



Weekly Newsletter

26th February 2021

News from Sleights

Well done to every member of Team Sleights for such a brilliant first week back to learning, at home or in school. I hope everyone was able to relax and recharge over the half term break. It has been lovely to see some welcome sunshine!

As we all know, this week we learnt about the government's plans for lifting restrictions, including welcoming children back to school on the 8th March. We know that, for many families, this was welcome news and signals a return to friendships and the classroom. Some worries are understandable, too and we will work closely with all families to do our best to support these.

In school, we are working hard to put everything in place for a smooth return to school for our children. As part of our plans, we have been working hard to plan ways to allow children time to reconnect with their friends and enjoy each other's company once more. We know how important this is. We have also thought carefully about the curriculum and how we will be able to work with every child when they return to make sure their learning activities are matched at the right level.

Over the coming week, staff will make contact with all families to help with plans for coming back to school, but if there is anything you think we could be doing, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued brilliant support! It is very much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend,

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ParentPay



When we reopen to all children on the 8th March, we will continue to use ParentPay as our online payment system. Below, I have summarised some of the ways we would like families to use ParentPay, as a reminder. If you need us to help reset your account, or help with logging on, please just drop me an email.

ParentPay can be used to:

Buy school lunches	Buy snack	Book breakfast or after school club	Buy uniform
For children in Discoverers or Leaders who do not have free school meals. These are charged at £12.00 per week.	For children in Learners and up. We have lots of choice for daily snack. This should be purchased before 9am each Monday for the week, please.	All bookings and payments are now taken online. Choose from one or two hour sessions and add the dates for your bookings in the notes section.	Let us know the item (cardigan, jumper or book bag) and size and we will make sure it is delivered safely to you.

Celebrating learning this week

It has been so lovely to see and hear about so much great learning at home and in school this week. A big thank you to everyone in Team Sleights for getting stuck straight back into work after half term!

- With a theme of 'The Jolly Postman', we have seen and heard about lots of post related work this week! Families at home and in school have created letters, visited post boxes and some have even made their own! It has been nice to hear some families at home using the post theme to create letters for friends also working away from school.
- From my office window, I have loved seeing lots of our families out and about, including children working hard on their bikes (battling the wind!), lots of dog walks and trips around the village. It has been lovely to enjoy some springtime weather.

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day is due to take place on the 4th March (next week). We think every day is a book day at Sleights, with stories shared and enjoyed without big costumes and fancy dress. Therefore, we have decided that we will celebrate all things reading and books when everyone returns.

However, I am pleased to attach a virtual World Day Book token, which can be used when some stores reopen, as payment for special World Book Day books, or go towards the cost of others. The token is sent in the email this newsletter is attached to.

Technology Support

From our telephone contact with families, we have a good understanding about devices and how remote learning is being accessed. By using Tapestry, we have hopefully removed the need for every child to be using a device for long periods of the day. However, if families would like additional devices to support learning at home, please do get in touch with us, so that we can help.



Sumdog Champions

It has been great to see so many children using Sumdog again. For our analysis of the last week of half term, we were really impressed to see yet another increase in children using Sumdog. Well done to them all.

After weeks of battling between Discoverers and Leaders for the top spot, it is in fact our **LEARNERS** who have clinched the first place as the most accurate class – with a whopping lead! Well done, Year 1!

At the top of our most active class leader board this week is our **LEADERS** class. Well done to them too!

Please do encourage your children to spend a 'little, but often' time on Sumdog – it really does help!

Slights is a nut free and peanut free school.