



Weekly Newsletter

31st January 2020

“What an impressive school!”

Over the last few weeks, I have spent many hours walking around school with new families and children. We have had a real surge in numbers in Explorers and it is really lovely to see families from Sleights and Whitby choosing to send children to our great school. I always love walking around the school and seeing the purposeful, calm and fun learning environment in action. On every occasion of showing new families around, I have always been really proud to hear excellent feedback about the school. Hearing visitors talk about the children's behaviour and focus, the dedication of our staff and the organised and focused learning spaces around school has been simply wonderful. We have a really special school at Sleights.

Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason,
Headteacher

In the classrooms this week

- The Explorers have turned their hands to paramedics and medical professionals this week. The children have really enjoyed using bandages to repair broken bones and use the ambulance. The children have also played beautifully with new friends, making them feel very welcome in Team Sleights.
- When they were making 'disgusting' sandwiches in the forest, the Pioneers were visited by a badger in the forest this week. After their session in the forest on Tuesday, I saw the children incredibly excited to write about their experiences. The room was alive with a real buzz for writing.
- I visited the Learners last Friday when they were visited by Sister Gilpin (Seth's mum), who shared what it was like to be nurse. The children had lots of questions and really enjoyed checking each other's pulses, wrapping bandages, listening to heartbeats and wearing doctor and nurse outfits. Thank you Sister Gilpin – the children loved it!
- You may have received a letter inviting you to the Adventurers event next week. The children have written their own invites to families to come along and buy clothes next Friday in the school hall (from 2.45pm). All money raised will be sent to support the Australian bush fire rescue mission. This is at the request of the children.
- Like the Adventurers, Discoverers have been thinking about their 'making our money grow' project, as part of the Together, We Can Change the World topic. Look out for invitations for children across the school to join the Discoverers for a movie and pizza night soon!
- When I visited Mrs Gurney's computing lessons this week, she was bursting to tell me about her excellent session with the Leaders. The children had been programming and creating their own spreadsheets with confidence and enthusiasm. It was great to hear the children use a range of technical vocabulary correctly too!

Start of day arrangements

With a small number of children and families arriving late at school, I wanted to remind all families of our morning routines. We do have a number of children who continue to be persistently late.

All children are expected to be in school at 8.50am. School staff will meet children on the playground at this time. In the classroom, key skills and response tasks from the previous day will be set. This small amount of time does make a huge difference to our children and I, once again, ask that all families have their children in school and **ready to learn at 8.50am.** Arriving late to school can be worrying for children and cause upset at the start of the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

Height and Weight Checks – Reception and Year 6

Height and Weight checks will take place in school for those children in Reception and Year 6 on Tuesday. All children will be measured, unless an opt out has taken place via the NHS website beforehand.

Meeting for families – reviewing our Relationship and Sex Education policy

This term, we will be reviewing our school policy for relationship and sex education, in line with changes made to government policy. A letter will be sent home shortly inviting families to meet on **Wednesday 26th February at 3.15pm** to discuss the policy and share your thoughts and ideas. This is a really important meeting, as the outcome will shape the lessons taught to our children in the coming years. Please do let us know if you can join us!

Chinese New Year

A huge thank you to the many families who joined us on Thursday afternoon to celebrate Chinese New Year. It was lovely to see so many children working alongside friends and family with different tasks and activities. It was clear from the smiles and laughter that everyone had a great time!

Attendance for week commencing 20th January 2020

Our whole school target is **96%** attendance. For the first time this year, we had **no** unauthorised absences last week!

Class	Attendance	Late Marks
Pioneers	94%	2 (2 children)
Learners	97%	3 (1 child)
Adventurers	97%	3 (2 children)

Class	Attendance	Late Marks
Discoverers	100%	0
Leaders	96%	2 (2 children)
Whole School	97%	10 (7 children)

Next week's lunch menu – Week 2

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sausages, chips, beans, peas and white bread, followed by chocolate cornflake pudding
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasta bolognaise, green beans, cauliflower and cheesy flat bread, followed by chocolate sponge and chocolate pudding
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roast Chicken, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage, carrots, herbie bread, followed by flapjack
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese whirl, jacket potato wedges, peas, cucumber sticks, wholemeal bread, followed by raspberry yoghurt
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breaded salmon, diced potatoes, broccoli, sweetcorn and 50/50 bread, followed by crackers, cheese and apple

Unavoidable menu changes may occur due to ordering, or special promotion days.

Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.

We ask that all families cooperate (in full) with this rule when choosing packed lunch and snack items.

In the diary next week

Monday 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Homework Club (Whole School) 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Stay and Play (Reception Class) 3.15pm – 4.15pm: SATs booster (Year 6 only)
Tuesday 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height and Weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6 Dance in school for Learners and Pioneers 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Dance Club (Whole School) 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Art Club (Adventurers only)
Wednesday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Football Club (Whole School)
Thursday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discoverers and Leaders at Preston Park 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Craft Club (Key Stage Two)
Friday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming for Learners and Adventurers 2.45pm – Clothes sale in the hall (led by Adventurers)

Do we have your most up to date contact details?

If you have changed your telephone number or email address (and are on our email system for newsletters) please do let us know, so we can update our records in school. Thank you.