

Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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Dear families,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our open school afternoon on Monday. It really was fantastic to see our school so busy with friendly family faces. If you didn't get the chance to visit, please do pop in at any time to see your child/children's classroom.

The classrooms have been a hive of activity all week and it is always a really special feeling to be able to walk around each space and see a purposeful, focused and calm learning environment. Well done to our hardworking and dedicated whole school family for making Sleights such a special place.

Welcome Mrs Hugill

Thank you to all families and children who have made Mrs Hugill feel so welcome at Sleights this week. Mrs Hugill has joined the team whilst Mrs Taylor is absent. We are delighted by how quickly Mrs Hugill has settled in and it's great to see the children enjoying learning with their new teacher.

Special Lunch Menus

We are pleased to share details of two special lunches for all children to enjoy. This invitation includes those children who are usually a packed lunch.

To celebrate National Smile Week, on 3rd October 2019, the menu will include: Frankfurter sausage, curly fries, baked beans, tomato and cucumber, followed by ice cream and mandarins.

For National Curry Week, on 8th October, children can enjoy Chicken Korma, rice, sweetcorn, green beans and naan bread, followed by arctic roll and peaches.

All children are welcome to join us. If children are in Reception (Pioneers), Year 1 (Learners) or Year 2, this meal will be free. Children in Year 3 – 6 should bring £2.40 in a named, sealed envelope to the school office.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon – next Friday at 2pm

Our school doors will be open again on Friday to raise funds for a very special cause. We will be holding our annual coffee afternoon for Macmillan Cancer in the hall and would love it if you could join us. We will also be very grateful of any donations of cakes and biscuits, please. These could be brought to school on Friday morning. Thank you for your support.

This week's reading update

A huge well done to the many Sleights children who also took part in the Whitby Summer Reading Challenge. We have a big pile of certificates to hand out in school and celebrate with the children. This will take place next week.

We are hoping to increase our collection of guided reading texts with high quality books. We are currently on the lookout for donations of popular texts to add to our whole class collections and would be grateful of any you may have at home.

New consent forms

Thank you to families who have returned the new consent forms. For any still outstanding, please do return this as soon as possible.

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!

Food in school

Just a reminder that we are a healthy school and, therefore, packed lunches and any snacks sent to school should be in line with this.

Octoberfest running event

The Rotary's fun run event will take place on Sunday 13th October at Caedmon College. Entry forms are available from the school office. Each entry fee is £2.50.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival at St. John's on Monday 30th September (9.30am start) All of the children will take part in the service and we hope to see many families join us too. We, once again, will be collecting donations for the Whitby Food Bank. These can be brought to the school office and can include donations of:

meat in sauce, hot dogs, meatballs, noodles, rice, pasta, spaghetti, baked beans, soups, sugar, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, instant mash, tinned corned beef or ham, tinned tuna, salmon, tinned meat pies, mixed veg, peas carrots, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, breakfast cereals, biscuits, snack bars, tinned fruit.

School Governors – update

On Monday evening, we held our first governing body meeting of the year. We had a number of new faces at the meeting, with four new governors taking up post. Two of our new governors were put forward after vacancies became available at the end of last year. With no other candidate nominations being submitted in the time window, both Laura Williams and Vicky Gilpin were welcomed onto the governing body. We know they will make a great addition.

We also welcomed Pam Jones, our new Foundation Governor, to represent the views of the Diocese. The governing body has also been strengthened by Ben Dickinson, who brings a wealth of leadership experience to the team. Again, we know Pam and Ben will bring a great deal to the table.

The work of the school's governing body is vital and we thank all of our volunteers for the huge role they play. If you would like to know more about the governing body's work, please do speak to me or our Chair, Gemma Kelleman.

Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason
Headteacher