



Weekly Newsletter

25th June 2021



News from Sleights

After lots of meetings, discussions and site visits, I am delighted to share some very exciting news with you all! This week, the Local Authority confirmed that funding has been allocated to the school for **two** new buildings! Subject to planning permission and further behind the scenes work, the two current Early Years buildings (Pre-School and Reception classes) will be demolished and replaced next summer. In September 2022, the new Pre-School and Reception buildings will open, providing a modern, purpose-built learning space. We are incredibly excited!

Of course, this is the very start of a long journey. However, this news is very welcome and demonstrates the commitment from the school and Local Authority to continue supporting the youngest children and families in our community. As more plans and details emerge, I will share this with you all. Work is being carried out to finalise designs, before planning permission is sought over the summer holiday period. I will share details about how the site and building process will be managed safely when further details are confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

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Summer Term Events - reminder

Thank you to families for their support and understanding about our summer term events. Just a reminder, we will not be hosting sports day or summer fair events in the same way as previous years. Children will enjoy sports day activities in their class bubbles.

- **Transfer events to Secondary schools- UPDATE** An email from the secondary schools will be sent to Year 6 families explaining that the transfer week will not go ahead as planned and instead, the children will transfer on **20th and 21st July**, and return back to Sleights for their final two days of primary school. This is subject to restrictions being lifted. We have talked to the children about this today.
- **Current Reception children transition** - The current Pioneers will join their new friends in Learners for the full week of **Monday 12th July -16th July**. This will be supported by Mrs Brown and Mrs Hann.
- **New Starters** - Children joining Sleights in Reception in September will enjoy transfer days with Mrs Hann and Mrs McGill on **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th July**.
- **Special Lunches** - The leavers have chosen our meal for **Thursday 22nd July** (menu to be confirmed). On the last day of term, the children will enjoy a picnic lunch outside - fingers crossed for some sunshine!
- **School Reports** - Staff are currently collating information to share with you and your child about their successes this year. Reports will be shared with families on **Monday 19th July**.
- **Leavers' Assembly** - This momentous occasion will absolutely be celebrated! However, we will be holding this virtually. Leavers' assembly will take place on **Friday 23rd July at 9.30am**. A meeting link will be shared in advance for Year 6 families. We will applaud our Year 6s out of the school site for the last time in the afternoon - details to follow.
- **End of term** - The school will close for the summer term at **2pm on Friday 23rd July**.

Parking



Keeping everybody safe at Sleights is our absolute priority. We do need your help to do this. I fully understand that the parking around school is not ideal and a number of families have to use cars to get here. However, **the double yellow or zig zag lines outside of school must not be used as parking spaces**, unless exemption for blue badge holders.

By parking on the double yellow lines, drivers are restricting the safe crossing for our children and families. This is not fair and highly dangerous for all involved. Please find alternative parking and keep everyone safe. Thank you for the progress that has been made already on this. I am aware that the traffic wardens and police will be patrolling the road.

School Meals – Advance notice of price increase from SEPTEMBER

For the last few years, the school has subsidised each meal for children and families at school. The Local Authority have now increased the cost for each meal to be made at school, which, in turn, has forced our governors to review how much we charge families for school meals. Despite a significant jump in the cost of each meal to the school, the governors have agreed to continue subsidising meals every day for families. This means that, from September, the cost of each meal will increase to **£2.50** per day (£12.50 per week) A slight increase will also be made to Pre-School meal costs. This continues to provide great value!

From September, the current Year 2 children will no longer be eligible for free school meals (unless in receipt of benefit), so will be required to pay for school meals each week from September, using ParentPay.

Milk in School

Children currently in Reception receive free milk each day. From September, these children will be able to continue having milk, for a small charge. To apply for milk, families need to book this online through the 'Cool Milk' website.

For children currently in Pre-School and moving to Reception class in September, milk will be provided for each child at no cost, so no action is required.

East Barnby – next week for Leaders

Just a reminder that our Year 5 and 6 children will enjoy two days with East Barnby staff (Monday and Tuesday next week) to learn canoeing and climbing skills in the great outdoors. This will be such an exciting trip for everyone and we know that the children will gain so many skills. A separate letter has been sent home this week with full details, including kit and pick up/drop off information. Please get in touch if this didn't reach you.

Village Toddler Groups – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

For almost forty years, a toddler group has been running in the village. Due to Covid, these groups haven't met for over a year, but plans are in place to get these back up and running in September. However, for the groups to continue working, the committees need volunteers to support the sessions. Some of our own school families have dedicated their time in recent years and we are grateful to them for this support. The groups now need new adults to keep them running longer term. Without this support, there is a chance the groups may have to close. This is a HUGE worry. If you are interested in helping keeping the community meeting together safely, please let me know and I will share your details with the committees. There are currently groups on a Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. I know the committees would be grateful of any support at all.

In the classrooms this week

- The **Explorers** have enjoyed finding out about their new story 'Duck in the Truck'. The children have particularly enjoyed painting their own artwork to replicate the illustrations from the book and the duck in the truck. The children also absolutely loved bringing the mud kitchen inside and making lots of cakes, biscuits and mess!
- Peter and the Wolf has created lots of inspirational learning in **Pioneers** this week. The children have created stunning maps of the story, listened to the music piece by Prokofiev and even took to the forest to role play the tale. The children are so motivated and fully immersed in their learning, which is just amazing to see.
- The **Learnners** have absolutely loved their week of writing their own narrative, inspired by their 'Ocean Meets Sky' text. I know that they have all worked incredibly hard and have enjoyed seeing their work published and hearing it being shared amongst the class. We certainly have some budding authors in our midst!
- Continuing their forces work, the **Adventurers** used the forest to help them expand their knowledge and understanding this week. Keen to see forces in action, the children designed tree swings for dolls, as well as investigate how cars move down ramps at different heights. So much great learning!
- To help celebrate being awarded Healthy Schools Status earlier in the term, the **Discoverers** represented Sleights at a virtual awards ceremony and activity afternoon on Tuesday. The session was very busy, with lots of great activities being enjoyed by the children to help promote active lifestyles. I know the children really enjoyed it.
- The **Leaders** have been excitedly preparing for their week of outdoor adventurous activities next week. Let's hope for some great weather! In the classroom, the children have also been busy publishing their final writing pieces for their story work, as well as exploring some very big questions in RE. Another busy week for everyone!

'Being Light in Difficult Times' Diocese of York Competition

Next week, the children will be writing poetry and creating artwork based on the theme 'being light in difficult times'. This is in response to a competition being run by the Diocese of York linked to the challenges presented by Covid. The work produced by the children will be sent to the Diocese, who will hold an exhibition of the work and winning entrants will be invited for afternoon tea with the Archbishop of York.

If you **DO NOT** want your child's work to be sent, please get in touch.

Seaside Special Lunch – 15th July

Mrs Eglon will be providing a special seaside themed menu on Thursday 15th July. The meal will be made up of:

Harry Ramsden's crispy battered fish, chips, mushy peas and tomato ketchup, followed by doughnut muffins

For children who usually have a packed lunch and would like to join in for the seaside special, the option has now been added to ParentPay, (£2.40)

Next week's menu

Monday	Minced Beef enchiladas, broccoli, sweetcorn and herbie bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
Tuesday	Macaroni cheese, peas, carrots and herbie bread, followed by chocolate crunch and orange
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

Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.