



# Weekly Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## News from Sleights

Welcome back! Seeing huge smiling faces, beautiful sunshine and very smart uniform on Wednesday morning was the best way to start our new school year! We hope that all of our school families had a super summer and were able to enjoy some time together.

As I explained in my letter earlier in the week, during this term, we will continue to remove our Covid restrictions in school slowly and carefully, following the uncertainty around case numbers and any new guidance. One thing that is certain is how great it has been to get moving on this and begin reintegrating the Sleights' family back together again! This week, the children have enjoyed time together outside and reconnecting their old friendships.

The autumn term is always a really busy one, often filled with dates and special events, particularly around Christmas. We look forward to sharing dates for these later in the term. In the meantime, we look forward to very exciting days ahead, as the children continue to settle back into school. We are so proud of them all already!

Have a lovely weekend, even if the sunshine is set to vanish!

Thank you for your continued support,

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## Some back to school reminders

**Earrings and Jewellery:** The summer is always a popular time for children to get their ears pierced. Our school uniform policy sets out that children must not wear jewellery in school, including earrings. Please make sure that these are taken out and left at home. If earrings are 'not ready' to come out after being pierced later in the summer, the children will be unable to take part in swimming or PE. Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns, a plaster over the ear is not encouraged.

**Drinks and snack:** Children are able to bring a drink to school and a healthy snack if they are not buying one from school. However, please make sure bottles contain water only.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Clubs are back!

We are delighted to invite children to our first after school clubs this term. Each Tuesday after school, children from Mrs Taylor's and Mrs Walker's classes can attend Hannah Verity's dance class. Permission is needed, which can be given using ParentPay. There is no charge for this club.

Children in Mrs Brown's and Mrs Roe's class are welcome to join Mr Gokool, our sports coach, for a games club each Wednesday after school. There is a small charge for this, which is made directly to Mr Gokool, along with consent, using the link here:

<https://4-4-2-soccer.class4kids.co.uk/>

Families will need to give consent before children attend the club. Both clubs finish at 4.15pm. Families are also asked to wait on the playground at this time to pick the children up.

## No After School Club – Advance Notice

Due to staff training from North Yorkshire County Council, after school club will not be open on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause.

### Contact details

It is important that we have the most up to date contact details for all of our school families. With this in mind, please complete and return the update form being sent home with children and return it to us as soon as possible. Thank you in advance!

### Reading Books

The children will be given a reading book next week. Due to the refresh of our library books over the summer, there has been a slight delay on this, but we look forward to the children enjoying new books again soon.

### Positive cases of Covid in school

In line with national guidance, our approach to handling any positive cases of Covid in school has altered this term. A reminder of the steps we will take in this situation (sent home via email earlier in the week) is shown below:

<b>If an individual tests positive for Covid in a class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.</li> <li>Close contacts are advised to take a PCR, but are not required to isolate.</li> </ul>
<b>If there have been 5 cases of Covid in a class within 10 days of each other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above for each individual testing positive.</li> <li>Review and increase measures in school, which may include: additional handwashing, cleaning, reduction of larger group work (for example, returning to single class playtimes)</li> </ul>
<b>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full bubbles reinstated, including lunchtimes in classrooms.</li> <li>No non-essential visitors.</li> <li>In discussions with NYCC and Public Health, possible remote learning period.</li> </ul>

### End of day timings

Unless collecting a child in Pre-School, please could we ask families to arrive for the end of the day between 3.10pm and 3.15pm. Thank you.

### This term's menu

Week commencing	6 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 18 <sup>th</sup> October, 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 1 <sup>st</sup> December	13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 8 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Monday</b>	Beef burger in a bun, chipped potatoes, peas and carrots	Chicken Quesadilla and rice, sweetcorn and green beans	Minced beef and dumpling, creamy mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables
<b>Tuesday</b>	Macaroni cheese, green beans and sweetcorn	Pasta bolognaise, mixed greens and carrots	Quorn dippers and potato wedges with tomato ketchup, green beans and sweetcorn
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast chicken with sage and onion gravy, roast potatoes and a medley of vegetables	Sausage toad in the hole with onion gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower	Roast loin of pork with apple sauce, creamy mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli and carrots
<b>Thursday</b>	Mexican tortilla boats, savoury rice	Cheese and tomato pizza, diced potatoes, mixed salad	Chicken Korma and rice, green beans and cauliflower
<b>Friday</b>	Breaded salmon, potato wedges, baked beans and peas	Fish fingers, tomato ketchup, chipped potatoes, carrots and peas	Harry Ramsden's battered fish, chipped potatoes, peas and sweetcorn

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

### Information from the classes

Staff have updated class pages on the school website with key information, such as PE days and homework. We have shared this same information for families below, to hopefully answer any questions you may have.

**Our whole school topic this term is "This is our world"**

#### Children in Explorers

Welcoming our Explorers (old and new!) this week has been brilliant. We have really enjoyed seeing everyone again and getting to know new faces. Our school day is always exciting, creative and follows the children's interests. We set out activities and tasks for the children to explore in the classroom and outside.

During each session, the children enjoy a snack and a mixture of time playing inside and outside. We use Tapestry to keep in touch, as well as our own mobile number. If you need to get hold of us, or want to pass anything on, please feel free to give us a ring in the Pre-School anytime: 07866 020038. This is in use during the school day.

#### Children in Pioneers

Learning begins the minute the children walk through the door. The classroom is a carefully curated collection of wonderful things to allow the children to flourish. The classroom is theirs and everything in it is there for a purpose. What they chose to do may be completely different for each individual. This is when the learning happens. The resources are ready to use and accessible and the team work together to create, to communicate, to count and to grow

Each day starts with exploration of the resources and suggestions for learning set out around the room. The Pioneers will come together for teaching. This will happen in small groups, as a whole class and often one to one. Across the day, we will gather for mathematics, reading, writing and phonics sessions, to share stories and to learn about the world .

PE kits are in school all week to allow us to do PE at any time. This term, the Pioneers will have Dance with Hannah Verity on a Tuesday afternoon. We will also run 1 km every day.

Once we get rolling with phonics, then books will be sent home in the reading bag with a reading record. Please read little and often and write a message in the reading record. All reading is good reading. More information about this will follow in the coming weeks. This is such an exciting time.

Please look out for a text message to let you know when we will go to the forest. We will use our wonderful outdoor space as much as we can and this will not always be on the same day each week.

#### Children in Learners

We teach Maths and English daily and are lucky enough to provide a full and rich curriculum to our children with lots of exciting learning opportunities, including regular visits to our own school forest. We also enjoy Collective Worship together each day, where we explore different values each half term.

In Learners Class, we are pleased to be able to enjoy Dance Sessions led by a local dance school. This takes place on Tuesday afternoons. We also have a weekly PE session on Thursday afternoons (please make sure your child has a PE kit in school). On Friday mornings, we have IT lessons run by a specialist teacher, providing us with valuable learning around technology.

Learners Class are passionate about reading and enjoy stories and books together daily. Each child has their own reading record diary, which goes between home and school alongside each child's reading book. These are used to record reading at home and are also brought in to school each day to record reading in class. Class reading books are changed regularly throughout the week.

Alongside reading at home, spellings are handed out on Thursdays and tested on Tuesdays. Please support your child's reading at home by sharing and enjoying a book together each day - it really does make a difference! Children use the online tool 'Sumdog' to strengthen their Maths skills. On the programme, children have their own character and are rewarded with coins and prizes for completing homework tasks.



### Children in Adventurers

Adventurers are taught English and Math every day and enjoy covering all the curriculum foundation subjects in afternoon lessons. This half term, the children will be taught tennis on a Thursday afternoon and computing on a Friday morning by specialist teachers. They will also start swimming lesson on a Tuesday afternoon at Whitby Pool. The children will need to keep their P.E bags at school each day, ready to take part in other activities if required and bring their swimming kit every Tuesday morning.

We try and read with the children every day at school and encourage children to develop their love of reading at home too. Reading books and records will be sent home every night and books will be changed when they are completed.

In Year 3, children will be given homework in math and spellings. For maths, the children will be set work weekly on Sumdog. This will be given on a Thursday and checked the following Thursday. New spellings will be given out alternate Thursdays and children will be tested on them the Tuesday of the second week (I will write the test date on their spelling sheet)

### Children in Discoverers

We have busy weeks in Discoverers, with English and Mathematics lessons taught daily, and some lessons which happen once a week: like Computing with Mrs Gurney and Sports with Mr Gokool on a Wednesday, magical music on a Thursday and PE on a Friday (we need our PE kits on a Wednesday and Friday).

We bring our books and reading records to school each day, and change them when we have finished reading them. This happens during the week when we share our books with Mrs Taylor or Mrs Exelby.

Each week, homework is set up for us on Sumdog. Sumdog is a fun website, which helps us practise our maths skills through playing games. It is set up for us to complete on a Thursday. We also get spelling homework too. This happens every other Thursday and we are tested on the spellings during the Tuesday of the second week. We practise our spellings during the week at school too.

### Children in Leaders

Being a Leader means lots of responsibility, being role models around school at all times.

Over the course of the week, Leaders learn lots of exciting things. They have English, Mathematics and guided reading every day.

This term, Leaders are going swimming every Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday afternoons, Leaders spend some time doing PE with Mr Gokool and computing with Mrs Gurney.

Leaders love to read; sharing guided books, class texts and individual reading books. Individual books are brought to school daily and changed once the book has been read (this might be longer than usual now the books are longer!)

Homework, including spellings, is sent out on a Thursday and then the spellings are tested on a Tuesday, when homework folders are returned. (Please check the dates on the spellings if you are unsure) Sumdog homework is also set weekly on a Thursday which includes a variety of different Maths challenges.