



# Weekly Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## News from Sleights

Happy New Year to our full school community. It was so lovely welcoming everyone back on a very chilly Wednesday morning. Hearing the excitement from the children about their return to school was so good to see. Around school, there has been a real hub of great learning and reconnection with friends missed over the Christmas break. No time has been lost, as children have jumped head first into 2022!

In **Explorers** this week, the children have enjoyed reconnecting with their learning space. The children have been creating models and buildings with large boxes, as well as lots of great counting and drawing. I have seen lots of excellent play this week and know the children have had a super time!

The **Pioneers** wasted no time in tackling new learning. The children enjoyed returning to their new shoe making play areas, all set for their next adventures. Later in the week, a number of very excited elves arrived in Pioneers and the children were amazed by their new classmates. I know there's a lot of great learning ahead.

Across in **Learners**, modelling and artwork have been really well received! As inspiration for their next piece of writing, the children created their own images and models using loose parts (small household items which can be used for lots of open ended tasks!) We were blown away by the work created and can't wait to see the children's writing next week.

Next door in **Adventurers**, there was a real hub of excitement on Wednesday morning, as children began thinking creatively about how a toaster works. This activity is linked closely to the children's work on explanation texts. They worked hard to come up with their own (very imaginative!) toasting methods, which I know will come in useful as their work continues next week.

Understanding the water cycle has been the focus for our **Discoverers** this week. The children were challenged to represent the water cycle in a bag, before attaching their design to the window to see it in action. The children were very enthused about what they discovered! Did you see the Discoverers in the Whitby Gazette over Christmas? Their news story about adopting their class panda was celebrated and can be seen here: [Whitby Gazette article link](#)

Our **Leaders** have welcomed the new year by setting themselves challenges. In their final terms at Sleights, the children are keen to make sure they make lots of impact and it has been lovely to hear them talk of their personal goals and achievements. We look forward to hearing and seeing their future successes.

And finally, a number of children have been working really hard at home too! We have been so impressed to see families working on shared pieces of artwork to inspire writing and carrying out lots of reading. Well done to them all!

After such a busy first few days, I know that everyone is now ready for a rest! Have a great weekend with your families,

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## Coronavirus

As families are aware, this week we communicated our strategies for continuing to minimise the spread of Coronavirus. We recognise that there are continued challenging times ahead, but thank families for their ongoing support. Children who are isolating at home will have daily work set on Tapestry for completing. This work is closely aligned to that being taught in school, so would encourage that this is completed if children feel well enough to do so, please.



### Henderson's Estate Agents

Did you see our children's brilliant work in Henderson's over Christmas? I was really impressed when I saw the work first hand. Seeing the children's hard work pay off and be celebrated really is super.

The children in the photograph who represented the school in the image returned to Sleights declaring "We are famous!" I know the estate agency felt strongly that we have some agents of the future amongst us.

Well done, Team Sleights!

### Applying for Reception Class (September 2022) – **Deadline approaching**

The deadline for applying for a place in next year's Reception class is **NEXT WEEK** - 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.

### Heinz special lunch

To celebrate 153 years of everyone's favourite sauce, the children will enjoy a 'Heinz' menu on 20<sup>th</sup> January. This will be made up of:

*Pork sausage in homemade roll, wedges, beans and broccoli, followed by jam sponge and custard*

If your child usually has a packed lunch, but wants to join us for this special meal, please book this on ParentPay using the school meals option and adding Heinz into the notes box, please. The meal will cost £2.50.

### Clubs this term

Clubs started again this week. Places are still available on both Mr Gokool's sports club and Hannah's dance club. Please give permission for clubs set out below:

- **Tuesday after school:** Dance with Hannah Verity for Learners and Adventurers (Years 1, 2 and 3) No charge. Please email [admin@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk) to book your place, as this has now closed on ParentPay.
- **Wednesday after school:** Sports with Mr Gokool for Discoverers and Leaders (Years 4, 5 and 6) Payment to Mr Gokool via this link: <https://4-4-2-soccer.class4kids.co.uk/>

### Swimming starts next week



After Christmas, swimming will begin again for Mrs Taylor and Mrs Hann's class (**Discoverers and Pioneers**) Swimming will take place on **TUESDAY MORNINGS**. Each session will cost £3.00 which includes hiring the pool and the cost of the bus. This amount is also subsidised by the school. Payments can be made in one go, or weekly.

### Keeping safe online

We regularly talk to the children about staying safe online. This is such an important message to share and reinforce. Christmas is commonly a time for getting new devices for working and playing online. We hope the information about setting up Apple and Android devices with parental controls (found at the end of the newsletter) helps families to keep children safe on these new devices.

### Recorders – starting next week

Mrs Rowland, our recorder and choir teacher, makes a long awaited return to Sleights next Friday. Mrs Rowland will begin working with children in Year 5 and 6 to continue groups started before school closures. We know the children are looking forward to even more music!

### Our school topic – donations or expertise needed

This term we are learning about 'Inventors and Inventions'. Across school, we will be finding out about how machines work, studying industry and inventions. We love to make links, so if you have an expertise in industry that you would like to share with the children, please do get in touch. We have already had some great conversations with some of our families about their roles and how we can inspire the children at Sleights.

As well as this, we will be creating pieces of art work using 'loose parts'. These are collections of items which can be used creatively in open ended play. These are already firm favourites in our Early Years classrooms, but we are looking to extend our collection of resources for use across the whole school. With this in mind, if you have any unwanted (but usable) items that the children could use for creating models or artwork, please get in touch. We are hoping to gather items including:

- Wooden discs
- Small logs
- Cones
- Wooden boxes or crates
- Wooden frames
- Cork bottle stoppers
- Willow baskets
- Small cardboard boxes
- Tubes
- Lids
- Vacuum cleaner parts (clean)
- Buttons
- Spoons
- Funnels
- Plumbing pipes
- Funnels
- Kitchen utensils – pots, pans, mashers, sieves
- Bottle lids
- Curtain ring / eyelets
- Ribbons
- Pegs
- Nuts and bolts
- Hinges
- Washing liquid caps
- Old CD/DVD discs
- Cotton reels
- Small wheels
- Rollers

### Next week's menu

|           | Week 2   |
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| Monday    | Pasta bolognese, green beans, sweetcorn and bread, followed by oat and sultana cookie  |
| Tuesday   | Chicken and vegetable pie, roast potatoes, peas, cauliflower and bread, followed by cheese and crackers  |
| Wednesday | Roast pork and apple sauce, gravy, creamy mashed potato, broccoli, carrots and pumpkin seed bread, followed by creamy rice pudding and peaches |
| Thursday  | Quorn dippers, potato wedges, tomato ketchup, peas, sweetcorn and herby bread, followed by chocolate orange sponge and chocolate sauce         |
| Friday    | Crunchy breaded fish, chipped potatoes, green beans, carrots and 50/50 bread, followed by fruity flapjack                                      |

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

# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



## How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

## How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

## How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS

## Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



### How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set (18+)
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

### How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

### Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set (18+)

