



# Weekly Newsletter

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## News from Sleights

What a glorious week of sunshine we have had! It has been a total joy to see the bright blue skies and the children learning both in and out of the classroom. Once again this week, we have welcomed more new faces across school. A big thank you to both new and old families for their continued support and trust. We feel very lucky to have such a great Sleights' family! As ever, Sleights has been alive this week with so much laughter and learning - what a special place it is!

On Monday, school places for September were released to new Reception families. We were delighted to see lots of familiar names on the list and look forward to continuing the great work already started in Explorers. There are a small number of places still available for Reception in September, so if you have friends looking for a space in our lovely school, please do ask them to get in touch!

We worked hard to redevelop our curriculum once the lockdown was lifted, to make sure no child missed content from the school closures. Over the last few weeks, we have been carrying out assessments in the classroom, to identify how to focus our teaching further. We are proud of the children's achievements and look forward to working together to continue celebrating all they do during the summer term.

Have a great weekend, Team Sleights!

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## In the classrooms this week

- Storytelling has been one of the many areas of focus in **Explorers** this week. The children have enjoyed being introduced to story maps, which include pictures and actions to help retell stories. Over the week, the children have read and retold Mr Gumpy's Outing, using actions and pictures to help them. We have also welcome more new faces to the class. Another busy week!
- As part of their work on our locality and heritage, the **Pioneers** have been exploring the journey of fish from sea to plate. The children have been fascinated by the whole process and have had many questions. A wide range of technical language has also been used to describe the process, with very impressive results from everyone.
- The **Learners** have really enjoyed designing ice cream flavours this week. However, unlike the usual tastes, the children came up with their own very different (and rather revolting!) flavours. It was clear from the laughter and excitement, creating these was something everyone really enjoyed - way more than probably eating the unusual ice cream itself!
- It has been a very busy week in **Adventurers**, with lots of practical and fun things taking place. The children spent a glorious afternoon on Thursday in the forest. Exploring the natural surroundings, the children used objects to print and paint. The children enjoyed seeing different patterns be created and worked hard to create a variety. So much fun!
- The **Discoverers** have been very persuasive this week in English, where they have written all about the wonderful attractions of Whitby. They have also been planning an exciting science experiment to find the answer to 'Does the surface that a car travels on affect its speed?' and travelled back in time, to 450 AD, learning what it would be like to live as an Anglo Saxon. What a busy week!
- The week started in the forest for **Leaders**, who enjoyed a full day of outdoor education. When I visited them (socially distanced) in the afternoon, everyone was working hard to design and make shelters to keep Mrs Walker dry. There was a range of excellent discussion taking place about stabilising structures and the best materials to use.

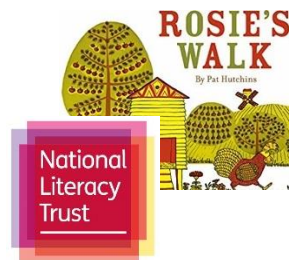
## Parking Outside School

I am sure that families will have seen the freshly painted zig zags outside the school gates. These have been extended around Coach Road. Please can I urge all families to play their part in keeping everyone safe and DO NOT park on these markings, or the double yellow lines opposite.

## Mrs Hann reads for the National Literacy Trust

Last term, Mrs Hann was approached by the National Literacy Trust to take part in some filming to showcase books. We were excited on Thursday morning to receive a link to Mrs Hann's video, which is being shared on YouTube. Mrs Hann reads 'Rosie's Walk' in our very own forest and it is wonderful to think that lots of children across the world now have access to seeing great reading taking place at Sleights.

Do take a look and enjoy for yourselves at home: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK\\_vTBIQaec](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK_vTBIQaec)



## Staying Safe at Sleights – Pupil Voice

Each week, we are using our daily circle questions to help us gather some pupil feedback about different areas of life at Sleights. Last week, the children talked to us about how they are kept safe in school and we wanted to share some of their thoughts with families.

- Children recognised the role of teachers and school grown-ups in keeping them safe.
- Despite no trips taking place for a number of months due to Covid, children identified and recognised steps taken when outside of school to stay safe, for example, crossing roads safely.
- Children identified the benefits of regular fire drills. Some also made links to ensuring staff knew where all children were in case there was a drill.
- In a number of classes, children identified site safety such as gates being locked, remaining in view of staff and not going into other people's bubbles.



## Whitby Beach Sweep

On Monday, the Whitby Beach Sweep group will be meeting at 11am to carry out one of their regular litter collections. Having such a beautiful beach on our doorstep is something we are all very lucky to enjoy. I wanted to raise awareness of Monday's event and, whilst the children will be in school, hope that some families may choose to support their efforts on their next visit to the beach, whenever that may be.



## Another big book thank you!

We were really grateful to the Whitby Amateur Dramatic Society for a generous donation of books we received this week. The pack contains many new and exciting titles for children in Key Stage Two, which we know they will enjoy reading. The books will be isolated before being added to the school's collection. A big thank you to the Whitby Amateur Dramatic Society!

## Menu for next week

<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Korma, rice, cauliflower, green beans and naan bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sausage, mash, onion gravy, carrots, broccoli, fifty fifty bread, followed by crunchy apple crumble with ice cream
<b>Wednesday</b>	Minced beef, Yorkshire pudding, creamy mash, carrots, peas, sliced wholemeal bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken and tomato pasta, green beans, sweetcorn, crusty bread, followed by Krispie cereal bar
<b>Friday</b>	Fish fingers, baked beans, peas, chipped potatoes, tomato bread, followed by banana brownie

*\*Please note that Thursday's meal varies from the one originally shared last term.*

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