

# 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,

There has been such a buzz around school this week! As ever, the whole school has been a total hive of activity. On Thursday morning, children from across the whole school worked together to make bread loaves for our harvest festival. The activity was led by the wonderful Mrs Taylor (Olivia and Emily's grandma). The children plaited five loaves together to represent the five classes of Sleights. It looked absolutely brilliant! Thank you to Mrs Taylor! What a superstar.

Explorers Class have been working really hard this week. When I visited earlier in the week, Ellie told me that they were "all very busy!" and they certainly were! The children have been listening to different sounds and matching them to pictures and objects. The children have also been thinking about things that make them happy. I was really pleased to hear that the children said school! We are so happy that you are here too, Explorers!

On Monday, our Pioneers visited St. John's Church. When they arrived, they were greeted by Mrs Vicar, who showed them around and talked about the different areas of the building. The children were fascinated by what they saw. A lightning rod that once sat on the roof of the church particularly caught their attention! Back in school, with the help of Mrs Taylor (our Sleights Superstar!), the children now have a Mrs Vicar puppet that they can use in the classroom. Well done, Pioneers!

Adventurers have been writing their own autumn poems this week. These have also been typed on the computer and some were shared in the Harvest Festival. The children created some excellent description and really painted a picture in the reader's mind of wonderful autumn scenes. Great work, Adventurers!

This week, Discoverers Class have been using their classroom reflection space to think about different rules that could be made to change the world. There were some really thoughtful and engaging responses from the children. It certainly got them thinking!

Our Leaders this week have been busy in the forest. On Thursday, they spent time creating materials to make lanterns for our Harvest Service. These were used to decorate the church and, I am sure you will agree, looked beautiful! Well done and thank you to Leaders for taking a part of Sleights into our Church!

Great work again, Team Sleights!

Do remember to keep visiting the school blogs (viewed on the website on each class page) to see the great work of Sleights in action!

## **Art work installation**

Wednesday evening was somewhat of a frantic one, as the art work the children have been working so hard on for a number of weeks was installed. A huge shout out to Mr Overall, who did a terrific job of securing the art work. Whilst there are a few 'finishing touches' to add, we are really happy with the work that has been produced and very proud of our wonderful children's efforts. Please pop into the hall to see this and our other displays, focused on our Christian values.

### Attendance update

Our unauthorised absence this week, including holidays totalled **0.4%**.

<b>Whole school attendance so far this year:</b>	96.7% ★	<b>Target for whole school attendance this year:</b>	96%
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<b>Whole school attendance this week</b>	<b>Pioneers attendance this week</b>	<b>Adventurers attendance this week</b>	<b>Discoverers attendance this week</b>	<b>Leaders attendance this week</b>
95.3%	97.6% ★	96.0% ★	94.3%	94.4%

Well done to Pioneers and Adventurers, who were in school for at least 96% last week!

### Mr Gilpin

We are so lucky to have such great families who support us at Sleights, but, this week, I really wanted to say a huge thank you on behalf of all of Sleights to Mr Gilpin (Noah and Seth's dad) Over the summer holidays, Mr Gilpin volunteered his time and worked tirelessly to create new fencing for our Early Years unit. He did a brilliant job! So good in fact, we begged him to come back and do a bit more! This week, he has helped create new windows in our outside shelter (do go and have a look - it's behind Kids' Club!) When I was somewhat panicked on Wednesday evening when our new artwork was being installed in the hall, Mr Gilpin was able to provide us with some tools to get the job done. We are all so grateful to him for everything he has done and want to say a huge THANK YOU to him!

### Harvest Festival

Thank you to all families who could join us for our Harvest Festival this morning. I am sure you will agree, the children did a terrific job with their readings, singing and showing how working together at harvest time can help others flourish and succeed. Certainly the donations brought in for the foodbank show this. There is still time to donate! 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.

### MacMillan total

The hall was jam packed on Friday afternoon, with families galore supporting our MacMillan coffee afternoon. Mrs Exelby, Mrs Creek and Miss Exelby worked really hard to make sure the event was a brilliant one and they did a great job! Thank you to them. We were very grateful for the many cakes that were also donated from families. Thank you so much for your generosity. In total, we raised £180.50, which is a brilliant amount! We are so delighted. Thank you to everyone!

### TV

After my plea for a television last week, we have been incredibly lucky and received donations from Mia's mum and Kai's mum. Thank you to these very generous families. Our children really are very lucky!

Thank you for your continued support.

Enjoy your weekend,

Scott Grason  
Headteacher