



# Weekly Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Go, Team Sleights

I'm sure if you are anything like me at the moment, all days and weeks seem to be merging into one! The cold weather is here and the Covid situation goes on. Despite chilly winds and challenging headlines, our very brilliant school has once again this week shone. I am so proud to be the Headteacher of Sleights and this week, I wanted to share a few of the reasons why. Once again this week, the children have bounced their way into school each morning and given their all to every task set to them. They are a total joy to be around and we are so proud of them all.

The staff at Sleights are dedicated, committed and only want the best for everyone in our team. I see every day the huge efforts they take to keep the children happy and safe. Due to the increase in cleaning, change in routines, lack of opportunities to meet with others in school, staff get next to no break during the school day. Never do they complain. Never do they grumble. Instead, they give everything they can to doing their very best for the children of Sleights.

Covid has taken its toll on us all in many ways, but I want to end this week by saying a huge thank you to our brilliant children, fantastic families and truly tremendous staff. Sleights is a very special place to be.

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## In the classrooms this week

- The Explorers have enjoyed another busy week in the classroom. Last week's animal theme has continued, as children have enjoyed making masks (and sounds) for different creatures, as part of their role play. Outside, the children have enjoyed lots of fun with shelters and playing with sand. The children have also loved playing with cardboard boxes to help them build and design their own models. There's a great deal of fun to be had with cardboard!
- The Pioneers enjoyed a very muddy morning in the forest on Wednesday. Once they had completed their risk assessment together and talked about how to keep everyone safe, the children hunted for logs. With their finds, the Pioneers investigated rolling them down old planks of wood, which created great ramps! Earlier in the week, the children created their own stars with twigs and elastic bands. They were incredibly proud of their beautiful creations.
- The Learners were very excited on Thursday afternoon, as they enjoyed working together to create their own windsocks. The children have been discussing and describing the sun and wind, as part of their English work and the impact these different weathers can have. Elsewhere, the children have enjoyed being artists, drawing portraits of each other with some very impressive results. Go, Learners!
- The Adventurers have been using their geography skills this week to help them identify locations around Whitby on a map. The children have been using grid references with great success! Elsewhere, as part of their argument work, the children have been gathering ideas for and against wearing a coat at playtime. With the colder weather, I certainly think they all needed one this week!
- We are really looking forward to welcoming the Discoverers back on Monday! We have really missed them over the last two weeks, but have been incredibly impressed with their determination, focus and continued efforts whilst working at home. We are very proud of them all. This week, they worked hard to complete their space travel arguments, tackled perimeter and even managed to do some cloud spotting. Well done to them all!
- Leaders enjoyed telling me what they had been up to when I saw them on Thursday afternoon. As well as tackling fractions, Leaders have enjoyed arguing about space travel - although a few of them were trying to convince me they found arguing hard! They were keen to tell me how much space travel would cost and the benefits they thought we would gain from travelling. They were certainly very motivated and engaged!

## Pre-School Parents - REMINDER

**If your child is three and you do not have a 30 hour voucher code:** Please log on to apply and get your code for the spring term's funding: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

**If your child is three and you already have a 30 hour voucher code:** Please log on to reconfirm your code for the spring term's funding: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

Once you have your code, please pass a copy to a member of the team. If you need any help with this, please just ask.

### ParentPay

**A HUGE** thank you to you all for your outstanding support this week. It has been simply brilliant to see so many of our school families setting up their accounts and making the move to cashless. This has meant we have been able to manage snack orders, school lunches and breakfast/after school club bookings very easily. Thank you. Just a few reminders for next week, please:

- Snack orders must be placed for the full week by 9.00am each Monday morning.
- When choosing a snack with different flavour options, please use the 'Notes' box to add your child's choice.

We have been asked by a few families about late bookings to Kids Club, where an advance booking may not have been made because plans have changed or something has come up last minute. We know that this can happen, so we are happy to continue accepting these bookings. However, Wendy will not be able to take cash payments when you pick up, so families will need to log onto their Parent Pay account the following day, where the charge will show to pay.

Moving forwards, we have added all uniform items to Parent Pay too. So, if you require new cardigans, jumpers, book bags or PE bags, you can now order and pay for these on Parent Pay. We ask for the size cardigan or jumper you need to be recorded in the 'Notes' box when you buy. Mrs Stubbs will then deliver your order directly to your child, making it nice and easy for families. Thank you again for your support with this. Your feedback has been great!

### Staffing Update

After many years of service at Sleights, we learnt this week that Mrs Marsay, our Pre-School Leader, has taken the decision to pursue new adventures and leaves the team next month. Mrs Marsay will be missed by our children, families and staff. We wish her the very best of luck for the future and thank her for the hard work she has dedicated to Sleights.

### Snacks

Children in Key Stage 1 and 2 are welcome to bring a snack each day to school for breaktime. However, these snacks must be appropriate for the school setting (NOT chocolate, crisps, sweets or biscuits). Due to allergies in school, these snacks must also not contain nuts or peanuts.

### Year 6 SATS workshop

Mrs Walker and I will be holding a virtual SATs workshop for families of our Year 6 children on Wednesday. Invites have been sent to Year 6 families, via email, so please do let us know if you would like to attend by completing the short survey sent to you. Thank you!

### Collection

Just a reminder, please could families remember to contact us in advance if somebody different is picking their child up. We will only release children to families or friends where we have agreed this in advance. We are having to make a number of last minute calls at pick up time to clarify arrangements, which is obviously impacting upon the number of people on the playground at once. If your child is being picked up by somebody different, please let us know in advance.

### Flu Immunisation – Catch Up

We are pleased to announce that we have been able to rearrange a catch up session for any children who missed the flu immunisation programme. Please do take this opportunity up if, for whatever reason, you were unable to arrange the nasal spray earlier in the year.

The new date for flu immunisation is **10<sup>th</sup> December**. Families will need to give consent by **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December** by visiting: <http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent>. You will be asked for our school code, which is 121491.

### Christmas Lunch Day – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

The whole school will enjoy their Christmas lunch this year on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This year's festive menu is made up of:

*Roast Turkey with Gorgeous Gravy, Crackers Christmas Chipolatas, Santa's sage and onion stuffing, Mrs Claus' Crispy Roasties and a merry mix of carrots, peas and Brussel sprouts, followed by snowman ice-cream.*

If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like to enjoy the Christmas lunch, please add this to your basket on Parent Pay (you should see 'Christmas Lunch for Packed Lunches' as a payment item). If your child usually has a school dinner, there is no need to buy this item. For her ordering, Mrs Eglon needs to know numbers as soon as possible, please.

### Parents Evening Consultations – week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Look out for a message next week to book parents evening slots. The message will contain a link to follow, which will allow families to book their slot for parents evening. Sessions will be available for ten minute slots. These consultations will take place over the telephone.

### Home Learning Feedback – COMING NEXT WEEK

We are grateful to our families from Discoverers for providing some feedback to us about our home learning offer this week. There are many positives to celebrate, but we are always keen to improve. With this in mind, look out for an update next week with a summary of the feedback and the school's response and next steps.

### Next week's lunch menu – Week 2

<b>Monday</b>	Cheese and tomato pizza, roast potatoes and mixed salad, followed by apple crumble and custard
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken pie, mashed potatoes, cabbage, sweetcorn and sliced bread, followed by raspberry yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta, carrots, green beans and cheese flatbread, followed by chocolate muesli krispie
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken korma, rice, broccoli, sweetcorn and naan bread, followed by fruity Paris sandwich and custard
<b>Friday</b>	Fish fingers, chips, beans, cucumber bites and crusty 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.**