



Weekly Newsletter

16th October 2020

Another super week at Sleights!

Once again, our school has been a hive of activity this week! It has been just lovely to see the children enjoying every aspect of school life, whether it be indoors or outdoors. We are so proud to have such a brilliant outdoor space to learn in and seeing the children each week enjoy this is just the best.

Behind the scenes, staff have been working on our virtual Harvest Festival. Keen to maintain our usual celebrations, despite Covid restrictions, next week we will post our Harvest celebrations on Tapestry for the full school community to enjoy. We are also discussing how we will be able to celebrate Christmas traditions with our families and look forward to sharing this after half term.

Thank you all for your ongoing and continued support for Team Sleights. It is very much appreciated. Have a great weekend and see you Monday!

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In the classrooms this week

- The Explorers have been learning about people who help us this week. There has been a range of exciting play, including firemen and women, police officers, doctors and nurses. On one of my visits, the children had created a huge hose and were really keen to 'put the fires out' around the room. They proudly wore fire hats too! Later in the week, the children created their own hat designs for people they identified as helping them. There was a vast array of ideas! Great work, Explorers.
- The Pioneers pattern theme continued this week. A visit on Wednesday saw a group of children working tirelessly to create a rather tall pattern using coloured pegs. The children were really proud of how high their design reached. Elsewhere, the Pioneers have been retelling the story of the Little Red Hen. They have created lists, played with the small world figures and enjoyed role play as characters from the tale. The Pioneers even managed to find time to make their own bread as part of their work on the story! Such a busy week.
- The Learners enjoyed their visit to the library this week. The children curled up with their books, got cosy and enjoyed time together. The photographs on Tapestry are lovely to see. The children have also been exploring the Bible story of Jacob and Esau, using their retelling skills to confidently share what happened. Together, the children created their story map before reciting the key parts of the story to others. It was great to see a combination of RE and English working together so well!
- The Adventurers spent a very wet and muddy Thursday in the forest. I saw the muddy class emerge from the outside after a jam packed session of creating natural artwork and tree identification. The children investigated the shape and design of different leaves and matched them to the trees they fell from. It is great to hear and see our children experience hands on learning.
- Apologies for the very dirty children Mrs Taylor sent home on Wednesday evening. Trust me, the carpets were just as muddy! Muddy children meant happy faces though, as the Discoverers had a brilliant time spending almost a full day in the forest. Despite the rain, the children had a great time lighting the Kelly Kettles, creating their own juice (and then tasting it) before whittling sticks using peelers. Everyone had a brilliant time.
- The Leaders have continued their exploration of space this week. On Thursday afternoon, they increased in size (significantly) and took the role of different planets from the solar system. This hands on experience helped the children understand how planets rotate. This helped their next task of creating their own solar system models. The space theme continues further, as children in Leaders get stuck into their class text 'George and the Blue Moon' - by Stephen Hawking, no less!

Christmas Cards - FINAL REMINDER

By now, all classes have posted your children's Christmas card designs on Tapestry. For each design, we have also shared details about how to order cards. A parent told me how easy they found ordering and viewing the cards in this way, so we are hopeful everyone is able to enjoy cards designed by the children again this year. Any problems, please just let us know.

The DEADLINE for ordering online is: 19th October.

Order online, using your child's unique code (found on Tapestry) at: <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk/> **Information**

Update Sheets - REMINDER

Please do return these sheets as soon as you can, as it is vital we have the most up to date contact information for all our families. If you need another copy of these sheets, please do email us or give us a ring.

Flu Immunisation Nasal Sprays

If you completed the online consent form for the nasal sprays, these will take place on the 22nd October (next week) in school. Unfortunately, if consent was not given in advance, the NHS team who visit school for this will not be able to administer them. We usually are given the dates and times of open clinics available to get the nasal spray done outside of school, so we will share these if the details come through to us.

Wear it Pink – next Friday

Next Friday, we are inviting children to wear pink, or non-uniform, to support 'Wear it Pink' charity. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 to the charity, please.



Parent Pay update

Behind the scenes, work is being carried out to get Parent Pay, our new cashless payment system up and running. To give some extra information:

- Parent Pay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

Next week, we hope to email out all families details about how to set up a Parent Pay account. We will send extra instructions with this email.

When it is up and running, Parent Pay will become the way pay for lunches, buy uniform, book and pay for after school and breakfast club sessions etc. At this stage, we will continue to take cash too, but would encourage families to setup a Parent Pay account in a bid to reduce money coming into school. More details next week.

After School Clubs – Leaders and Discoverers

After half term, we are offering clubs to all children in Leaders and Discoverers. Thank you to families for booking places for these over text. Full information will be sent, via email, to those families who have requested a place. We will be able to offer clubs to Adventurers in January.

Bonfire Lunch

On Thursday 5th November, all children, including those usually on packed lunch, are invited to enjoy a special bonfire meal. If you would like your child to have this, but they usually have packed lunch, please send in £2.40 to school with your child's name and bonfire lunch by Friday 23rd please. The meal will include:

Pork sausage in a homemade roll, chips, beans and cucumber bits, followed by sticky toffee pudding and custard.

An Extreme Reading Challenge set by Mrs Hann, our English Leader

Extreme Reading entries continue to keep coming – please keep sending them in! Please keep sending your reading photographs in from home, either on Tapestry or to me directly: headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk. Remember to use the hashtag #extimereading. Happy Reading!

Reception Places for September 2021

We are now taking applications for Reception places September 2021. The deadline for these applications is 15th January 2021. Please apply online: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions> If you need any help, please do get in touch.

Next week's lunch menu – Week 1

Monday	Sausage in a homemade roll, ketchup, roast potatoes, peas and cucumber bites, followed by banana sponge and custard
Tuesday	Pasta bolognese, mixed salad and garlic bread, followed by orange chocolate muffin
Wednesday	Roast chicken, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and cauliflower with 50/50 bread, followed by oat cookie and orange segment
Thursday	Mexican beef tortilla boat, rice, broccoli and carrots, followed by fruit jelly and ice cream
Friday	Battered fish portion, chips, peas, sweetcorn and wholemeal bread, followed by cheese, crackers and an apple wedge

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

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.

Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.