

Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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Dear families,

It has been so lovely to see the sun shining this week. Let's hope it's here to stay! I am sorry that I have been unable to see many of you on the gate this week, as preparation for the Year Six SATs happened in this time instead. I look forward to resuming my usual spot next week!

In the classrooms this week

It has been great to see the Explorers out and about in the sunshine this week. On Wednesday, they decided to go explore the school site to hunt for signs of nature. This was an adventure linked to the setting of this week's fairy tale, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Whilst out and about, they came across different leaves, insects and trees. The children were fascinated by these and ticked off the different things they saw. Excellent exploring, Explorers!

The fairy tale theme continued in Pioneers this week, with the children continuing to explore the story of Little Red Riding Hood. When I visited on Thursday, it was great to see the children writing their own story map of the different characters and settings in the Little Red Riding Hood tale. I was particularly impressed with the great efforts that the children were making to spell the words correctly.

The Adventurers were having a great time when I visited on Thursday afternoon. When approaching the classroom, I could hear a range of noises coming from inside. The children were having such an excellent time and told me how they were learning about music and creating their own pieces. It was great to see them using correct musical notation and names to help them compose. It looked like lots of fun for everyone!

The Discoverers took advantage of the great weather on Thursday when they also went exploring the site for bugs and insects. I was fascinated to see some of the children dancing on the spot to try and tempt worms up! The children used tools to help them view and measure the insects, before identifying them back in the classroom. Some children said they were quite attached to theirs and hoped they could keep them as a pet!

After a week of SATs, the Leaders enjoyed some down time on Thursday by getting outside and enjoying the sunshine. They were really excited to put up the school tepee, which you may remember was kindly funded by the Whitby Lions last year. The children enjoyed sharing their experiences of SATs with the Year 5s, as well as tackling some team building challenges. Well done to them all.

SATs assessments

A huge well done to our 24 year six children who completed their SATs assessments. Each morning, they arrived calmly in school and enjoyed breakfast and a relaxing start to the day. During the tests themselves, the children again showed great confidence and were calm and focused throughout. It was such a pleasure to see. We are all very proud of the individual efforts of every child in Year 6 and want to thank them for all of their hard work. A big thank you must also go to Miss Stubbs and the Year 6 team for their hard work and efforts too.

Further down the school in Year 2, our children have also been tackling some of their SATs. Just like the Year 6s, our Y2s enjoyed some toast before tackling the papers. There are still some to go next week, but we wanted to say well done to the children for what they have achieved so far. We are very proud and wish them luck for next week. Again, a big thank you to Mrs Roe and the team for their hard work too!

Well done Team Sleights!

Class Update – September 2019

Due to rising numbers at Sleights and the desire to keep class sizes small, the decision has been made to have an additional class next year. This will take the total number, including Explorers (Pre-School) to six. Further details in terms of where staff will be teaching will be released when it is confirmed, but I wanted to keep all families up to date with this new class information. An advert to recruit a new teacher for the additional class will be released soon and the interview process will take place in a couple of weeks. Please do speak to me if you have any questions about this.

Information about events in the area:

Animation Workshops – this weekend

Saturday 18th May 2019 (10-12pm and 1-3pm) at Whitby Library. Book in advance for £2 per person

“Fab Family Felt Making” – this weekend

Sunday 19th May 2019 (10-12pm and 1-3pm) at Whitby Library. Book in advance for £2 per person.

Mulgrave Castle Open Gardens – this weekend

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

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.



Correct Kit

Can I please urge that all children have the correct kit for PE sessions. This should include a set of indoor and outdoor shoes. Some families are also concerned about verrucas being spread at the swimming pool. With this in mind, please could any child with a verruca wear a sock to prevent this. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance update

The update below is for the last week:

Our unauthorised absence was 2.0%. This was a result of three children being on holiday.

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
95.9%	98.6% 	98.6% 	95.3%	92.8%

Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason
Headteacher