves, sticks, conkers and bark used to paint and print. It looked really great fun and the children produced some super work. Well done, Explorers!

Our Pioneers have been exploring feelings and emotions this week. It has been excellent to see and hear some great discussions with expressions made by the children. The photographs of these are quite brilliant! We are incredibly proud of the great way every Pioneer has started their time at Sleights so far. Great work!

Adventurers have been busy writing this week and creating descriptions. During the week, I have seen a word bank build up on the English working wall. It is great to see the children having a real ownership in their work and for their ideas to be seen for all to share. I am really excited to read their finished pieces of writing and discover lots of the great words from the word bank being used!

On Monday morning, I really enjoyed teaching Discoverers class! We worked together to develop our descriptive writing and use a range of techniques to help us do this. The children have been reading Roald Dahl's 'The Minpins', which explores a story in a forest – the perfect text to use alongside activities in our very own forest!

To help them create some exciting writing, we are keen that the children get some real hands on experiences. With this in mind, the children in Leaders class have also been exploring the forest. The children will use these experiences to help them plan a non-chronological report to share information about the site. I can't wait to read them!

Thank you and well done to everyone for another great week at Sleights!

Our Christian Values

To celebrate and recognise examples of Christian Values in action, each week we will be giving one child from each class a 'Values Award' in collective worship. The certificate will congratulate children for living out our school vision and our chosen values of **perseverance, respect and trust**.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

We will, once again, be opening our doors for the MacMillan Coffee afternoon on Friday 28th September. We will be welcoming families from 2pm and children will be able to be collected from the classrooms to enjoy a cake with you in the hall. If you wish to donate any cakes, please bring them along on the morning of the Friday 28th. We will be very grateful for any support with this.

New website www.sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk

Just to remind all families that the new school website is now live. We are very proud of it. Please do keep visiting the class pages to see the children's activities on our regular blogs.

Open afternoon

A huge thank you to the many families who were able to join us for our open afternoon on Tuesday. It was brilliant to see so many children working alongside their families and showing their great work to them. In many classes, almost all families were able to join us. This is staggering! Thank you for your continued support.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 5th October at St. John's Church. The service will start at 9.30am and we would be delighted to see many families join us. As in previous years, we are requesting donations for the Whitby Foodbank. The donations can be brought into school and we would be grateful to receive any of the following items:

meat in sauce, hot dogs, meatballs, noodles, rice, pasta, spaghetti, baked beans, soups, sugar, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, instant mash, tinned corned beef or ham, tinned tuna, salmon, tinned meat pies, mixed veg, peas carrots, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, breakfast cereals, biscuits, snack bars, tinned fruit.

'Fortnite'


I am sure, like me, many of you will have heard about the game 'Fortnite' and the hype around it. Around school, this is discussed at length and on a daily basis by the children. However, I must stress that this game is not suitable for any child at Sleights (the age restriction is 12). I have heard of children as young as Reception age playing this! In addition, there are studies now emerging to show that excessive play on the game is having a negative impact on children, including causing some to form an addiction. Please could all families consider this and put some thought to its use at home.





Food in school

Just a reminder that we are a healthy school and, therefore, packed lunches and any snacks sent to school should be in line with this.

Attendance update

Our unauthorised absence this week, including holidays totalled 2.4%.

Whole school attendance so far this year:	96.9% 	Target for whole school attendance this year:	96%
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Whole school attendance this week	Pioneers attendance this week	Adventurers attendance this week	Discoverers attendance this week	Leaders attendance this week
96.8% 	97.6% 	93.6%	99.3% 	96.9% 

A huge well done to Pioneers, Discoverers and Leaders for securing above 96% attendance this week!

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great (but probably very soggy!) weekend with your families.

Scott Grason
Headteacher