



Weekly Newsletter

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News from Sleights

It has been a real joy to welcome all families back to school this week. Seeing the children return with huge smiles, looking so smart, was simply wonderful! It has been lovely to hear about the great things everyone got up to over the Easter break. We have a busy summer term ahead and look forward to many exciting learning opportunities.

This week, we have welcomed a number of new families to Team Sleights and have enjoyed seeing the children settle into their new classes. We are looking forward to welcoming more children next week – you may have noticed that the Pre-School is very popular!

The easing of lockdown restrictions marks more steps forward to times we are more used to. In order to keep moving in this way, it is important we all continue to play our part. Our in-school procedures remain the same and we are grateful to you for your continued support in keeping families safe.

This week, the children have spent time in collective worship celebrating the life of Prince Philip and how the work of one can impact so many. Some children have discussed initiatives such as the Duke of Edinburgh and how their own service can make a difference. The children have also been exploring Ramadan and how this is marked.

Have a lovely weekend with your families. Let's hope the sun shines!

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Non Covid-19 related illness

I think that we have all been working incredibly hard to be vigilant and monitor any illness or symptoms which may relate to Covid-19. A high temperature, persistent cough and/or loss of taste/smell are symptoms we are all looking out for and acting accordingly. This is so important to keep everyone safe. However, can I also ask families to remain vigilant and follow all other guidelines relating to illness in school. In particular, I wanted to remind everyone that where a child is sick with vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. This is so important in minimising the spread of any bugs. Thank you for your support with this.

In the classrooms this week

Even though our first week back has just been four days, the classrooms have been a huge hive of activity!

- It has been really lovely to see **Explorers** welcome a number of new children and see everyone settle into their new class. The children enjoyed paying a paid a few visits to the forest to explore the area and create their own artwork.
- In **Pioneers**, a real boat and (huge!) sails have arrived to launch the new term's topic. The children have also seen the arrival of a fish and chip shop, complete with very real looking food (thanks to our school governor Mrs Taylor!) The children have created menus, carried out orders and enjoyed collecting money to pay for these.
- The **Learnners** have had a great first week back in school. I was really impressed to hear their very impressive opinions and ideas when exploring ways that they stay safe whilst at school. Their level of thinking showed some real maturity.
- Our **Adventurers** have enjoyed thinking about ice cream this week. What a great topic! Over the coming days, they will be designing their very own flavours, thinking carefully about the best combinations to enjoy.
- In **Discoverers**, the children enjoyed the sunshine on Thursday afternoon, getting stuck into a range of tennis coaching activities. This morning, the children also enjoyed the sunshine, practising times tables on the playground.
- The **Leaders** have been exploring different ideas and theories in science using concept cartoons. The children enjoyed debating different opinions and ideas. In very exciting news, the children also began their class book 'Gargantis', the sequel to 'Malamander', which proved very popular last term!

Our Summer Term curriculum

Across the classrooms this term, the children will be following the curriculum topic 'On a journey'. This will cover a range of curriculum areas across the school, including Vikings in Key Stage Two and famous people in Key Stage One. For a full breakdown of our curriculum, please visit the website, where details of each subject and year group can be found.

Over the holidays, a number of families shared their holiday homework pictures with us on Tapestry too – thank you!

Staying Safe Online

With so much internet and technology use, it is important to have regular reminders about staying safe online. With this in mind, we wanted to share a resource with families that is usually shared with children in Year 5 and 6 when they visit 'Crucial Crew' – a trip to Scarborough with activities designed to teach children about safety. This resource will be shared with Leaders next week, as part of their e-safety work, so please do take a look, by following the link below. The video has been created by the national online safety agency, CEOP: <https://www.teachertube.com/videos/jigsaw-8-10s-147297>

Pre-School number

Just a reminder that the Pre-School now has its own telephone number. Miss Idle and the team can be contacted during school hours on: **07866 050038**. If Miss Idle can't get to you straight away, please do leave a message or send a text and we will get back to you as quickly as we can.

Menu for next week

Monday	Macaroni cheese, peas, carrots and herbie bread, followed by chocolate crunch and orange
Tuesday	Minced Beef enchiladas, broccoli, sweetcorn and herbie bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, wholemeal bread followed by fruit yoghurt
Thursday	Pork meatballs in tomato sauce, rice, green beans, sweetcorn, garlic bread, raspberry bun and cheese
Friday	Crunchy fish nibbles, potato wedges, broccoli, carrots, homemade fifty fifty bread, followed by chocolate pudding and chocolate sauce

Monday and Tuesday's lunches next week have been swapped, due to a delay in the delivery of our food this week.

Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.