



# Weekly Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## News from Sleights

This half term, we have been thinking about **thankfulness** and exploring how this is shown around school, in the Bible and the world around us. I want to end our half term saying a huge well done and thank you to our hardworking children, talented staff and supportive families.

This half term has been one of the busiest we have ever had! I think families will have noticed me missing from the gate here and there due to the high number of meetings and courses we have had. I am hoping that next half term is peaceful. We will be sharing details of upcoming events after the half term break.

We are ending this half term on a high! This afternoon, we look forward to welcoming Great British Bake Off Winner, David Atherton. The children are so excited and we can't wait to talk to him about his baking adventure. Look out for pictures on the website and Tapestry.

A big thank you again for your continued support this half term. We are so proud to work together with our children and families, so that all at Sleights are happy, flourish and succeed.

Have a great half term break!

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## Welcome, Rev. John Hartley

On Tuesday, the children in Discoverers and Leaders enjoyed their worship with Rev. John Hartley, the new Briggs-wath Methodist Minister. The children enjoyed meeting John and hearing him play his guitar, whilst sharing worship together. We look forward to future worship sessions with John in the coming months.

## A visit to St. John's Church

"Awesome!" was the word used to describe the Learners' visit to St. John's Church this week. The children loved being back in Church and exploring the special building. The Learners were joined by Father Michael Gobbett, who is supporting St. John's, alongside Pam Jones, one of our school governors. Father Michael led a prayer with the children and talked about harvest time. It has been lovely to be able to start reconnecting face to face with our Churches and we look forward to continuing this.

## Applying for Reception Class (September 2022)

It has been great to hear about the applications being made for Reception (September 2022) 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.



### A pumpkin plea

If you have any uncarved pumpkins after the half term break, please do donate them to Mrs Hann, who will include these in the planning for our Pioneers. In the past, Pioneers have enjoyed using them as a canvas for art, inspiration for writing, playing and to observe what happens when they rot and decompose. Any unwanted pumpkins of any size would be greatly received, please!

### Parents Evening

Over the last half term, all families have had contact from staff in school, to discuss how the children have settled back into their classes. In November, we will be arranging our parents evening appointments. These will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, with face to face or telephone meetings both being offered. Hopefully, this blended approach will mean we can accommodate everyone safely. We will keep our face to face appointments under constant review, as rates and guidance nationally dictates. More details after half term.

### School arrangements for dealing with Covid

With the significant increase on Covid cases nationally and local rise, we have taken the decision to continue with all arrangements and procedures after half term. This includes the children remaining in their consistent groups, reducing visitors in school, additional cleaning and our one way system. It is clear from the national picture, we each need to continue playing our small part, which hopefully makes a huge difference to the safety of everyone else. With this in mind, **I would like to continue to encourage the use of face coverings at pick up and drop off times, please.** Thank you for your continued support.

### Learners' Reading Together Day

Thursday was a really magical day in the Learners' class. The children have been so motivated by their reading, the Learners decided to have a full day just dedicated to books. This included the children bringing their own books to share, cosying together with a blanket and nestling in front of the log fire. It was beautiful to see.

Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a visit from Adele, from Whitby Library and a series of other classroom story tellers, each bringing a special book to share. The Learners loved the range of books they heard during the day. The day was summarised by the children as "amazing!"

### Sport and Clubs after half term

I just wanted to remind families that after half term:

- Swimming will continue for Adventurers and Leaders
- Dance Club and Mr Gokool's sports club will continue for the same group of children

### 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.

### Christmas Cards Project – FINAL REMINDER

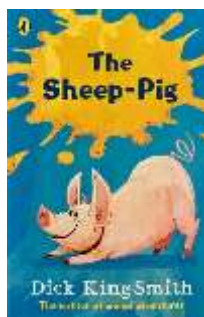
Children's Christmas card designs have been sent home on Tapestry. Every child's design, along with instructions on how to buy has been posted. There is a deadline of the **1<sup>st</sup> November**, so place your orders early.

### Reading Books – We need your help

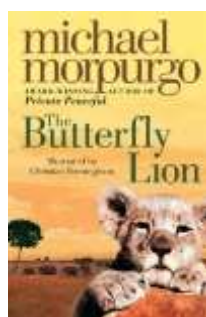
A big thank you to families who have been able to support our growing reading book collection. We already have an exciting range of class reading texts, but are now looking to expand the number of copies we have of existing smaller collections in school. With this in mind, if you have unwanted copies 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.



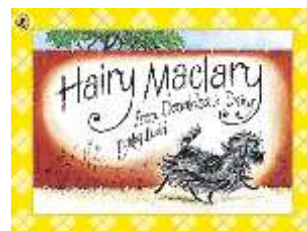
Any Roald Dahl texts



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.

## Our menu for after half term

### Week Two

<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Quesadilla and rice, sweetcorn and green beans, followed by sultana and oat cookie
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pasta bolognese, mixed greens and carrots, followed by cheese and crackers
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sausage toad in the hole with onion gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, broccoti and cauliflower, followed by strawberry yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Fish fingers, carrots, peas and chipped potatoes, followed by fruit shortcake
<b>Friday</b>	Bonfire Lunch: <i>Sausage Sloppy Joes, Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Carrots and Crusty Bread, followed by Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Biscuit, with an apple wedge.</i>

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