



Weekly Newsletter

12th March 2021

News from Sleights

It has been a total joy to welcome back all children and their families back to school this week. Monday morning was full of huge smiles and great excitement from children, staff and families. Many families commented on how lovely it was to see the children return and we absolutely agree!

In the classrooms and around school, the children have very easily got back into the routines and systems we have in place to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection. This ranges from lots of handwashing, having open windows throughout the day, bubble groups and staggered playtimes. A huge thank you to our families for their ongoing support at pick up and drop off time too!

We are now hearing very regularly about another relative or friend receiving the vaccine. Almost exactly a year on from the very first school closures in 2020, it is so important to recognise the positives in place. There is still some way to go and it is **vital** that we all continue to work together to tackle Covid head on. Please see my notes below about bubbles outside of school.

At the end of a long, but greatly successful week, I want to offer my thanks and congratulations to our children who have shone as true Sleights' superstars. They have taken every change and adjustment in their stride and we have just loved having them back in school with us! Over the coming weeks, staff will be contacting all families to celebrate the children's individual return and discuss any worries that may need to be talked through.

Have a brilliant weekend with your families.

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Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

Next Friday, the children are invited to wear red to help raise funds and awareness for Comic Relief. A donation payment item has been added to ParentPay to allow families to make their donations online using our cashless system. This is our preferred donation option. Thank you for your support with this!

Bubbles outside of school

I must stress how vital it is to keep bubbles apart. So many steps are being taken in school to ensure that mixing, and therefore potential further spreading, does not happen. This means that any spread of infection can be controlled and minimised. We need this same level of support from families outside of school.

This week, a number of families have asked me about picking up or dropping children off from other households. **School bubbles do not exist outside of school**, therefore we will not be allowing this. The only exceptions are when households have established a childcare or support bubble. There are specific rules attached to these too. These are summarised below (from government guidance)

Childcare bubbles:

- Informal childcare arrangement, which means unpaid and unregistered.
- Only one other household can form your childcare bubble. No household should be part of more than one childcare bubble.
- This bubble can only be used when childcare is needed.

Support bubbles:

- Can only be formed if you live alone, or are the only household who does not need continuous care as a result of a disability
- You are a single adult living with one or more children who are under the age of 18 or were under that age on 12th June 2020
- You should not form a support bubble with a household that is part of another support bubble.

Full information can be found on the Gov.uk website.

The Daily Kilometre

As you will have no doubt heard, this week, the children added a ten minute daily exercise to their timetable. We know too well the positive impact that regular exercise has on physical and mental health, so look forward to seeing how this develops over time at Sleights. The emphasis on the daily exercise is about increasing physical activity, so children are encouraged to keep moving during their ten minutes, whether this is through running, jogging or walking. It is not a PE lesson and the exercise is similar to that maybe seen in a busy playtime.

This week, every class has worked hard each day, with individuals and groups consistently increasing the number of laps completed each day. This is a great start and hopefully the beginning of some super achievements.

The children have told us that:

- It's really fun and we're learning to pace ourselves.
- I really enjoy it because I like to run alone at times and with my friends at other times.
- I am really happy that we're doing it because we all get to win!
- I love the daily kilometre because I love running.
- I like doing it because when the weather changes, I can feel my speed changing.
- I like it because my fitness is improving.
- It gives me chance to clear my mind and worries.

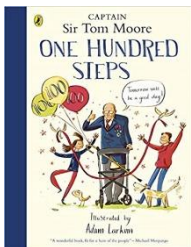
Some of the staff have told us that:

- It is lovely to see how the children have such positive attitudes towards physical activity.
- I am noticing a calm and relaxing attitude following the daily kilometre

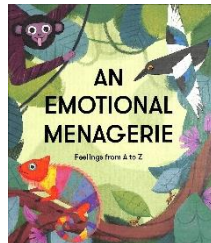
It sounds like the start of our new daily exercise has been very positive! Well done to everyone!

More book donations!

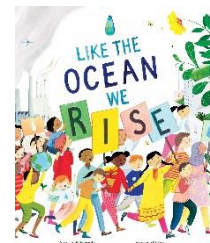
A very big thank you to three of our families who have each donated a book to school this week. The books have been purchased through our friends at The Little Fox Coffee and Bookshop on Bridge Street. We absolutely love the selection chosen and know that our children will thoroughly love reading them! Each book has had sticker added to the front pages to celebrate the donating family.



One Hundred Steps: The Story of Captain Sir Tom Moore
Kindly donated by Jenny and Jonathon Taylor



An Emotional Menagerie: Feelings from A-Z
Kindly donated by Alexander and his family



Like the Ocean we Rise
Kindly donated by Emily, Olivia and their family

After School Clubs

We are hoping to get our extracurricular clubs up and running again after the Easter break. We are looking forward to sharing the selection of clubs available with you all soon.

World Book Day Tokens

After sending out a virtual World Book Day token last week, we then received physical versions in the post. These can be spent in selected stores until 28th March. There are some great World Book Day titles available this year, so hopefully you can find a book to enjoy. These will be sent home with the children.

Easter Menu – Wednesday 24th March

On **Wednesday 24th 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

Next week's lunch menu

Monday	Cheese and tomato pizza, with diced potatoes, peas and sweetcorn, followed by rice pudding and peaches
Tuesday	Tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake, with carrots, broccoli and garlic bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
Wednesday	Pork and apple plait, with mashed potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower and wholemeal bread, followed by cheese and crackers with apple
Thursday	Beef lasagne, with carrots, broccoli and fifty fifty bread, followed by fruity gingerbread and custard
Friday	Harry Ramsden's battered fish and chips, with green beans, sweetcorn and sunflower seed bread, followed by date and oat squares

Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.