



Weekly Newsletter

4th December 2020

Working together to be happy, to flourish and succeed

As you know, our school vision is focused on working together. This week it has been so lovely to hear from staff and families about the great conversations that have taken place in our first virtual parents' evenings. Over the week, families and staff have celebrated a fantastic first term of learning at Sleights and talked about how we continue this in the months ahead. A huge thank you to everyone for working so closely with us and spending time discussing the children. We are very proud of each and every one of them. If you have not been able to speak with your child's class teacher this week, please do get in touch to arrange an appointment soon.

One question we are often asked is, "What can I do to help at home?" Whilst there are lots of answers to this, reading is a huge priority for us all and we would be grateful to all families in supporting their children to read 'little and often' at home. Reading opens so many doors for our children. Thank you in advance.

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

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In the classrooms this week

- Some of the Explorers made their way to the hall on Tuesday morning for a PE session. Team Explorers worked hard to set up an assault course which involved the children jumping, rolling and balancing. There were some really great challenges set out for the children, but they impressed everyone with their bravery and confidence. In the classroom, the children have enjoyed making lots of music with objects and instruments around the classroom. Very tuneful!
- Over the weekend, a forest of trees grew in the Pioneers' classroom. The children were fascinated when they arrived to find them on Monday. During the week, the children have been working hard to make their own decorations to then fill the trees with. There have been maths baubles, writing decorations and even real gingerbread hanging this week. The children have loved their first week of the Christmas month and are excited to see what's in store next week.
- The Learners took to the great outdoors again on Wednesday. As part of their new English topic based on the Christmas advert 'The Longest Journey', the children made models of snowmen in the forest, before taking these on their own journeys around the site. The snowmen models were very brave and climbed, jumped and trekked on their own adventures. The children had a great time and couldn't wait to start writing about the snowmen's adventure.
- Lots of giggling and laughter was coming out of the Adventurers classroom on Thursday morning. The children are really enjoying reading Roald Dahl's 'Esio Trot' and it was lovely to hear this. This morning (Friday), the children are excited and prepared for a busy day of Christmas crafts - with some even due to take place outside. Despite the rain, the children were so happy coming to school today and will be excited to tell you what they got up to later!
- The Discoverers enjoyed a session in the forest on Thursday. The wet and cold weather didn't put our Discoverers off. The children had a great time - I could tell by the smiles on their faces! Down in the forest, the children enjoyed a number of craft activities, including decorating lolly sticks and creating stars from twigs. The children were also really excited to tell me about the compost they are making. A great day!
- Continuing the Christmas theme, the Leaders took the very prestigious job of decorating our school tree on Monday. They worked hard together to display the baubles and add decorations. Whilst this was happening, some of the other Leaders were working and concentrating hard on developing their sewing skills. There was a real sense of focus and determination, which was great to see. It wasn't easy, but the end results were impressive. Well done, Leaders!

Home Learning Packs

A very big thank you to you all for taking the time to share your thoughts on the home learning packs we sent home last week. Whilst we hope we never have to use these, it is good to know we are prepared with a tool that families are happy with. Please do keep these home learning books safe.

Of course, Tapestry will continue to be used in the event of a bubble closure. We also post work daily on Tapestry for any children not in school each day, so that even if just one day is being missed from school, learning can continue.

Christmas Cards

Just a reminder that we are only accepting these for children in the same bubble this year. Cards will need to be brought to school by Monday 14th December by the latest, so that they can be isolated before being handed out.



Christingle

Next week, we will be holding Christingle celebrations in the classroom. As per the tradition at Sleights, the Year 6s will make and distribute individual Christingles. Usually, these would be for every child in school. However, due to Covid restrictions, we have decided that one Christingle will be made for each full class and isolated in before being shared. This will mean that classes can still celebrate and enjoy our Christingle service safely. During the week, the whole school will enjoy Christingle celebrations, which will then be shared as one post on Tapestry next Friday for our full families to enjoy. Keep your eyes peeled!

School Meals

Just to let families know, full normal service is resumed in our kitchen, following a period of isolation last month. We are pleased we were able to continue providing a full hot menu service during this time.

Year 5/6 Residential to East Barnby

We are still planning to go ahead with our residential trip next year and would like to share details with families about this. Of course, if restrictions remain in place, the trip will not go ahead. However, for early planning, Year 5/6 are invited to experience a full week of outdoor activities at East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre between 28th June 2021 and 2nd July 2021. The cost will be £349 and we will provide details in the new year about paying a deposit and registering your interest.

Flu Immunisation – Feedback

We have been asked by the NHS to share details of a survey about the flu immunisation programme. Families are asked to follow the link here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J5298JJ> and give their views. Thank you.

Christmas Party Day – Monday 14th December

On our party day, all children are invited to join us for a lunch made up of:

A selection of sandwiches, sausages, pizza, carrot and cucumber bites, crisps, biscuits and ice sponge cake, with juice.

If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like to enjoy the party lunch, **please add this to your basket on Parent Pay (you should see 'Christmas Party 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.

Christmas Lunch Day – Wednesday 16th December

The whole school will enjoy their Christmas lunch this year on Wednesday 16th 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.

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Our Christmas Calendar

The children have loved the arrival of Christmas this week. The tree in the hall is sparkling, thanks to Year 6 decorating it earlier in the week. Classrooms have also been decorated and Christmas spirit is certainly in the air. Next week's events include:

- More stories and hot chocolate around the school tree.
- Christingle celebrations in classrooms, which we will then share on Tapestry.
- On Friday, children are invited to wear non-uniform/Christmas jumper, with a donation for Save the Children. Thank you for the donations already placed on ParentPay!

Next week's lunch menu – Week 1

Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter – I sent the wrong menu. Last week's advertised menu is in fact next week's.

Monday	Sausage in a homemade roll, ketchup, roast potatoes, peas and cucumber bites, followed by banana sponge and custard
Tuesday	Pasta bolognaise, 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

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.