

**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,

Waking up on Thursday to a light snow dusting across the moors was certainly somewhat of a shock after a very mild winter so far. If the forecasters are correct, we are certainly braced for some more chilly weather over the coming weeks. Bearing this in mind, I wanted to remind families of our school closure procedures.

Closing the school is always a huge decision and I am hopeful that the snow that is predicted is nowhere near as bad as last year's "beast from the east". There must always be a consideration as to whether the site itself is safe, but as a number of teaching staff also live away from Sleights, we will only open if there is a suitable number of staff in the building to keep children safe.

In the event of a school closure, we will always aim to inform families the night before (if possible) by text or early morning on the day of closure. We will always text and have the closure announced on Yorkshire Coast Radio. With this in mind, please do let us know if you have a new mobile number.

#### **In the classrooms this week**

Our busy Sleights classrooms have certainly kept everyone working hard this week! As ever, it is always a real pleasure to be able to walk around our lovely school and see great learning in action.

Our Explorers have been busy making their own resources for play this week. On Monday, the whole group worked together and identified ingredients and equipment to help them make chocolate play dough. The children each stirred the mixture and spotted that it was "sticking together". With their new mixture, the children have enjoyed making chocolate snowmen and chocolate biscuits. Sounds delicious. Great work, Explorers!

After their very successful first swimming session last week, Pioneers returned to dry land in the classroom for another busy few days. On Tuesday, the children visited the community centre again to meet our intergenerational pals. The children made some rather delicious looking sweet treats to enjoy too. In the classroom, the children have been looking at how numbers are made. Children used lots of tools to help show 'teen' numbers confidently. Well done, Pioneers!

Adventurers had a visit from the lovely Mrs Taylor (one of our school grandmas) this week. Continuing our whole school chocolate theme, the children enjoyed baking their very own cupcakes with Mrs Taylor. In our celebration assembly last week, I did complain to the children that I had heard lots of talk of eating cake and cake being made, but had not been given one. Our amazing Adventurers were listening well, as I was visited by the children on Tuesday afternoon. They brought a very delicious chocolate cupcake, complete with a shiny topping and sprinkles. Very tasty, Adventurers! Thank you to them and Mrs Taylor.

Discoverers enjoyed their first forest school session of the year this week. Braving the elements, the children tackled their maths work in the forest. The children used the natural resources and materials in the forest to become fluent in fractions. When I spoke to the children, they told me how much they enjoyed their time outside. It is always so great to see children so happy in learning. Well done to all.

The Leaders were excited to have Miss Stubbs back with them this week, after a short illness last week. The children have been working hard on adding, subtracting, multiplying **and** dividing fractions. Last week, we talked about a learning pit – the place where you can often find yourselves when things get tough. I know that our excellent Leaders have worked incredibly hard this week to dig their way out of the pit when tackling this tricky maths concept. A huge well done to them for their courage and perseverance for keeping going. Great work, Leaders!

**Congratulations, Miss Stubbs**

Over the Christmas holidays, Miss Stubbs got engaged! The whole Sleights family sends a huge congratulations to her and her new fiancé.

**Attendance update**

The attendance figures below are for the last week. Due to a holiday, our unauthorised absence was **0.7%**.

<b>Whole school attendance so far this year:</b>	95.5%	<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> ★
97.2%	95.8%	96.2%	96.5%	99.2%

Once again, it is great to see so many stars on these figures. Well done everyone!

**Kids' Club phone**

I am pleased to share that we now have a telephone for Kids' Club. This can be used to ring Wendy in case of emergency, or running late. The school office should still be used for bookings to be made, as the mobile number will only be in use during the hours of breakfast and after school club.

Please put this number into your mobile, should you ever need it: **07852 593034**

Have a great weekend with your families – make sure you wrap up warm!

Scott Grason  
Headteacher