

Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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Dear families,

Despite the horrid weather, I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the extended weekend with their families. I am really hopeful that we see more sunshine again soon (I am keeping my fingers crossed as I write this on a very sunny Friday morning)

In the classrooms this week

It has been exciting to see the children in Explorers enjoy their new fairy tale story. When they arrived on Monday, they discovered a huge beanstalk had appeared in the corner of the classroom (complete with Jack's wellingtons hanging from the ceiling!) I know that they have had a great time retelling and hearing traditional nursery rhymes and stories.

Eggs have been the theme over the last couple of weeks in Pioneers. The children have been looking at what happened to Humpty Dumpty after the fall. This led to exploring eggs, including different sizes, colours and things that come from them. The children have been fascinated and have become incredibly knowledgeable. They have also enjoyed cracking open an egg to see what lives inside.

The Adventurers enjoyed their first swimming session last week. Upon their return to school, the children told me how much they enjoyed splashing in the water. Some even tackled the big pool and were so proud of this achievement. Great work Adventurers.

It was great to teach Discoverers on Wednesday. The children are looking at alternative versions of fairy tales and are using the backdrop of 1920s New York for the story of New York. As part of this work, the children looked at Art Deco design and spent time on Wednesday designing their own patterns, complete with their names illustrated in a Deco style. They made some impressive results.

I also enjoyed teaching Leaders on Wednesday afternoon. We explored the use of videos to help us develop our comprehension understanding. We looked at a popular music video and a short story called "Treasure". Throughout, we identify key points, developed our thinking and shared some excellent and insightful ideas. What great and mature children we have!

Please do visit our school website and see each Class Blog in action.

SATs assessments

Just a reminder, that the Year 6 SATs will take place next week. These tests are completed across the country and are used by the government in a number of ways. For us in school, however, we know that these tests are not a true measure of our very special children. They do not celebrate individual talents, skills or interests. They don't act as a record of all of the happy memories from primary school. We know that the children and staff have worked hard in preparation for the tests and we want to thank them for this. However, most importantly, we just want to say "Do your best and make yourselves proud!" We know how great our children are and do not need a test result to give us this information.

To make sure the week is calm and relaxed, all year six children are invited into school at 8.30am each morning next week (not Friday) for a free breakfast with friends. We have also given them homework this weekend. It's to make sure they relax, have fun and hopefully enjoy the sunshine. I am sure everyone will enjoy completing these homework tasks!

Information about events in the area:

Whitby Lions Colour Run

The Whitby Lions will be once again holding their 'Rainbow Colour Run' this year. The event takes place on Sunday 7th July on Whitby Beach (1pm start). The cost for an adult or over 12 is £15, under 12s is £10, or £30 for a family of four. The entry cost includes t shirt and sunglasses.

Mulgrave Castle Open Gardens

Sunday 19th May 2019 (1pm – 5pm). Entry cost of £4 and will include access to the gardens, music, stalls and more.

"All Stars" Cricket Coaching

Register online at www.allstarscricket.co.uk for cricket coaching on a Friday evening (starting at 6.00pm on the 10th May) Cost and more information on the website.

Whitby Music Centre Open Morning

This event will take place on 11th May at Eskdale School between 9.30am and 12.15pm.

Attendance update

The update below is for the last week:

0.2% unauthorised absence (1 child)

Whole school attendance so far this year:	95.7%	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 ★
98.5%	98.6%	98.6%	98.3%	98.5%

Happy Friday!

Scott Grason
Headteacher