



Weekly Newsletter

4th March 2022

News from Sleights

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break. It has been absolutely brilliant to welcome everyone back without restrictions in place. Seeing the joy and happiness of our children playing together at lunchtime again has been so lovely. It is great to be back to something we recognise as pre-Covid and hope to see it stay!

The **Explorers** have started their new half term finding out about the school building and who works in it. The children have enjoyed visiting the classrooms and meeting the teachers, Mrs Eglon and Mrs Stubbs. I know they were fascinated by some of the things they saw – it was a holepunch in my office that was of most interest! The children also created some excellent drawings of the staff, which have really captured a likeness.

The **Pioneers** have been enjoying the Three Billy Goats Gruff this week. The children have enjoyed creating their own story map and even opted to change the goats to dinosaurs. At the start of the week, it was lovely for the Pioneers to showcase some of their reading skills to a group of school governors. The knowledge and expertise of the children was brilliant to see and showed their skills and talents.

The children in **Learners** have had a very busy week! It was a total joy to visit on Thursday afternoon and see the great work that had been produced across World Book Day. Each child became an author, as the class put together the story of odd and even numbers, personalised to Sleights. The book was a total triumph and will now go to library, where lots of other children can enjoy it!

Measurements have been keeping the **Adventurers** busy this week! When I visited on Monday, it was great to see the children gaining practical experience, as they measured items in the room. The children also enjoyed grappling with problem solving and were working hard to convince me and each other of different measure related statements.

The **Discoverers** classroom has been very lively this week, as the children began planning their own story, linked to treasure and junk. Inspired by a video clip showing how one man's junk is another's treasure, the children have been busy creating models and story maps to plan a narrative story and explore their characters. The Discoverers' engagement and enthusiasm was clear to see!

Finally, in **Leaders**, the children have also been preparing for writing stories. I was certainly intrigued earlier in the week when I visited and saw the children staging lots of photographs to help them create their own storyboards. The children were very creatively recreating key events from stories, which they then sequenced to retell well known tales. It was lots of fun working these out!

Well done to everyone for an excellent first week back. Have a great weekend with your families,

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The launch of our Yorkshire Coast Education Partnership

We are excited to share details about a new partnership involving Sleights and a number of local primary schools. The partnership will be known as the Yorkshire Coast Education Partnership (YCEP).

A separate letter is being sent home with the newsletter today which shares information about how the schools will work together moving forwards.

If you have any questions or queries about the Yorkshire Coast Education Partnership, please do get in touch.



A HUGE thank you!

On behalf of the Children's Heart Unit Fund and families it has supported, we want to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who supported our wear red fundraiser before half term. The final total was a massive **£269**. This staggering amount is the largest amount our school has raised for a charity in many years and something everyone should be immensely proud of! The Children's Heart Unit Fund raises vital funds to support children and their families requiring lifechanging operations and care. Your money will make a real difference.

A huge thank you to everyone for their brilliant support for our 'Wear Red' day for the Children's Heart Unit Fund.



Parents Evening

Face to face parents evening will take place on **Monday 28th March, or Tuesday 29th March**. These appointments will be for children in Reception (Pioneers) upwards. Staff from Pre-School (Explorers) will contact families directly to arrange a time to discuss the children's progress. To book your appointment(s), please select a timeslot from those available on the booking forms below. Nearer the time, we will contact families with a more accurate time.

- **Pioneers** book here: <https://forms.office.com/r/YdAQgXWxf3>
- **Learners** book here: <https://forms.office.com/r/3p4m6iCf7q>
- **Adventurers** book here: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZpYGwew259>
- **Discoverers** book here: <https://forms.office.com/r/PkJPG7EKeM>
- **Leaders** book here: <https://forms.office.com/r/3ntgKtm7AV>

We are keen to share progress with everyone in school, so if you can't make one of the days offered, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible, so we can arrange an alternative time.

Ukraine appeal

We know that a number of children in school are aware of and are worried about the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Staff have made themselves available to speak to children who have questions or worries they would like to share. We know that the news is full of headlines about the crisis and we will continue working with children and families to support. Families may also be aware that a number of collection points have been established to donate to the Ukraine appeal. Millbry Hill are trying to assist in collecting items for Ukrainian communities, including their animals. As a school, we will collect any items, which will then be shared with Millbry Hill for donation. With this in mind, please share any donated items, listed above, with the school during the next week.



FOR PETS:

- Non-Perishable Pet Food
- Pet First Aid / Vet Supplies
- Calming Tablets / Calming Supplements
- Blankets

FOR PEOPLE:

- Blankets / Sleeping Bags
- First Aid Kits, Plasters, etc
- Toiletries, Toothbrushes, etc
- Baby Milk, Nappies
- Disposable Cutlery / Cups
- Non-Perishable Food Items

Keeping children safe – NSPCC work in school



Keeping our children safe, as well as supporting them to understand how to keep themselves and others safe is really important to everyone in our school community.

Over the coming weeks, we will be completing the NSPCC's 'PANTS' lessons, which focus on five simple steps for children to follow in order to keep themselves safe and bodies private. These sessions are

completed in line with our Relationship and Sex Education policy, which can be found on the school website. Part of this policy outlines how the correct terms for body parts will be used from Year 1 onwards. This may be referred to during the taught sessions.

The materials used will include posters and a song. These can be viewed by families in advance, using the link at the end of this item.

If any families **do not** wish for their children to take part in the sessions, please get in touch as soon as possible to discuss this. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



This half term's Christian Value

In Collective Worship and in the classrooms this half term, we will be focusing on exploring the theme. We will be celebrating what makes us the same and different and how everyone should be treated equally:

"Learn to do right. Seek justice" (Isaiah 1, 17)

An activity sheet to support families discuss justice at home is attached to our newsletter this week.

For Leaders and Adventurers - New Teacher Days

To support the transition for our children in Leaders and Adventurers to their new teachers after Easter, we are pleased to share the following arrangements:

- Thursday 10th March, Thursday 17th March and Thursday 31st March – Mrs Porter will be teaching Leaders.
- Tuesday 5th April – Mrs Brown (new teacher) will be teaching Adventurers.

We know that this time before Easter will mean that the children and teachers will get the chance to work together, so that in the new term, the classes can hit the ground running.

Lent

As families will be aware, this week marked the start of Lent. In Collective Worship, the school has discussed how we prepare for Lent. We have created our own Lent calendar with suggested activities to take part in over the next forty days. It has been lovely to hear about and see on Tapestry how families have tackled some of these suggestions already. The activities for this week and next week are shown below. Why not have a go at home?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		2 nd March Walking Wednesday Walk 40 minutes each day, for 40 days.	3 rd March Donation Day Bring in something that you would like to donate to charity, and Mrs Taylor will visit the charity shop after school. Alternatively, you are welcome to deliver this yourself or donate to somebody you know.	4 th March Fitness Friday Take part in a 30 minute workout of your choice. You can follow a fitness video online, or simply be active for 30 minutes.	5 th March Positivity Day Try not to use any negative words today. Show kindness and use positivity, even when things seem difficult.	6 th March Sacrifice Sunday Sacrifice your favourite food for a whole day.
7 th March Visit a Neighbour Spread some love in your community by saying "Hello" to a neighbour, delivering a kind note or simply giving a cheerful wave.	8 th March Technology-Swap Tuesday Sacrifice your device for 30 minutes and in this time play a board game, or do some drawing.	9 th March Chore Wednesday Take on an extra job around the home to help your family.	10 th March Thankful Thursday Many people help us throughout our day. Go out of your way to say a special thank you to those who care for us.	11 th March Giving a Gift Share a gift with somebody you know. It could be a homemade card, or a bunch of flowers.	12 th March Story Saturday Share a story with somebody you love. It can be from a book, or one you've made up, or even something that happened during your week.	13 th March Silent Sunday Take a silent moment to think at some point during your day. Think about those who make sacrifices for us.

Eskdale Festival

On Monday afternoon, our Discoverers will be taking part in the Eskdale Festival. Despite only starting to learn their instruments in September, we are delighted with the huge progress they have made and the confidence they have. We are really looking forward to hearing how Team Sleights rocks the Spa Pavilion. Go, Discoverers!

East Barnby

Just a reminder to our Year 6 and Year 5 families, East Barnby will be taking place between Monday 21st and Friday 25th March. If you missed the family meeting last week, or need any additional information, please get in touch.

Comic Relief – Advance Notice

Children will be invited to wear red for Comic Relief on Friday 18th March. Any donations would be welcomed, please and can be made on ParentPay.



Maths Month



March is maths month. Over the next few weeks, children will be enjoying a range of maths activities, including our very successful World Book Day activities yesterday. Details of an event taking place in Whitby tomorrow are shared to the left.

Between 25th March and 31st March, the school will also take part in a Sumsdog contest with other schools in North Yorkshire. Throughout the challenge, individual children and schools will be celebrated on a county wide leader board, recognising the hard work of mathematicians.

It would be amazing to see our school represented on the leader board, so please do encourage your children to take part at home. We will be providing time in school too.

As part of the leader board, the children's names are shared. If you do not wish for your child to take part in this, please do let me know.

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.