



Weekly Newsletter

11th June 2021

News from Sleights

Wow! We have certainly enjoyed some glorious sunshine and heat over the last few weeks! I hope that everyone's half term break was full of sun and time together making memories. After their holidays, the children have settled well back into school and it is a real joy to see everyone back together, working hard and enjoying friendships.

The summer term is always a very busy one, with lots of hard work going on behind the scenes in school. Teaching staff are working hard to make sure that gaps in children's learning are being addressed, as well as carrying out preparations for the children's moves to the next year group in September. In addition, we are busy writing reports to share successes with families about the last year. This is always a great time to reflect on the achievements that have been made. We also have the usual events that make the summer term special, such as sports day and leavers' assembly to consider. With current restrictions in place, we are not yet able to plan for, or share details about these events, but rest assured, we will do all we can to make the next half term a special one for the children.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend (More sunshine is hopefully on the way!)

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In the classrooms this week

- The **Explorers** have enjoyed "We're going on a Bear Hunt" this week. Using their own story maps and story stones, the children have worked hard to role play and retell the tale. The children have also been learning and using different actions to help them learn key parts of the book. Very excitingly, every child has also been given a named bear, which ended up lost in the forest. This meant the children had to go on their very own bear hunt, which was great fun!
- Continuing the theme of sea life, which was very popular before half term, the **Pioneers** have been enjoying the book "Someone Swallowed Stanley" this week. The children have been making thoughtful comments and observations about how we should be protecting our oceans, which have been great to hear. The children have also worked hard to create their own story maps of the book. These looked great and I am looking forward to seeing how they are used next week.
- It has been a very busy week in **Learners** class! The children have settled quickly back into the routines of Year One. On Wednesday afternoon, the children enjoyed their music making lesson, where a range of percussion instruments were used to create songs. The children have also taken part in their first tennis lesson, which looked like lots of fun! Learners have also been working hard to revisit and recap previous knowledge about famous explorers they have studied and the discoveries they made. The children remembered lots of exciting information!
- The **Adventurers** had a brilliant afternoon in the forest on Thursday. The sun was shining and the children enjoyed taking to the great outdoors to get stuck into sketching. The Adventurers also created their own boats, using inspiration from their class text "Ocean Meets Sky". Of course, after making boats, the children needed to test them to see if they were able to float. Great work by everyone!
- The **Discoverers** had their first computing lesson with Mrs Gurney on Wednesday afternoon. The children worked hard to discuss and identify ways to stay safe when using the internet, to prepare them for their future work. The children have also been taking advantage of exploring their latest writing unit, by working collaboratively outside, which is something I know the children have enjoyed!
- Our **Leaders** took part in their first dance and drama session with Hannah Verity on Tuesday afternoon. The children told me it was "hard work", but they had lots of fun. In the classroom, I was impressed to hear and see such fantastic discussions about writing and what makes a text a great one. The children have also enjoyed leading electricity investigations, exploring how to operate fans, buzzard and bulbs. Mrs Walker told me the children were incredibly focused with this work!

East Barnby for Leaders – update

Attached to today's newsletter email is an update letter for families about our week of outdoor activities. We have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to organise the plans for the week. After reading the letter, if you have any questions about the activities or week, please do get in touch.

Food in School - **IMPORTANT**

Keeping everyone safe at Sleights is our top priority. This extends to the food in school. Due to a wide range of dietary needs across classes at Sleights, **we will not hand out any food from home at any time to other children.** This includes birthday treats or sweets brought in from a holiday. Thank you for your support in keeping every child at Sleights safe.

School Uniform

Earlier in the week, we wrote to families to let them know our uniform suppliers are increasing their prices. With this in mind, we are also increasing uniform prices (very slightly) from September. All families are able to buy any new items ahead of September using ParentPay. Mrs. Stubbs has a range of stock and sizes available. We advise buying early to avoid any delays in any future orders we may need to place.

Sun Cream

With such beautiful weather, it has been great to see the children coming to school in their sun cream and hats. Unfortunately, staff are unable to apply cream to the children, so would ask that this is applied before the children come each morning. Thank you for your support.



Information about Music Lessons in school

North Yorkshire County Council provides instrument lessons through their music service, which children from across school can take part in and enjoy. The service offers lessons in brass, woodwind, strings, guitars, percussion, singing and piano across 32 lessons a year.

These can be as part of a group, or individual. Sessions are already discounted by the music service, but families in receipt of free school meals can claim these at no charge and other benefits will also see a reduction in costs. Learning an instrument is a really excellent and enjoyable skill, so we would encourage families and children to consider this offer. For more information and to register your child's interest, please visit: <https://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk/>

Next week's menu

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

Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.