



Weekly Newsletter

28th February 2020

Welcome back

The snowy start to the week certainly meant this half term started with a bang! Thank you to everyone for making the huge efforts to get in safely to school. As we move towards spring, the weather is still rather cold, so please could I ask that children are coming to school with a coat and suitable clothing.

I hope that the half term break was a fun one for you all and that you were all able to recharge your batteries. The next half term, whilst only six weeks, is a very busy one, with trips, sporting events, services at Church and non-uniform days all planned. Just a reminder, the spring term dates was sent out in January and available on the school website, so that families can look at these dates and plan ahead. I will also keep the newsletter up to date with any new or different dates.

Next week is the Eskdale Festival, with children visiting the Spa Pavilion in Whitby to take part in poetry speaking competitions. We wish all of our children the very best of luck! Have a great weekend with your families.

Scott Grason,
Headteacher

In the classrooms this week

- It was astonishing to see the level of discussion, interest and enthusiasm this week in the Explorers class, as children enjoyed reading 'The Journey Home'. The book talks about different ways we can save our Earth and it was amazing to hear the ideas and thoughts of our youngest children.
- The children in Pioneers have also been enjoying a story this week based on two characters called Pat and Ned. The children have created their own story maps to recreate the tale, as well as used role play and dress up to help them act out. When I visited on Wednesday, it was really great to hear the children confidently articulate the full story.
- I was really impressed when I heard some of the Learners reading aloud this week. The children spoke really happily and enthusiastically about books and their enjoyment in reading.
- The Adventurers enjoyed a trip out on Wednesday to a hockey festival. The children got the chance to learn and use a range of hockey skills. Speaking to the children on Thursday, it was really great to hear them talking about persevering and enjoying the new challenges of the festival. It sounded like lots of fun!
- The school was very excited on Thursday, as the Discoverers' movie and pizza night took place. The children who attended really enjoyed the whole event and taking a lead in organising it. Whilst the final figure is yet to be confirmed, I know that the Discoverers were really proud of the event and look forward to making their donation to Dementia UK.
- Leaders have been busy preparing for their own event for later in the term. The children have decided to host an Easter Bingo and have used this as an opportunity to practise their writing skills by creating their own letters for local business asking for prize donations. I have read some of the children's work and they were certainly very persuasive!

Allergies

Please could all families follow the information and guidance outlined in the allergy letter sent home this week. Sleights is a nut and peanut free school and this includes food items containing 'traces' of either nuts or peanuts. These cannot be sent to school in snack or packed lunches. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

SRE review

A huge thank you to the families who were able to join us for our sex and relationship education meeting this week. The session provided a great opportunity to hear the ideas and thoughts of a wide range of school families to help us shape our policy. A second meeting will be held later in the year to discuss how we will teach relationship education at Sleights. A draft policy, detailing the school's approach, will then be created and shared with families. If you have any questions or queries, please do speak to me about this.

Non-Uniform Day - Advance Notice

The Leaders have asked that all children come to school on Friday 20th March wearing non-uniform in return for a chocolate based prize, please. These will be used for the Leaders' Easter Bingo event.

World Book Day

Just a reminder that the children are asked to come to school on Thursday 5th March dressed as a book character. The children will enjoy a range of book related activities during the day.

Reply Slips

We are really lucky that the vast majority of families support us in planning and organising events by returning reply slips to school as soon as possible. This week, however, a lot of staff time and effort has been put into chasing these up for the many events and activities taking place. Please could I urge all families to support the school in responding as soon as letters are sent home. Thank you.

Special Lunch Menus

All children are invited to join us for the following special lunch:

- **19th March 2020:** Big Brunch Day – Sausages, Bacon, Beans, Mushrooms, Hash Brown, Tomato, Bagel and Tomato Ketchup, followed by Orange Shortcake

Meals cost £2.40 and the money should be paid to the office in advance, please.

Attendance for week commencing 10th February 2020

Our whole school target is **96%** attendance. **1.0%** of sessions were missed due to holidays.

Class	Attendance	Late Marks
Pioneers	99% ★	0 ★
Learners	97% ★	5 (3 children)
Adventurers	97% ★	0 ★

Class	Attendance	Late Marks
Discoverers	91% ★	0 ★
Leaders	97% ★	1 (1 child)
Whole School	96% ★	6 (4 children) ↓

Our overall attendance for last half term was 96% ★

Next week's lunch menu – Week 2

Monday	• Sausages, chips, beans, peas and white bread, followed by chocolate cornflake pudding
Tuesday	• Pasta bolognese, green beans, cauliflower and cheesy flat bread, followed by chocolate sponge and chocolate pudding
Wednesday	• Pie Day: Chicken Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Sweetcorn and Herbie Bread, followed by Arctic Roll and Peaches
Thursday	• Cheese whirl, jacket potato wedges, peas, cucumber sticks, wholemeal bread, followed by raspberry yoghurt
Friday	• 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.

In the diary next week

Monday 2 nd	<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 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eskdale Festival • Dance in school for Learners and Pioneers • 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Dance Club (Whole School) • 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Art Club (Learners)
Wednesday 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eskdale Festival • 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Football Club (Whole School)
Thursday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day – non-uniform • 3.15pm – 4.15pm: Craft Club (Key Stage Two)
Friday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Goodwill MP in school • PM – World Day of Prayer Service at Church (Choir only) • Swimming for Pioneers, Discoverers and Leaders

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.

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