



# Weekly Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## News from Sleights

Over the last week, the children across school have been looking at aspirations and roles. We have heard about children exploring important job roles, as well creating their own CVs and exploring how different careers work. It has been excellent to hear the children speak so confidently and enthusiastically about the future and their hopes and ambitions. Our children are the next workforce of the country and it is certainly reassuring to know we are in safe hands!

Before Easter, our teaching staff will have made contact with all school families. We hope that a chat on the telephone will give us an opportunity to talk about how well the children have settled into life back at school, as well as hear any worries or celebrations families may have from home. The feedback from teachers and families has been really positive and it has been good to work on plans for moving forward together. Just a reminder that we are always available to talk and my email is regularly monitored. If you ever want to discuss anything, please do email me directly, so that I can help. As always, my email is at the bottom of this box.

Once again, we end the week reflecting on the brilliant efforts and achievements of the children at Sleights. We are so proud of each of them. Have a lovely weekend with your families,

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## Easter holidays, including Track and Trace

Just a reminder that school will close for Easter next Friday at the usual collection time. We will be closed for two weeks and children will return on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, due to a training day on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

To support the national track and trace efforts, if any children or families who have been in school this week have a test for Covid-19 during half term, please inform the school. Thank you in advance.

## Family access to testing at home

Earlier in the week, we wrote to families to let them know that access to lateral flow tests for households is available. This is another way in which we are working together to tackle cases of Coronavirus where symptoms are not present. We have received a number of emails and had conversations with families who are taking this offer up. As well as ordering tests online for home delivery, families can also collect tests each week. The local council will share details each week. For Whitby, tests will be available on Sunday between 9am and 3pm at the Park and Ride.

This may mean that, alongside staff testing, we see asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 which result in bubble closures in school. In this event, we will work quickly to keep families informed. Thank you for your support.

## National Day of Reflection

Next week sees a year since school closures and the first Coronavirus lockdown. To mark a moment of reflection, our school will be working with the Church of England and Marie Curie to pause on Tuesday. Everyone in school will be invited to join in a minute silence, with a few moments taken in each classroom to remember how communities have come together to support each other and collaborate to tackle Covid-19.

## Snack Payments on ParentPay

Thank you for your continued support using our cashless payment system to purchase snack. Just a reminder that we are asking families to purchase snack orders for the week before 9.00am each Monday. The system creates reports only showing orders placed in the previous week, so we ask that if you are buying snack in advance, it is purchased within the week before, so that no orders get missed. Thank you.

## Job Vacancy in Early Years

Due to increased demand for places in our Pre-School, we are excited to share details of a vacancy in the team. We are looking to appoint a candidate who is passionate about supporting children to fill the 18 hours a week position. The candidate would also need a Level 3 qualification, as well as recent experience of working the Early Years. For full details and information about how to apply, please see the website below:

<http://teachyc.co.uk/eu/s-teaching-assistant-gta-sleights-church-of-england-voluntary-controlled-primary-school-2/>

Please do share this information and details with others you may know who could be interested in joining our hardworking team!

## Easter Village Treasure Hunt

You may have noticed the arrival of some brilliant knitted hunting on the school fence as part of the village's Easter celebrations. You can also get involved in a family treasure hunt around Sleights over the Easter break, with proceeds being donated to Marie Curie. This event is being organised by one of our school neighbours. To enter, quiz sheets can be purchased at the Spar Shop, with a donation of £1.00. Happy hunting!

## Easter Menu – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

On **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**, Mrs Eglon will be cooking a special Easter lunch for all of the children to enjoy. If your child, or children is usually a packed lunch, they are also invited to join in. For these families, please book the Easter lunch on ParentPay (£2.40) as soon as possible. Families who usually have school meals do not need to do anything, as this will be included in the usual weekly meal cost.

The menu includes:

*Chicken, mashed potato, broccoli, sweetcorn, stuffing, gravy and homemade bread, followed by chocolate cornflake krispie*

Make a wormery and learn about recycling too.



NYCC Rotter, Jeff Coates

Sew and decorate an Easter hen to hatch your Easter egg.



Beryl Frank

Get brownie points for baking these



Judith Owen

## Free Virtual Activities for Easter

I am pleased to share details of some free online workshops being held over the Easter break. These sessions are organised by representatives from North Yorkshire Youth, the Whitby District Shed and Whitby and District Rotary Club.

Creative 'painting' with wet wool strands



Brigid Moss

Take your pick of Easter break activities for young people 8 - 13. On Zoom for Covid-19 reasons. Dates, times and booking form from [easteractivity@gmail.com](mailto:easteractivity@gmail.com). Bookings close 23rd March. Some kits provided

Build your own nesting box



Graham Storer

Cook up a family-sized sausage bake



Clair Stones

Assemble a rustic seat for your favourite friend



Bob Hodge

Zumba online and involve your family



Kelly Major

## Next week's lunch menu

<b>Monday</b>	Minced beef hot pot, with broccoli and sweetcorn and herbie bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Macaroni cheese, with peas and carrots and herbie bread, followed by fresh fruit salad
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Easter Lunch:</b> Chicken, mashed potato, broccoli, sweetcorn, stuffing, gravy and homemade bread, followed by chocolate cornflake krispie
<b>Thursday</b>	Pork meatballs in tomato sauce and rice, with green beans, sweetcorn and garlic bread, followed by raspberry bun and cheese
<b>Friday</b>	Crunchy fish nibbles and potato wedges, with broccoli, carrots and fifty fifty bread, followed by chocolate mandarin pudding and chocolate sauce

**Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.**