

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,

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year. I hope everyone had an excellent holiday and enjoyed the very lovely weather!

In the classrooms this week

The children in Pioneers have enjoyed using cereals to practise their 'pincer' skills. When I visited earlier in the week, a range of different cereals and textures had been put out for children to use tweezers to move and play with. There was such determination and perseverance in action!

Pioneers have been wolf hunting again this week. Even after one week away, they are still incredibly fascinated and motivated to find a wolf friend. They have been down to the forest to discover a letter from Mr Wolf. They were asked to build him a home and give him some food. They kindly obliged, baking their very own raisin bread. So much excitement!

In Adventurers, the children have been learning about sequencing. When I visited during maths, the children were working hard to complete sequences with rather tricky missing numbers. It was impressive to see the children use resources around the room to help them work independently and with little support. Fantastic focus.

Discoverers enjoyed some story planning this week. As part of our twisted fairy tale writing, the children have been looking at familiar stories and adding their own modern twist. We had Jack climbing sky scrapers, and tales set in downtown New York. All very exciting stuff! I can't wait to read the finished pieces.

Finally, in Leaders, the children were also incredibly excited to be planning their own twisted fairy tales. Using the story of Snow White, the children have been planning and twisting this tale into something rather gruesome. I have to say, I felt very sorry for poor Snow White, but know the children had a great time being gory.

Sports Day - Next Thursday

We are hopeful that the sun will be shining next Thursday afternoon for our sports day. We are inviting all families and friends to join us on the field at 1.30pm.

We have listened to feedback from last year and hope that our sports day format offers everyone fun, competition and a chance to develop sportsmanship. We will host sports day in the same way as last year, offering children a chance to move around fun activities and gain points in a team. However, unlike last year, these groups will be made up of school families, so that parents and other family members can see all of their children working together and flourishing. In our practise on Thursday, it was really very lovely to see excellent teamwork and sportsmanship being developed.

To provide competition against friends, all children will then have the opportunity to race against others from their own year group. We hope this mixture of events and teams will support everyone to have a great afternoon!

Tea, coffee and refreshments will also be available.

Kids Club - moving date

As you know, we are busy making preparations for our new classroom next year. Over the half term, the Kids' Club building was painted and we are almost ready to make the final step of moving Kids' Club to its new home. We have brought the moving date forwards, so that any issues can be ironed out before September. With this in mind, next week will be the last week that Kids' Club will be in the current building.

From Monday 17th June, Kids Club will take place in the current Leaders' class (Miss Stubbs). Toys and games from the classroom will be moved over. The children will also be provided access to iPads, laptops, games in the hall and the playground and field. We are very excited by the new possibilities that this change will provide!

The football team is expanding


I am really pleased to hear that our village football team is growing. The Sleights Juniors are looking to expand and add another team for the coming season. The group are welcoming boys and girls who will be moving into Year 4, 5 or 6 to go along and have fun. The children will join either the under 10s, or newly formed under 11 side. Training takes place on Friday evening and games will take place on Sunday morning. Home games take place at the school.

For more information or to sign up, please speak to Mrs Hansell (teaching assistant in Early Years) who will be able to provide more details.

Music Group




Children aged five or over who are interested in learning to play the violin, viola or cello are invited to join the Springboard group with Sarah Hydes. The group instrumental sessions will take place on Saturday mornings between 9.45am and 10.45am at the Whish community room, the Ropery, Whitby. Sessions will cost £5 and includes the loan of an instrument.

Attendance update

The update below is for the last week of the half term. The total attendance for last half term was a brilliant  **96.6%**. Well done and thank you to everyone for making a huge effort! Let's see if we can make 96% for the whole year!

Our unauthorised absence was 1.2%. This was a result of three children being on holiday.

Whole school attendance so far this year:	95.8%	Target for whole school attendance this year:	96%
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Whole school attendance this week	Pioneers attendance this week	Adventurers attendance this week	Discoverers attendance this week	Leaders attendance this week
96.3% 	94.5%	98.9% 	94.2%	97.0% 

Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason
Headteacher