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Dear families,

At the end of a busy week, I also enjoy pausing to write the newsletter and share some of the great work of our school. It is wonderful to see so much progress being made in the classrooms and we are looking forward to sharing and discussing this with you next week at parents' evenings.

In the classrooms this week

The Explorers classroom has been converted to a doctor's surgery this week. Having seen the children show an interest in this last week, the hardworking Explorers staff redesigned the class role play area to allow the children chance to really get stuck in. When I visited, the children were dressing up, performing procedures and using the equipment. Everyone was having a great time and I think we may just have some doctors of the future on our hands! Great work, Explorers!

When visiting Pioneers, it is always so wonderful to see the children's pride in what they are doing. There is always someone who is desperate to show me something they have done, whether it's a picture, some maths, a model etc. This week, the children have been really keen to show me how their letter formation and writing has been developing. They do this with such a huge smile on their face. I know that they have also really enjoyed being given their first reading books with words in. Well done to them all!

Adventurers have been writing postcards this week, as part of our whole school topic on letter writing. I was really impressed with the language the children were using, but also the amount of punctuation they included in their writing! It was excellent to see. The children also enjoyed a session Mr Gokool and Mrs Gurney this week (our sports and computing teachers), who both spoke really highly of how well the class did in their sessions. A super work for Adventurers!

In Discoverers, the children have been starting to develop their letters to the Whitby Gazette about our school. When I visited on Tuesday, the children were preparing their plans, with lots of different ideas and topics being discussed. The children have also been tackling a range of maths problem solving. We know this is always the trickiest area of maths, so it has been great to see the children discovering solutions and answers. Well done!

Our Leaders children represented Sleights on Wednesday at the local school athletics competition. I was so impressed to hear from the children the many stories of success that they achieved. It was great to hear them speak so positively and confidently about themselves. Overall, the children came 5th place, which is a great achievement. Many of children won a number of events, competition against schools much bigger than Sleights. As ever, the class showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Great work, Leaders.






Parents' Evening – Monday and Tuesday next week

As you know, we will be holding our parents' evenings next week. All families should have now received their appointment time. Like in previous years, we will be inviting families to the hall before their appointment for refreshments and a chance to look at the children's work. Our school governors will be on hand to chat with (and hopefully serve up some delicious cakes and scones!) I will also be around for any families who wish to speak with me. We look forward to seeing lots of families next week.

Due to parent's evening, dance, homework and art club will be cancelled next week.

Attendance update

Our unauthorised absence this week was **1.9%**. This was due to family holidays.

Whole school attendance so far this year:	96.3% 	Target for whole school attendance this year:	96%	
Whole school attendance this week	Pioneers attendance this week	Adventurers attendance this week	Discoverers attendance this week	Leaders attendance this week
96.5% 	93.9%	96.1% 	96.6% 	98.2% 

Well done to Adventurers, Discoverers and Leaders for meeting the 96% target.

Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason
Headteacher