

**Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School**  
**Ingham Close**  
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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,

This week started with a phone call to announce our SIAMS inspection. The inspection is an incredibly important one, as it recognises and considers the school's distinctiveness and special grounding as a Church school. On Thursday, we were joined by the inspector, Mr Nigel Castledine for the full day (with meetings before and after school). During the day, Mr Castledine met with children (who also led school tours), interviewed staff, scrutinised evidence and discussed the school's work with some families and governors.

The result of the inspection remains confidential until the report is published. This will be in a number of weeks. What I can say, however, is that our rapid improvement journey was celebrated and the special things that make Sleights the amazing place it is shone out. The day was a positive one.

I must say a huge thank you to our super Sleights team in all that they did in preparing for the inspection, contributions to the day and messages of love and support.

Members of our school family met with Mr Castledine to share their feedback. I felt privileged to be involved in this meeting and hear first-hand such positive feedback about our school and journey. It was incredibly humbling to hear that the investment we make is worth it and having an impact on your children. Thank you to this group of families for supporting us during the inspection.

Our school staff demonstrated their absolute commitment and dedication by their hard work, care and passion both before and during the inspection. I personally feel very lucky to be part of a team that is inspiring, caring and passionate about wanting the best for our children. Well done and thank you to them.

A special mention must also go to our Chair of Governors, Gemma Kellerman and governors Kristie Price, Rev. Jane and Mrs Vicar who, throughout the inspection, met with Mr Castledine and were grilled about the school's work.

This newsletter cannot go without recognising our fantastic children. Throughout the day, the children were superb and their behaviour was astounding. The answers they gave to questions and the information they shared was incredible. They were total superstars.

I am immensely proud to be this school's Headteacher and look forward to sharing the full report with you when it is published.

#### **Jenga – a request**

If you have any wooden blocks or Jenga sets at home that you no longer need, we would be grateful to receive them in school, please. We have some ideas about how they could be used to teach spelling/reading. Thank you!

#### **End of term arrangements**

Can I remind families that we will close for Easter on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. We will reopen on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Easter Lunch – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April – all children welcome!**





Chicken and stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli, gravy and crusty bread, followed by a chocolate Krispie nest. Sounds delicious!

**Easter Service**

All families are invited to join our Easter Service on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at St. John's (9.30am start) It will be great to see you there.

**Attendance update** – 0.0% unauthorised absence – amazing!

<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>
97.9% 	93.9%	99.2% 	99.0% 	98.2% 

Happy weekend – fingers crossed for lots of sun!

Scott Grason  
Headteacher