

Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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Dear families,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back on Monday. This term is certainly another busy one, with many events planned. Just as a reminder, the dates for our upcoming events, including Christmas, is on the website (under the Home / Calendar tab) We look forward to another great term!

This Green and Pleasant Land

The school has been a hive of environmental activity this week, as we continue to explore our curriculum topic 'This Green and Pleasant Land'. The children have been questioning why the world contains so much plastic and creating arguments to share ways they think this could be reduced.

The children in Pioneers have also enjoyed reading the story "Somebody Swallowed Stanley", a tale about plastic in the ocean. On Wednesday, the children were visited by Sophie Longhurst, whose family are campaigning to reduce plastic use and save the oceans in the local area. Check out Sophie and her families work on their Facebook page: *Samson Save the Sea Creatures* to see the Pioneers' very own Stanley whale.

This week's reading update

There continues to be a real buzz around reading at Sleights. This week, it has been great to see the children using the phonetically decodable reading books. We have worked hard to reorganise our book choice to make sure they are carefully linked to the children's phonetic understanding (sounds and how they link to letters) You will notice a new label on the top side of the children's book with the phase of phonics they are working on. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about this.

Parents Evening

Appointment times have been sent home this week. Parents Evening will take place on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Non Uniform – Friday 15th November

Just a reminder that children are invited to come to school in non-uniform next Friday and bring a donation for Children in Need.

Ahoy, Sailors Class!

Learners enjoyed a super sailing day on Thursday as part of their curriculum topic. They enjoyed walking the plank, learning about scurvy and mapping the journey of Captain Cook. In the afternoon, the children were also visited by Mrs Stones from the Captain Cook Museum in Whitby. Everyone looked excellent in their sailor outfits and I know they really loved learning in a practical and fun way.

Bag 2 School

Thank you to the many families who have brought donation bags to school over the last couple of weeks. Just a reminder that we are collecting 'Bag 2 School' donations, which can be filled with a range of clothing and bedding items and then be returned to school. This great fundraiser has been organised by one of our parents – thank you to her! All bags must be returned to school by 21st November.

Have a great weekend with your families,

Scott Grason
Headteacher