



# Weekly Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## News from Sleights

Well done to everyone for a brilliant week at Sleights. Our classrooms, once again, have been jam packed with lots of great activities, but it has also been lovely to enjoy some learning outside, with trips and sporting fixtures.

The **Explorers** have been tuning into sounds this week. After learning about body parts, the children have been exploring the work of our senses. Explorers have enjoyed hearing and describing different noises around the room and using technology. It was great for the children to talk about what they could hear the sounds they recognised.

It has been fantastic to see so much writing this week in our **Pioneers'** classroom. I was very impressed to see the children writing a bank of words when I visited on Thursday afternoon. It is clear so much learning has taken place with phonics! It has been fascinating to see so many conkers used in play too!

The **Learners** have enjoyed their history topic this week, where they have been learning about toys and how they have changed. The children made their own replicas of old toys, creating a catch ball, using string, foil and cups. The Learners worked hard to make their toys, but even harder to play with them. It looked fun, but really tricky!

It has been a joy to welcome singing back to Sleights this term. I have really enjoyed hearing the **Adventurers** rehearse their Harvest Festival contributions and I know you will enjoy seeing these in a few weeks too! The children have also continued to work hard with swimming and building their knowledge about living in France.

It has been an incredibly busy week for our **Discoverers** and **Leaders**! The week began with a visit from Louise, a drama specialist who enjoyed working with our children to bring their history topic to life. The children used their impressive knowledge of the Tudors to act out scenes and events from history, including the wives of Henry VIII. It looked and sounded amazing.

Later in the week, the **Discoverers** and **Leaders** enjoyed a trip to the Scarborough Spa Engineering event. The children returned to tell me it was "amazing!" and their smiles certainly showed this! Some of the children created a report from the event, to share what they got up to:

"We had an exciting day looking at lots of different stalls which advertised many companies. We learned about the different equipment used by the NHS, including a 3D printer, used code to solve problems with GCHQ and tested our memory with a game at the McCain's stall. We enjoyed being encouraged to move into a career where there are no barriers to gender or background!"

Well done, Team Sleights! Have a lovely weekend.

Scott Grason [headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## Teaching Arrangements in Adventurers

We wanted to let families know that Mrs Roe, our Adventurers teacher, has taken the decision to move to working two and a half teaching days a week from January. Mrs Roe and I are excited to welcome a new teacher to our team, to work with the Adventurers. A recruitment process will begin shortly to appoint a new teacher, who will work the other half of the week to Mrs Roe. We look forward to updating you once interviews have been held in a few weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

## Whitby Gazette – Our Pioneers in the spotlight

Look out for our Pioneers in **this week's** Whitby Gazette. As part of the paper's feature on new starters, we are pleased to showcase our children and celebrate their first few weeks in Reception class.



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### Music Mark School

We were delighted to have recently received a nomination from North Yorkshire County Council to celebrate our work to promote music at Sleights. Through our high-quality music lessons, including our whole class band in Discoverers and individual sessions, we have been recognised as a 'Music Mark School'. This is an exciting achievement and something we are looking forward to building on in the coming months.

### Parking

It has been frustrating to see an increase of dangerously parked cars over the last couple of weeks. I would like to remind everyone (again) that parking on double yellow lines, or on the zig zags outside of school is not allowed and incredibly dangerous. As a school, we are committed to keeping everyone safe, but need your help to do this. I know the roads surrounding school are not the best for parking, but please do what you can to keep everyone safe.

### Girls' Football Match Report

It was the turn of the girls to head out and represent Team Sleights this week. We were really proud of the girls, who worked hard throughout the afternoon, developing some great teamwork and football skills along the way. Some of the girls write:

"When we arrived it was very well organised. Great sportsmanship was shown by all and we had lots of fun. We showed great teamwork skills and it was a lovely experience. There were 5 teams in our group and it was a great turn out. We scored two goals and saved two goals. We had a great time."

### Applying for Reception Class (September 2022)

We are excited to announce that the application window for Reception Class (September 2022) is now open. The deadline for applying is 15th January 2022. If you would like to arrange a discussion with me or Mrs Hann, or Pioneers (Reception Class) teacher, or have a full school tour, please let me know.

All applications are made directly to North Yorkshire County Council, who provide school with a list of applicants in April. Families will receive their school offer on **19<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

To make your application, please log on at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/apply-place-primary-or-secondary-school> where you will be asked to set up an account.

We hope to see your applications soon. If you would like any help with this, please do let us know.

### Great British Bake Off winner visit – next week



In anticipation for David Atherton's, Great British Bake Off Winner, visit on Friday 22nd October, we are asking families for consent for the children to eat his cakes! As part of his workshops, some of the children will be offered a tasting of his vegetable-based cakes, but only where permission has been given. Please take a moment to complete this on ParentPay, if you are happy for your child to take part. Thank you.

There is still time to place your order for David Atherton's Cook Book too. These are also available on ParentPay and will be signed by David when he visits next Friday. These will make a great Christmas gift or souvenir of the visit. Some books will be available to purchase on the day too.

### School Photographs



Tempest, our school photographers, have contacted us to let us know that the last day for free delivery of orders to school is midnight on **19<sup>th</sup> October**. We know lots of families have already placed their orders – thank you!



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## Christmas Cards Project

Children's Christmas card designs have been sent home on Tapestry. Every child's design, along with instructions on how to buy has been posted. There is a deadline of the **1<sup>st</sup> November**, so place your orders early.

## Flu Immunisation Programme – reminder

The flu nasal spray will take place in school on **TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**. To give consent for your child's flu immunisation in school:

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **121491** and click "**Find School**".
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information\*.
4. Click the **green "Submit" button**.



## Children in Need – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

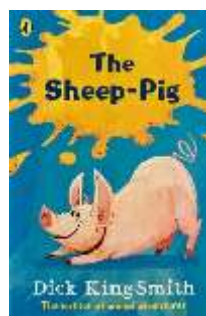
On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, we will be raising funds and awareness of Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. Donations for this excellent charity can be given in advance, via ParentPay. This payment item is open now. Thank you.

## Reading Books – We need your help

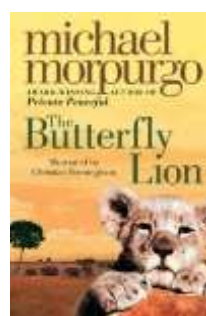
In recent years, we have invested heavily in our reading books. Our work this year is to expand the collection of guided reading books we have. These are collections of the same book that the whole class can enjoy together. We already have an exciting range, but are now looking to expand the number of copies we have of existing smaller collections in school. With this in mind, if you have unwanted copies of any of the books below that you would be happy to donate to school please, we would be very grateful! (We would be grateful of different editions or publications of any text below – they do not need to match the front cover shown) Thank you.



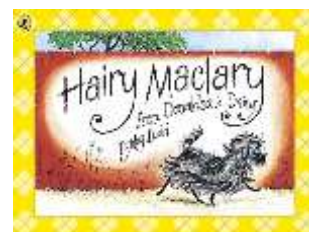
Any Roald Dahl texts



The Sheep Pig,  
Dick King-Smith



The Butterfly Lion,  
Michael Morpurgo



Hairy Maclary from  
Donaldson's Dairy,  
Lynsey Dodd

We are always happy to receive donations of unwanted books, so if you have any at home that your children no longer read, please do let us know. Thank you!

## Bonfire Lunch Menu

All children, including those usually on packed lunch, are invited to join us for a special Bonfire Night Lunch, served on 5<sup>th</sup> November. The special menu will include:

*Sausage Sloppy Joes, Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Carrots and Crusty Bread, followed by Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Biscuit, with an apple wedge.*

If your child/ren would like to take part and does not usually have a school lunch, this item can now be purchased on ParentPay and is charged at £2.50.

### Upcoming Trips

- **Adventurers:** The children will be travelling to Danby Moors Centre on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 for a day of Compass and Map skills activities. Full details and consent are now on ParentPay.
- **East Bamby:** It has been excellent to see so many families sign up for our East Bamby trip. Look out for more details and information after the half term break.

### Next week's menu

#### Week One

<b>Monday</b>	Beef burger in a bun, wedges, peas and carrots, followed by sticky date and apple bar, with custard
<b>Tuesday</b>	Macaroni cheese, green beans and sweetcorn, followed by cheese and crackers
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes and a medley of vegetables, followed by a raspberry yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Mexican Tortilla boats and savoury rice, followed by a muffin
<b>Friday</b>	Breaded salmon, chips, baked beans and peas, followed by chocolate banana sponge and chocolate sponge

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