



Weekly Newsletter

18th June 2021

News from Sleights

Happy Friday, families. During the week, the children have been working hard in the classrooms, enjoying the sunshine (and rain!) and we also had a very positive visit from our school improvement advisor. What another brilliant week!

Just to reassure families, on Monday, you may have heard that we had an air ambulance suddenly land on the school field. This was not landed for any children or staff at school and in the end left with no extra passenger. We do send our best wishes to the patient for a speedy recovery. I want to thank all families and staff for their support and patience, as we quickly had to change our end of day plans. It was gratefully received!

With restrictions not being lifted on the 21st June as planned, we will be unable to go ahead with our usual summer events. We are disappointed, but fully support the need to continue keeping our children, staff and families safe. We have detailed how we will continue to celebrate our summer traditions, Covid friendly, later in the newsletter. These arrangements worked very successfully last year, so we are hopeful of this again.

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

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Summer Term Events

- **Sports Day** – The children will have a bubble sports afternoon, but unfortunately, we will not be able to invite families to these celebrations. Due to the need to isolate and sanitise resources between use in different bubbles, not all classes will do their sports day activities at the same time, or on the same day. However, we will celebrate and share success for each bubble group on Tapestry.
- **Summer Fair** – We will be unable to host a summer fair again this year.
- **Transfer Events** – At the time of writing, we understand Year 6s will complete their transfer days at Caedmon College Whitby or Eskdale, but we will inform you if this information changes. In school, with almost all children not moving to a new teacher or class, transition tasks will be carried out between now and the end of term. For children in the current Reception, moving to Year 1, or those families joining us from Pre-School, please see the transition box below for full details.
- **Special Lunches** – As is tradition for the final week of term, the Year 6s will be choosing the meal for the whole school to enjoy on **Thursday 22nd July** (menu to follow). 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**.

Transfer Information for children joining us in Reception in September

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new group of Pioneers children to Sleights! It is so brilliant that we already know lots of the new Pioneers really well and look forward to building these established relationships. In advance of the new year, Mrs Hann will be making telephone contact with all families to discuss Reception and learn a little more about you and your family.

We are asking that the children join us in Reception (Pioneers) class on **Tuesday 13th** and **Wednesday 14th July**. These will be full days in the Pioneers classroom.

Transfer Information for children moving to Year 1 in September

To make the move to Year 1 a smooth one, the current Pioneers will have a full week with their new class and teacher. This process will begin on **Monday 12th July**, where children should arrive and be picked up from the Pioneers classroom, but during the day, Mrs Hann will accompany them over to their classroom for a visit and some activities. From **Tuesday 13th July** for the rest of the week, the Pioneers will stay with Mrs Brown, with regular visits from Mrs Hann. The children should be dropped off and picked up from their new classroom door (which will be shown to the children) for the week, please.

Secondary Transfer Information

Due to the Covid-19 roadmap being delayed, we have been asked to inform families of children going to Caedmon College in September that the parents' evening being held on the 7th July has been cancelled. The College are looking at organising an online event, as an alternative.

Caedmon College also informed us they will provide updates about transfer day arrangements in due course.

Jubbly Snack

As a result of stock shortages, we are unable to provide jubbly snack for the foreseeable future. This option has been removed from ParentPay. Sorry for this, as we know it is popular!

In the classrooms this week

- The **Explorers** have been creating some brilliant (if not somewhat messy) artwork this week. I was really excited to see lots of mud during the week, which was being used as paint! Children used this and other objects from outside to create their own very beautiful masterpieces. The children have continued enjoying their bear hunt tale, including going on several hunts. Thankfully, no bear has been found yet!
- Pioneers** have been absolutely enthralled by a special visitor this week – a wolf! The children received a basket from Little Red Riding Hood filled with some rather grim wolf items, including drool, ear wax and finger nails. This, as you can imagine, created lots of excitement for the Pioneers, who were so inspired, they wrote their own stories. The children have also been very busy making number representations in lots of different ways.
- Bubbles (non-Covid related ones!) created huge excitement for the **Learners** this week. As part of their writing work using the text 'Ocean Meets Sky', where there are lots of bubbles, Mrs Brown brought a bubble machine to really spark an interest and inspiration. Judging by the excellent work produced by the children, it is clear that this was a success! Well done to our Learners.
- The **Adventurers** had a great afternoon on Thursday. Identifying different forces, the children enjoyed exploring twisting, pulling and pushing around the classroom. The children labelled a range of items and objects around the room to show forces in action, before putting these in use to make clay snakes. The children created some super snakes using a range of forces.
- I was rather surprised when I visited **Discoverers** earlier in the week. As I approached, I could hear what sounded to be quite a disagreement! I was impressed (and relieved) to learn that the children were actually developing their expressive reading using Beowulf, so were very much in character! It was clear, the children were absolutely engaged and loving every moment of taking on the role of different characters.
- The **Leaders** have been tackling timetables this week and how these might be used in real life. Inspired by their class text, **Gargantis**, the children have been working hard to draft and edit their own chapter for the book. The children have thought carefully about how the book's characters will go on their own adventures and the discoveries they will make. I am really excited to read their final editions!

Next week's menu

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

Sleights is a nut free and peanut free school.