

Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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Dear families,

We have had a very busy first full week in school. It has been excellent to see children settled into the full swing of the new term. Due to a technical difficulty (outside of school), we have experienced some issues with our phone line and internet connection this week. Thank you to families for helping to spread the word about this.

In the classrooms this week

The Explorers have been busy creating picture frame collages using natural objects from our own green and pleasant land. Using these handmade creations, the children have created self-portraits and shared descriptions of their own appearances.

Pioneers are really into the swing of life in Reception class. They have really explored the exciting challenges that the classroom has to offer. In the last five days alone, we have seen painting, drawing, building models, baking bread, making music, lots of writing, number work and potion making (I was even turned into a frog on Thursday!)

It has been a hive of activity in the Learners classroom this week. I have been impressed to see the children learning and playing lots in their new classroom. On Thursday afternoon, the children began to learn about laptops and how to use them. It looked like everyone was having a great time.

I saw the Adventurers outside on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Roe was telling them about the food she was having for her tea before the children raced to identify which food group it belonged to. The children were clearly very enthusiastic and all looked to be having great fun in this practical activity.

It has been lovely to teach the Discoverers this week. We had lots of fun on Wednesday whilst creating descriptions of different objects. However, the children had to keep these objects a secret, so that others could not identify them from description alone. This proved very tricky for some objects, but everyone worked really hard!

The Leaders have certainly lived up to their name this week! I have been so impressed to see their focus and maturity on every visit I have made to the classroom. It is clear to see them working with great determination, purpose and focus. What a great example, Leaders!

Go Team Sleights!

Open afternoon – This Monday!

We are looking forward to welcoming all families into school for our open classroom event this Monday. We hope that families can join us to see their children's work to date and see them settled and enjoying their learning. The side gates will be open at 2pm.

New consent forms

Please check your children's book bags for an updated consent form. This is a really important record of permissions you give in relation to data held. This consent form is updated in line with the new Data Protection regulations. Please return this as soon as possible.

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Term Dates

The autumn term event list has been sent home this week. We hope this is a helpful tool when making arrangements over the coming term. This is also shared on the school website.

Rev. Carolan leaving service

As you know, Mrs Vicar (Rev. Carolan) is retiring at the end of the month. All families are invited to join us at St. John's on Monday 23rd September at 9.30am for a special service, led by the school, to celebrate Rev. Carolan's time with us. We hope to see lots of you there!

A new face

Mrs Taylor (Miss Stubbs) is currently taking some time out from school due to a family matter. We will be welcoming a new face, Mrs Rebecca Hugill, to Sleights to cover Mrs Taylor's absence in Discoverers. We will keep all families updated about this. A separate letter has also been sent to the Discoverers' children.

Reading update

We are so excited with this week's reading developments. As you know, we will now place all children onto a colour banded collection of books. These colours will be the right level for children. As well as this book, all children now have the freedom to choose a second book that may, or may not be the same level.

This week, we have overhauled and reorganised our book collection in the library and put a coloured band on each fiction text. This means that children can easily choose books matched to their level from a huge range of choice.

We are also working on developing classroom collections, organised in the same way. The Discoverers were so excited on Wednesday when they got to stock their own library shelves with the newly banded books.

What a great reading buzz!

School website

Please do keep an eye on the school website. Each class has their own page, complete with a regularly updated blog. This is a great way to celebrate some of our great work in school – do take a look!

Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason