

# Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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Dear families,

The weather has certainly not been the beautiful June sunshine we would have hoped for this week! It has been dreadful! Fingers crossed for some sunshine again next week.

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

The Explorers have been "huffing and puffing" to blow houses down this week. As part of their work on The Three Little Pigs, our Explorers made their own straw, brick and wood homes before then getting Mr Big, Bad Wolf's strong breath (a hairdryer) to try blowing them all down. The children made predictions about the strongest building and really enjoyed their investigations.

After creating animal footprints with our elderly neighbours from the community centre, the Pioneers have enjoyed exploring more about the marks that are left behind on the ground. When I visited on Thursday, two sand trays had been placed on the floor. The children had such excitement when placing their feet into the cold sand and identifying the print left behind. So much joy!

In Adventurers, the children have been making connections with their English and wider curriculum work. After enjoying the story of "The Smartest Giant in Town", the children have been writing thank you cards and creating their own crowns. The children used a range of materials to make their crowns fit for a King or Queen!

Discoverers have been enjoying making and investigating pulleys and levers over the last two weeks. It has been great to watch the children develop their own ideas and create model levers as part of their Design and Technology work. The children were using a range of technical terminology when I visited on Thursday. I know that they are looking forward to using their lever knowledge to make their own toys.

Our Year 6 children visited their secondary schools for the first time this week. It is quite scary to think that they have only a few weeks left at Sleights. Also in Leaders, the children have been working hard to create stock animation with Mrs Gurney, our computing specialist teacher. The children impressed me on Wednesday with their knowledge and understanding and how confidently they were able to produce their own animation work.

### **Sports Day – Now Next Thursday**

After being rained off this week, we are hopeful that the sun will be shining again next Thursday afternoon for our sports day. We are inviting all families and friends to join us on the field at 1.30pm. If the weather is not good, we will look again at our diaries to try and find a suitable third alternative.

Tea, coffee and refreshments will also be available.

### **Summer Fair – next Friday**

We are excited to be hosting our summer fair next week. There will be games, stalls, cakes and even an archery game! We are so pleased to be able to welcome friends from "Whitby Company of Archers", who will be set up on the back field for children and families to go and have a go with the bow and arrows. A huge thank you to Olivia and Emily's grandparents for this!

We will be extremely grateful for donations of cakes on Friday morning, as well as any bottles for our bottle tombola. Bottles can be brought to school any time next week. Thank you for your support!

### **Kids' Club – moving date**

Just a reminder that today is the last day of Kids' Club in the prefab. This space will become a classroom next year.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **School Governors**

As you know, we are fortunate to have a committed and dedicated team of governors who support and lead the direction of our school. This role is entirely voluntary. This week, after a number of years of support and commitment to the school, we learnt that Mark Jones, Jo Coomber and Gail Wilson have decided to step down from the role. We are grateful for their dedication and thank them for the part they have played in making Sleights a special place to be.

### **The football team is expanding – a reminder**

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.

### **Attendance update**

The update below is for last week. This is one of the lowest recorded attendance this year!

Our unauthorised absence was a staggering 3.4%. This was a result of five children being on holiday.

<b>Whole school attendance so far this year:</b>	95.6%	<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>
90.1%	88.8%	91.1%	91.8%	88.5%

Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason  
Headteacher