

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,

The sun and heat have arrived! With talk of a heatwave this weekend, I hope that the summer weather is now here to stay.

Please could families make sure children come to school with sun cream **on** and a hat (with their name in).

Visit from the Local Authority

As you know, we regularly meet with our school advisor to review the progress that we are making. This week, our advisor spent the morning with me and visited each classroom to review the learning taking place. In addition, we met with Mrs Hann and Mrs Walker to discuss our exciting curriculum developments (more to follow in September). The Local Authority is pleased with the "strong progress" that the school is making and identified "a cohesive school community of excited pupils who were focused on their learning and were finding it interesting". A big thank you to our amazing children, supportive families and wonderful staff for making this happen.

Sleights really is a special place to be.

Reading

Reading is vital. Teaching reading, enjoying reading, talking about reading. It is all so important.

We are committed to making sure that every child loves reading and is skilled to choose exciting texts and explore them in depth. This week, I gathered the children together to review a huge collection of new books we have got in school. It was so exciting to see the children handling the books, reviewing the covers, studying the blurb, discussing their thoughts and sharing their opinions.

Our staff were also very excited! Over the summer, we will all be completing our own reading challenge, as each teacher took two of our new books away to enjoy over the six weeks. When we come back in September, we will be working with the children to share the books we have read, complete book reviews and make recommendations. We can't wait!

There has been a real buzz around the new books, summed up perfectly by a child in Year 1 who said "I just love reading!"

East Barnby

Children from Leaders are excited to spend a week at East Barnby (1st July – 5th July). Children should come to school at the normal time with all of their belongings. They will be taken to East Barnby on minibuses during the morning. They will return on Friday afternoon and can be collected from school at the normal time. We hope the weather is great for them all!

Gardening and Sports Club

Due to East Barnby, there will be no gardening or sports club next week. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

School Governors

This week, information about the two parent governor roles was shared. It has been really exciting to receive such positive feedback from so many parents who wish to stand, or are interested in the role. There has been a great deal of interest across the parent body. Our Chair of Governors, Gemma Kellerman and I are hoping to meet with each parent who expresses an interest. This is to allow prospective candidates to ask questions, but also get a good understanding of the commitment that is involved. The role of a governor is demanding and in recent years there has been a surge in terms of what is expected from this voluntary position.

Due to the volume of prospective candidates, we have agreed to extend the time period to nominate, as we want everyone to be able to make an informed decision and have the opportunity to meet with Gemma and I. The closing date will now be **Friday, 12th July**. This means that the election will now take place after the summer break. In our first week back, a list of candidates who chose to stand before Friday 12th July will be released and instructions for voting will be provided.

If you wish to ask any questions, or for an informal discussion about the role, please let me know, speak to Gemma or Mrs Stubbs in the office (who will book an appointment for you). Alternatively, drop me an email directly: headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk

A new home for Santa

It might seem a bit strange to be talking about Christmas in such sunny weather, but we are looking for a special new home for a six foot Santa model. If you think you are able to offer a special place for Santa, please speak to Mrs Smith in Kids' Club.

School Lunches

To mark the end of their time at Sleights, the Year 6s have chosen a special lunch for the whole school to enjoy on Thursday 18th July. All children are invited to join Year 6 for

Chicken Korma, Rice, Broccoli, Cauliflower and Naan Bread, followed by Chocolate Cornflake Pudding

On the final day of term the whole school will enjoy a Teddy Bear's Picnic (Friday 19th July). This will include:


Pork sausage in a homemade roll, Chips and Vegetable Bites, followed by a Chocolate Muffin.

Attendance update

The update below is for last week.

Our unauthorised absence was a 2.2%. This was a result of three children being on holiday.

Whole school attendance so far this year:	95.5%	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
95.7%	92.8%	96.3% 	97.9%	94.9%

Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason
Headteacher