



Weekly Newsletter

4th February 2022

News from Sleights

The **Explorers** have continued to enjoy learning about things that move. When they took a visit to the forest earlier in the week, the children were very interested in the tyre tracks left behind on the field from the digger last week. The children have enjoyed creating their own marks with paint to show tyres and motion. It has also been fantastic to see the children really excited by the sand this week. So much fun - and a lot of mess!

Creating and inventing has continued to inspire our **Pioneers** this week. On every occasion to the classroom, the children have been so focused, working purposefully to investigate and question the technology around them. Seeing the children create their own robot (Re-Bot) was outstanding. The children have also been delighted to launch their very own rocket on the back field. The children's excitement and cheers were superb!

The **Learners** have enjoyed finding out more about Chinese New Year this week. The children spent time finding out about how animals link to different years and the meaning of this. The children also created their own Chinese lanterns. Learners also spent time looking closely at the Jewish 'Shabbat'. There are more details later in the newsletter, but we hope that in the coming weeks, the children will be able to enjoy a 'Shabbat' meal in school.

The **Adventurers** arrived at school on Thursday to discover their classroom had been trashed! Mr Everall told the children that he had spotted the Iron Man at school and, sure enough, there was lots of evidence, including footprints, to show this! The children were tasked to find out what had happened and spent the day finding more evidence and interviewing eye witnesses. I am excited to hear their final report findings.

This week, it was great to find out that the **Discoverers** will be taking place in the Eskdale Festival on Monday 7th March. As you know, the children have been practising hard over the last few weeks and are sounding very impressive! The children will be travelling to the Whitby Spa Pavilion, by coach, for the 1pm class. Families can provide consent on ParentPay and will be welcome to go along and watch!

In my visits to **Leaders** this week, I have seen a journey of writing, as children have developed and built on their knowledge of reports. I have been particularly impressed to hear the questioning from the children and their attention to detail with their reports. Their hard work is clear to see.

Have a great weekend with your families,

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Coronavirus cases in school - update

Over the week, it has been lovely to welcome so many of our children back to school. As families know, we have had a challenging few weeks with an increase of cases in school, but we are happy to report that almost all children have now returned to school happily and healthily.

Once again, I would like to thank families for their continued support and vigilance in keeping our school community safe.

Food in school

In recent weeks, we have noticed that a number of children have been bringing crisps, sweets and chocolate for snack. Just a reminder that snacks and food in packed lunches should meet the expectations of the national food standards for schools, set out by the government. This means that children should not be bringing cakes, biscuits, pastries or crisps for snack. Chocolate or sweets should also not be used in packed lunches. Thank you.

East Barnby Residential for Year 5 and 6

Mrs Walker and Mrs Taylor will be accompanying our Year 5 and 6 children for their East Barnby residential in March. On **Thursday next week, at 3.30pm**, a virtual meeting will be held for families to find out about the week, discuss the kit needed and ask any questions they may have. The meeting link will be sent separately.

Learners are visiting the mobile library



Families may know that the mobile library visits the village on the first Monday of every month. Next week (Monday 7th February), some of our Learners will be taking a trip to the library. The children will be walking and will be able to select some books, using the school library card, to enjoy back in the classroom. On the next visit (Monday 7th March), the rest of the Learners will enjoy a visit to swap and get new books.

Safer Internet Day

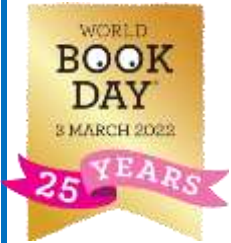


At Sleights, we are committed to promoting safety on the internet and teaching the children about how to stay safe online. Each week, the children enjoy a computing lesson from Mrs Gurney, alongside a range of other sessions throughout the year, focused on staying safe. Next week marks 'Safer Internet Day'. In school, the children will take part in a range of safety sessions to reinforce ways to stay safe online.

Permission - Learners

In the coming weeks, the Learners, as part of their work on Judaism, will be given the opportunity to take part in a Shabbat celebration, complete with tasting bagels (with butter) and juice. For all food eaten in school for curriculum tasks, we now need consent. With this in mind, please review the ingredients, displayed on ParentPay, and provide consent for this.

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March



We love reading at Sleights! As a school, we always celebrate reading and all things books, but we will also be joining worldwide celebrations on Thursday 3rd March for World Book Day. As well as Book Day celebrations and activities (details to follow) the children will be given a £1 book token, which can be exchanged for one of twelve new books, or be put towards another book. Tokens will be sent home before half term.

The information below is unchanged from our previous newsletter

Non-uniform day - 18th February

Children are invited to wear RED for our final day of the half term on Friday 18th February. We are hoping to raise money for the Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF), based at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle. The charity raises much needed funds to support children with heart challenges who require support and surgery. I hope that, together, we can raise lots of money to support this incredible work.



To donate, please use ParentPay, where a payment item has been set up. Thank you for your support!

Recorders

Mrs Rowland has now returned to teaching recorder sessions for Discoverers and Leaders. A number of children required a recorder, so school have purchased some to sell at a reduced rate. If your child requires a recorder, these can be purchased on ParentPay for £5. Unfortunately, due to our school risk assessment, we are unable to offer shared recorders and would encourage buying one to practise at home with.

Staying Safe – We need your help

Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children. To help us at Sleights, we are excited to launch a free online safety package to families at Sleights. Families can create a free online account to learn at home and receive tips and guides for staying safe online.



To set yourselves up:

- Follow this link: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/sleights-ce-primary-school>
- Click the option of Parent (My child attends this school) and create your account.
- On the left hand side of the screen, you will see a big menu of guides and courses, which can be completed at home. We are encouraging families to spend time completing the “Annual Certificate in Online Safety” to help increase understanding and safety at home.

We are working hard to promote online safety across school, including ongoing staff training for staff and online safety lessons in the classroom. We hope that this work, alongside families signing up, will help us achieve a National Online Safety award.

Next week's menu

Week 3	
Monday	Chicken Korma, rice, cauliflower, green beans and bread, followed by chocolate cornflake pudding
Tuesday	Creamy macaroni and cheese, broccoli, sweetcorn and garlic bread, followed by fruit platter
Wednesday	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing, gravy, roast potatoes, spring cabbage, carrots and bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
Thursday	Nacho beef bake, sweetcorn, green beans and bread, followed by banana sponge and custard
Friday	Harry Ramsden's battered fish, chipped potatoes, peas, sweetcorn, tomato ketchup and wholemeal bread, followed by carrot cake

We ask that no nuts or peanuts are brought into school as ingredients or food items.