

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,

December is finally here! It is scary just how quickly the year has flown. Our calendar of events is really full! Please take a look at the dates listed on the newsletter to keep up to speed on everything that is going on!

Reading Afternoon

Just a reminder that families are invited to our reading open afternoon on Tuesday 17th December. The school will be open at 2pm for families to join us. Every child will be gifted with a book that they have chosen. These books will be the children's to keep. We look forward to being able to share the gift of words with you all.

Lateness

I have noticed a sudden rise in the number of families who are coming to school late. As a reminder, all children are expected to be in school, on time at 8.50am. Children who are not in school at 9am will be marked as late. This will result in an unauthorised absence.

We are going paperless – NEXT WEEK

Thank you to the many families who have signed up to receive newsletters by email. We are hoping to start this next week. If you do not receive your email on Friday, please do let us know!

Information for the school office

To make passing information to the office easier, we have invested in a post box. This is placed on the wall in the entrance hall and can be used to securely (and quickly!) post reply slips, dinner money, letters etc. The box is locked and will be checked each morning by Mrs Stubbs. Please help us by sending any reply slips or dinner money to school with your children, or use the post box in the office. Thank you for your support with this.

Christmas Tree at St. Mary's Church

Our school Christmas tree is on display at St. Mary's Church over the festive period. The exhibition is open every day throughout December and into early January.

Santa is coming to Sleights

The Endeavour Rotary Club has managed to get Santa to come and visit Sleights village on Wednesday 11th December, from 5pm to 7pm. He will make his way around Ingham Close, Birch Crescent, Birch Grove, Iburndale Lane, Birch Avenue, Lowdale Lane, The Avenue, Coach Bank and The Salmon Leap Hotel.

Christmas Play

We will be holding our full school performance of 'Superstar' at St. John's Church on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm and Thursday 12th December at 6pm. Some key details are listed below:

- All costumes will need to be in school from Monday 9th December, as we will be holding a dress rehearsal.
- On Wednesday, children will walk to and from the Church in their costumes with school staff.
- Children will be collected from school on Wednesday, as usual.
- We will send children home with their costumes on Thursday afternoon.
- Please bring the children to the church, wearing their costumes, at 5.40pm on Thursday evening.

If you have any questions, please do ask.

Yorkshire Coast Radio – Sleeps to Santa

You may have heard and seen different schools counting down to Christmas on Yorkshire Coast Radio. Just a reminder that Sleights will be singing **4 more sleeps to go**. This will be played on the radio and a video uploaded onto social media. Listen out on Christmas Eve, too, as our whole school was also recorded singing a Christmas song.

A trip to Botham's

On Wednesday, the Pioneers visited Botham's. The children have been learning about making bread, taking orders and reading menus. They have even had a visit from a 'real' Mrs Botham. To bring their classroom learning to life, the children then enjoyed tea and cake at the Botham's café. The children were a total delight and asked great questions of the staff who were on hand to look after us. There was lots of great learning going on!

Do take a look at the school website to see pictures of the trip.

Coming up over Christmas

- **Wednesday 11th December, 2pm** – Christmas Play at St. John's Church
- **Thursday 12th December, 6pm** – Christmas Play at St. John's Church
- **Monday 16th December** – School Christmas Party Day
- **Tuesday 17th December, 9.30am** – Christingle at St. John's Church
- **Tuesday 17th December, 2pm** – Reading open afternoon at School
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19th December** – Children at Pantomime in Scarborough
- **Thursday 19th December** – School Discos (after school)
- **Friday 20th December** – School closes for Christmas (Non uniform / Christmas jumpers)

Have a great weekend with your families,

Scott Grason
Headteacher