



Weekly Newsletter

26th March 2021

News from Sleights

Today marks the start of the Easter holidays. After a term that saw school close to most children, remote learning for those at home and then a welcome back of everyone together, I think that a rest is now certainly in order! As we approach more easing of restrictions and more families receiving the Covid vaccination, I am hopeful that brighter days are on the way.

The end of every term provides us with an opportunity to reflect on those things we have achieved and are thankful for. I want to celebrate and thank the brilliant children of Sleights. They have once again faced huge changes to their daily lives by missing out on school and friendships. Yet, despite this, the children have overcome these hurdles and we are so happy to see them once again!

As we begin the holidays, I wanted to also spare a moment to thank our incredibly dedicated and hardworking staff and governing body team. The last term has presented everyone with unique challenges, but through it all, the staff and governors at Sleights have continued to do all they can to work together and support families and each other. I am so thankful to them for everything they do.

I am always immensely proud to say that I am the Headteacher at Sleights. This term is one to remember, but has meant achievements for everyone to be proud of. I hope you are all able to enjoy some sunshine together over the holidays.

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Easter holidays, including Track and Trace

School closes today for two weeks and children will return on Tuesday 13th April, due to a training day on the 12th.

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 the holidays, please inform the school. Thank you in advance.

Easter Service

This week, the children have been working hard in their classrooms to create and retell part of the Easter story. This has been combined to create our full school Easter service, which can be viewed on Tapestry. We hope you enjoy it!

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – Thank You

A HUGE thank you to everyone for their brilliant support last Friday. We were delighted to see so many donations come in on ParentPay and on the day itself. In total, Sleights raised a brilliant **£134.00**. Thank you! We just wanted to also give a special mention to **Phoebe** who was up early on Red Nose Day to make flapjack. After school, she sold her bakes to friends and neighbours, raising a brilliant **£46.50!** Go, Phoebe!

Some (delicious) Easter Homework

Next term, we will be celebrating our locality across school. Each class will focus on something that makes living by the seaside special. With this in mind, if you are enjoying some exercise this holiday and wanted to share this with us on Tapestry, please do! The staff will be taking part too.

- **In Explorers**, we would love to see you enjoying your exercise and the journeys you take.
- **In Pioneers**, we will be using fish and chips to help us role play. Why not enjoy some this holiday to get a head start?
- **In Learners and Adventurers**, we will be creating new flavours of ice cream. Why not try one or two over Easter to see help you get started with your ideas.
- **In Discoverers and Leaders**, we will be creating a guide to Whitby's tourist attractions. When on your exercise, see if you can spot any to learn about in school.

Family access to testing at home

We know that many of our families are now using the home testing lateral flow kits. This is another way in which we are working together to tackle cases of Coronavirus where symptoms are not present. 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

On Tuesday, the school spent time reflecting and remembering the last year. Marking a full year since the first lockdown, the children took part in a period of silence outside to look back and think about the changes Covid has made to our lives. Before heading back into classrooms, we held our own 'Clap for the Children' in recognition of their brilliance.

Pre-school number

We are pleased to let you know that our Pre-School now has its own telephone number. Miss Idle and the team can be contacted during school hours on: **07866 050038**.

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/eyfs-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 bunting 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!

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

ALL FREE

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 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

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.

Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.

Menu for the first week back

After the Easter break, the children will enjoy the summer menu. We have included a full copy of this for reference, including the dates for each week. Below is the menu for our first week back.

Monday	School closed for training day
Tuesday	Tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake, mixed salad and garlic bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
Wednesday	Pork and apple plait, mashed potatoes, peas, cauliflower and wholemeal bread, followed by cheese and crackers with apple
Thursday	Beef lasagne, carrots, broccoli and fifty fifty bread, followed by fruity gingerbread and custard
Friday	Harry Ramsden's battered fish, chipped potatoes, green beans, sweetcorn and herbie bread, followed by date and oat squares

Summer Term Menu

	Week 1 Week commencing 12 th April, 3 rd May, 24 th May, 21 st June, 12 th July	Week 2 Week commencing 19 th April, 10 th May, 7 th June, 28 th June, 19 th July	Week 3 Week commencing 26 th April, 17 th May, 14 th June, 5 th July
Monday	Cheese and tomato pizza, diced potatoes, peas and sweetcorn, followed by ice cream and peaches	Minced Beef enchiladas, broccoli, sweetcorn and herbie bread, followed by fruit yoghurt	Chicken Korma, rice, cauliflower, green beans and naan bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
Tuesday	Tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake, mixed salad and garlic bread, followed by fruit yoghurt	Macaroni cheese, peas, carrots and herbie bread, followed by chocolate crunch and orange	Sausage, mash, onion gravy, carrots, broccoli, fifty fifty bread, followed by crunchy apple crumble with ice cream
Wednesday	Pork and apple plait, mashed potatoes, peas, cauliflower and wholemeal bread, followed by cheese and crackers with apple	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, wholemeal bread followed by fruit yoghurt	Minced beef, Yorkshire pudding, creamy mash, carrots, peas, sliced wholemeal bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
Thursday	Beef lasagne, carrots, broccoli and fifty fifty bread, followed by fruity gingerbread and custard	Pork meatballs in tomato sauce, rice, green beans, sweetcorn, garlic bread, raspberry bun and cheese	Creamy chicken and broccoli pasta, green beans, sweetcorn, crusty bread, followed by Krispie cereal bar
Friday	Harry Ramsden's battered fish, chipped potatoes, green beans, sweetcorn and herbie bread, followed by date and oat squares	Crunchy fish nibbles, potato wedges, broccoli, carrots, homemade fifty fifty bread, followed by chocolate pudding and chocolate sauce	Fish fingers, baked beans, peas, chipped potatoes, tomato bread, followed by banana brownie