



# Weekly Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## News from Sleights

The final five days of school are upon us. It is a time to reflect and celebrate the many achievements of the last year. Despite the challenges, the children, staff and full school community have continued to accomplish so much. Sleights is a very special place to be.

With the oldest Pre-School children moving to Pioneers for their transition this week, it has been a little quieter than usual in Explorers. However, the children have loved painting, drawing and playing. It has been lovely to see them enjoy the sunshine.

Seeing the new Pioneers explore their new surroundings with Mrs Hann and Mrs McGill has also been brilliant. We are excited to see the children grow and flourish in September.

It has also been lovely to see the new Learners class in action this week, with the Reception and Year 1 children coming together for five days of transition with Mrs Brown and Mrs Creek. We have seen many smiles and heard the children speak so positively about the experience, which is excellent.

I know the Adventurers enjoyed a very active day on Thursday with a session in the forest to begin the day and sports day in the sunshine during the afternoon. It looked perfect!

The Discoverers worked hard to produce their own postcards for display in the Scarborough Grand Hotel this week. Their work looked beautiful and celebrate our great coast. I know the National Literacy Trust, who organised the exhibition, were delighted with every entry from Sleights!

The Year 6 children enjoyed a surprise afternoon tea on Wednesday afternoon. It looked rather fancy! The children even managed to squeeze a game of musical chairs into the events. Lots of fun!

Whilst the England game on Sunday evening didn't give the results we were after, we have been incredibly proud of the children this week, who have spent time discussing achievements and, in some classes, created motivational messages for the players to share. It has been a privilege to hear such articulate and mature responses from the children.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your families. It looks like it could be a scorcher!

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**School will close for the summer next Friday at 2pm. There will be no after school club.**

## Attendance - the final push

Once again, I want to offer a huge thank you to everyone for their hard work and support with attendance this week. We are working tirelessly to keep illness out of school and your thoughtful support with this is very valued.

In the final few days of the academic year and with rising cases of Covid locally, I would urge everyone to remain on high alert to illness. **Despite national restrictions easing on Monday, they will not at Sleights next week.** In all cases of absence, we ask that families keep us updated and inform us of any illness by 9.30am each morning. This can be done via email - [admin@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk) or [headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk). Alternatively, an answer machine message is fine too.

We are working really hard to ensure that the children's final week of what has been another very challenging year is a great one. We welcome your continued support with managing illness to allow this happen.

## Class Photographs

A text for purchasing class photographs was sent home earlier in the week. Using this link, you can purchase the photographs online. There will be a free "deliver to school" option until the end of term, otherwise a home delivery will be available for £5 postage and packaging. If you have any problems with the order, please get in touch with Tempest 01736 751555 (option 3).

## Year 6 Leavers Events

Despite the restrictions, we are keen to ensure the Year 6 children leaving Sleights next week have a brilliant final few days. In addition to their afternoon tea this week, we have put together the following calendar for them, which we hope they will all enjoy.

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Forest School (including Year 5)** – Please come to school in forest school clothes and bring a pair of spare shoes and a waterproof coat.
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 breakfast** – Join us at 8.15am for a bacon butty or sausage sarnie!
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Pizza and Movie Night** – Year 6s to come back to school at 4.15pm (meet us at the side gate) for a movie and pizza. Children will need to be collected at 6.30pm at the side gate, please.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Leavers' Lunch** – Chosen by the Year 6s for the whole school - *Minced beef enchiladas, mixed salad and garlic bread, followed by artic roll and peaches (Leaders) / ice cream and peaches (rest of the school)*
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Leavers' Assembly 9.30am** – Children will be in school and joined by families virtually to celebrate the end of their time in primary school. A link for the assembly will be shared with Year 6 families.
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Leavers' arch 2.05pm** – The school will close its doors at 2pm for all children. We will then celebrate our Year 6s leave through a socially distanced staff arch at the side gate. We hope that families will stay a few minutes later to socially distance cheer and celebrate the children's last day at Sleights.

## Swimming returns in September



After a year away from the pool, we are looking forward to restarting swimming lessons in September. This will be dependent on any restrictions in place at the time. Swimming will take place on **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS** for children in Mrs Walker and Mrs Roe's class (**Leaders and Adventurers**). Each session will cost £3.00 which includes hiring the pool and the cost of the bus. This amount is subsidised by the school.

If your child is in Adventurers or Leaders, we ask that you log on to ParentPay to provide consent and make payment for swimming sessions, please. We would be grateful if families could provide this consent before the summer. Payments can be made in one go, or weekly.

## Music Lessons for Discoverers



As well as bringing back old favourites to our curriculum, we are excited to welcome new activities too! From September, the North Yorkshire County Council Music Service will be leading whole class music sessions for the Discoverers each week. The children will be provided with their own instrument to learn and practise at home, to support them create their very own class band. This is an exciting project and something we are all looking forward to seeing develop.

## Summer Building Projects

Throughout the summer, you may see some work being carried out on the school site. A number of projects will be carried out on the school drainage system, which will involve digging up parts of the playground and laying new pipework. This will be carried out through August, but will be completed before our return in September.

We have also had a number of meetings about our new buildings and hope that plans will be shared soon, as planning permission is sought.

If you have any questions about the new building project, or summer work, please do get in touch.

## An ice cream treat! – next Monday

You may remember that, earlier in the term, the Adventurers and Learners designed their own ice cream flavours, as part of their writing work. We are very excited that, on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, Beacon Farm will be visiting Sleights to allow the children an opportunity to taste the winning flavour! After a challenging year, we would also like to treat every child in school to an ice cream.

Thank you to families for using ParentPay to give your consent for this free visit! We think the paperless system worked really well.



### **Breakfast Club Changes from September**

An increasing number of our families are requesting an early start to our breakfast club provision. As a result, we have decided to make this option available for all families from September. This will mean that breakfast club will open from **7.45am each morning**. A slight increase in cost will be made to cover the cost of this additional time.

From September, the two session prices will be:

- From 7.45am and including breakfast: £3.00
- From 8.30am and including no breakfast: £1.50

### **School Reports Coming Home Next Week**

We are looking forward to celebrating the children's successes with our annual reports. These will be sent home from Monday next week. We welcome your feedback, so please do drop us an email, or send a message on Tapestry to the children's teachers, who have spent many hours on these. If you would like to discuss anything on the report, again, please do get in touch.

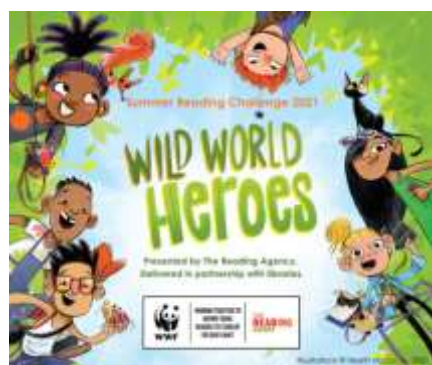
### **Parking**



I have been disappointed to see the odd car parked illegally this week.

Once again, please **DO NOT** park on the double yellow lines, as this restricts the safe crossing of the road for our children, families and neighbours.

A huge thank you to the many families who are supporting, keeping everyone safe by finding alternative parking.



### **The Summer Reading Challenge is back! Get started this weekend!**

We are excited that Whitby Library is back up and running! This week, we received information about this year's summer reading challenge, which sounds fantastic!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year, the theme is Wild World Heroes and is all about nature and looking after the planet.

The challenge is to read 6 library books of the children's choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Wild World Heroes medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 10th July until Sat 11th Sept.

**The information below is left on as a reminder and has not changed from previous newsletters**

### **School Reading Books – reminder**

We will be collecting all reading books in and not handing out new texts in the last week of term. Over the summer, we will be working hard to refresh and update some of our reading colour bands, so that the children can enjoy reading new books. If you have any school books at home, please do return these to help us with our update and refresh.

We hope that children can continue reading over the summer by taking part in the summer reading challenge.

### **Milk in School - Reminder**

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.

### **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.**

### Next week's menu

<b>Monday</b>	Breaded salmon, chips, broccoli, sweetcorn, ketchup with wholemeal bread, followed by yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Macaroni cheese, peas, carrots and herbie bread, followed by chocolate crunch and orange
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, wholemeal bread followed by fruit yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Lunch: <i>Minced beef enchiladas, mixed salad and garlic bread, followed by artic roll and peaches (Leaders) / ice cream and peaches (rest of the school)</i>
<b>Friday</b>	End of year picnic: <i>Pork sausage in a homemade roll, chips, vegetable bites and tomato ketchup, followed by iced sponge</i>

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