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,

This is (hopefully!) our first paperless newsletter. We hope that everyone who signed up to receive newsletters via email is indeed reading this newsletter from an email sent. Thank you to all families who have signed up! If you would like to be added (or removed) from the mailing list, please do let us know.

Next week's calendar

With a busy week ahead, I thought it would be useful to share what is happening for everyone on each day.

When?	What?	For who?
Monday	Christmas Party Day (including Party lunch)	Whole School – children to come to school wearing sensible party clothes (no jewellery or heels, please)
Tuesday	9.30am Christingle Service at St. John's Church	Whole School – Families welcome
Tuesday	2.00pm Reading afternoon (more information below)	Whole School – Families welcome
Wednesday	Stay and Play Christmas Crafts for families	Explorers and Pioneers
Wednesday	Christmas Lunch	Whole School
Thursday	Pantomime in Scarborough	Whole School (children **must** be in school for 9.00am sharp)
Thursday	4.15pm – 5.15pm Christmas Disco	Pioneers, Learners, Adventurers
Thursday	5.15pm – 6.15pm Christmas Disco	Discoverers, Leaders
Friday	Non – uniform or Christmas jumper day	Whole School
Friday	2pm finish (no Kids' Club)	Whole School

There will be no clubs next week.

Christmas Performance

A huge thank you to all families who were able to join us for the Christmas nativity this year. I am sure you will agree, the children were real superstars and made everyone incredibly proud. Well done, again, to them all for their hard work!

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.

Christingle Service

All families are invited to join us for our Christingle Service at St. John's on Tuesday morning. The service will begin at 9.30am.

Information for the school office

We launched our new post box in Reception this week. To make passing information to the office easier, families can use our secure post box to post reply slips, dinner money, letters etc. The box is locked and will be checked each morning by Mrs Stubbs. All money must be in a named envelope, so please could families support us with this moving forward.

Kids' Club

Please look out for some changes coming to the way we book and pay for Kids' Club. We are currently experiencing high amounts of debt being racked up through non-payment at breakfast or after school club sessions. The school is not run to make money. We recognise in full that we want to be able to offer child care when it is needed, but we do need to also be able to pay our staff to offer this service.

From January, families will be required to book their children in, using a booking form and pay money in advance, unless an agreement has been reached with myself or Wendy beforehand. Please do ask Wendy or I if you have any questions about 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.

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.

Have a great weekend with your families,

Scott Grason
Headteacher