



# Weekly Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## News from Sleights

What a busy week! In our first full week back at school, it has been excellent to see the children settle fully back into school life. A huge well done to them everyone!

The Explorers have welcomed more children to the class over the last week. It has been lovely to meet new friends and we look forward to seeing them shine in their time at Sleights. In the classroom, the children have enjoyed studying photographs of themselves as babies and toddlers. This caused lots of great laughter and detective work, as children worked each other out.

The exciting journey of learning to read began in the Pioneers' classroom this week. Seeing the children tackle reading and writing their first letters week has been magical. The children have been busy building and exploring houses in our village too. Their focus and concentration when doing this has been superb to see.

Learners loved their first dance session with Hannah Verity on Tuesday. They were so excited to enjoy the music and begin to construct different routines. We know this was a very popular afternoon for everyone! Go, Learners!

Adventurers were beaming with smiles when they returned from swimming on Tuesday afternoon. It was brilliant to get the children back swimming, after such a long absence! I know they all had a fantastic time.

The Discoverers have enjoyed learning mnemonics to help them order the planets of the solar system this week. It was a shame that, due to staff illness at North Yorkshire County Council, the children were unable to start their class band this week, but are excited to begin next week.

We are so impressed with our new Year 6s, who have risen to the challenge of being the Leaders in our school. Over the summer, their classroom has been transformed into a homely environment, complete with breakfast bar and sofa. Speaking to the children, this calm space has certainly positively on their enjoyment and focus. Feel free to take a look when next passing the classroom.

Don't forget that each class will be regularly updating their class blogs on the school website (under the 'Classes' tab) Be sure to take a look to see what the children have been up to!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a super weekend!

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## Earrings - reminder

Thank you for your support with making sure everyone is ready for learning each day. Just a reminder that children should not be wearing earrings or jewellery in school. 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.

Thank you for your support with this.

## 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.

### Sports Questionnaire

Mrs Taylor is our lead teacher for sports and PE at Sleights. Over the last year, she has been working hard to develop our school curriculum and upgrade some of our resources. Her work this year will continue in this area and she is keen to gather your views. Please help us by clicking the link below and completing the very short survey below:

[Mrs Taylor's PE questionnaire](#) Thank you!

### ParentPay permission slips

In our continued efforts to go paperless, we will no longer be sharing paper letters for permission slips for events or activities, including trips. All details and information will be shared with families on ParentPay, where consent and additional information will be gathered. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### Contact details

A big thank you for your quick responses to our contact details update form. Please return these before next Friday. If you need a new form, please get in touch.

### Music Lessons

We have been delighted to see so many Sleights' families signing up for music lessons! We currently have lessons taking place in school for guitar, violin and piano. 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.northyorkshireremusicclub.co.uk/>

### Information from Caedmon College Whitby

Caedmon College Whitby are opening their doors on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September, between 4.30pm and 7.00pm for a school tour. More information will be sent home directly from the College.

### Sports dates

There are lots of sporting events coming up this term! We are looking forward to our children taking part in local competitions and showcasing their skills. Permission will be given on ParentPay, with a text sent nearer the time for each event, but the full calendar is shown below.

Date	Event	Who is competing?
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Multi Skills (range of PE games) at Caedmon College Sports Hall	Learners Class
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Girls Football at Eskdale	A team made up of Discoverers and Leaders
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Rugby Mega Fest at the Whitby Rugby Club	Discoverers Class
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Boys Football at Eskdale	A team made up of Discoverers and Leaders
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Tag Rugby at Whitby Rugby Club	A team made up of Discoverers and Leaders
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Sports hall Athletics	Team to be confirmed
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Dodgeball	Team to be confirmed

### **Octoberfest**

The Rotary Club of Whitby & District is once again this year organising its fun run for young people, Octoberfest. The event will take place on Sunday, October 3rd from 2pm at Caedmon College and will include 5 races, separate boys and girls races for years 3/4 and also 5/6 with a final race open to anyone under 14. Everyone who runs will receive a medal and there will be special trophies for the winner and runner-up in each race. In addition, the schools providing the most runners at different age-groups will be awarded a shield.

If you would like to take part, entries cost £2.50 and an application form is needed. If you would like one, please just let us know.

### **Discoverers and Leaders – Advance Notice**

The children in Discoverers and Leaders will be taking a trip to Scarborough in October for the 'Engineering Event'. This is always a very popular event for the children, with fascinating activities and exhibitions. More details to follow.

### **Next week's menu**

#### **Week Three**

<b>Monday</b>	Minced beef and dumpling, creamy mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables, followed by chocolate crispy
<b>Tuesday</b>	Quorn dippers and potato wedges with tomato ketchup, green beans and sweetcorn, followed by cheese and crackers
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast loin of pork with apple sauce, creamy mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli and carrots, followed by forest fruit roly poly and custard
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Korma and rice, green beans and cauliflower, followed by fruit yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Harry Ramsden's battered fish, chipped potatoes, peas and sweetcorn, followed by iced Swiss bun

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