



# Weekly Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## News from Sleights

The **Explorers** have taken full advantage of the beautiful sunshine this week and spent lots of time learning outdoors. The children have enjoyed exploring floating and sinking, light and dark, as well as lots of astronaut and rocket play. The children have also been focusing on different shapes, looking at some of our maths book spine collection to help them create their own shape artwork.

On Tuesday afternoon, the **Pioneers** went for a visit to St. John's Church, where they met Mrs Jones, our Foundation Governor. The children heard stories from the Bible and looked around the Church to spot stained glass windows and a range of features. They were fascinated! The children's focus and attitude on the visit was exemplary. Well done, Team Pioneers!

This week, the **Learners** have been finding lines of symmetry in maths. To help them, the children have enjoyed lots of practical work, including folding and making pictures from 2D shapes. The children have also enjoyed collecting data to support their computing work with Mrs Gurney.

The **Adventurers** have started their new class book this week - Flat Stanley. The children are very intrigued as to how and why Stanley is flat! In history, the Adventurers have started to look at different sources of information to find out about mummification. This work began by studying at X-Ray and the earliest narrative of this.

The **Leaders and Discoverers in school** have worked together brilliantly, for one week only, as a new class, whilst other children were out at East Barnby. The children have been working hard to create their own Keynote presentation on the iPads. As part of this work, the children have been researching and adding content to slides and experimenting with a range of transitions and animations in their presentations.

The **Leaders and Discoverers at East Barnby** are ending the week with *so much* to be proud of and celebrate. We have all enjoyed the updates from the children and staff, hearing about some brilliant biking, great gorge walking and a cracking climb at the start of the week. I know the children have had a fantastic time and will bring back lots of memories (and even more washing!) A huge well done to them all and a big thank you to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Walker for supporting them.

Have a great weekend with your families,

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## Parents Evening - NEXT WEEK

Just a reminder that parents evening will take place on **Monday** and **Tuesday** afternoon next week. An appointment time was sent home at the end of last week, but please ask your child's teacher if you need a reminder. When you arrive at school, please come to the hall, where your children's books will be available to view whilst you wait. Class teachers will collect families from the hall.

As part of the meetings, teachers will discuss children's achievements, progress, targets and attendance.

## Second Hand Uniform and Book Swap at Parents Evening

In the hall during parents evening, we hope to hold a uniform and book stall, to swap good quality, second hand items for a small donation. This is a request from our school eco committee, The Planetears.

We are still accepting uniform and book donations, so please do pass these across to the children's class teachers before Monday/Tuesday morning, so they can be sorted for the parents evening. Thank you in advance!

## Earth Hour - TOMORROW



Last week, the Adventurers, on behalf of the Planeteers Eco Club, shared details of the worldwide 'Earth Hour'. Tomorrow evening, families are encouraged to join millions of people around the world and switch off your lights and devices in support of nature and our planet on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm.**

Why not spend the hour playing games by candlelight, or enjoying time together device free? We hope lots of families can come together to support our earth.

## Maths Month – Sumdog competition – STARTS TODAY!



Starting for one week today, the children at Sleights will take part in a Sumdog 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.

## Easter Lunch – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, children will enjoy a special Easter themed menu for lunch. If children who usually have packed lunch would like to take part, the meal can be purchased on ParentPay for £2.50, writing 'EASTER' in the notes box, please. The menu will include:

*Roast Chicken, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli and Sweetcorn, followed by Chocolate Fudge Pudding and Chocolate Sauce.*

## Pre-School places for September 2022

We already have had a great deal of interest in places for September 2022 in our Pre-School. This will be a particularly exciting time for the first group of children to make our new classroom home. We still have some spaces available from September for children aged two and above. If you have, or know of, children who would like to become part of Team Sleights, please do get in touch. We have limited availability and places do fill up fast. If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

## Free School Meals

If your family receive certain benefits, your child could also qualify for free school meals. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all receive free meals, but we would encourage families in all year groups to review the list of benefits below and get in touch if you think you would qualify for support. School staff can support you in your application. To qualify, you must be receiving:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

(Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals).



### Information about Music Lessons in school

A large number of children at Sleights enjoy music lessons each week. North Yorkshire County Council provides instrument lessons through their music service, which children from across school can take part in and enjoy. The service offers lessons in brass, woodwind, strings, guitars, percussion, singing and piano across 32 lessons a year.

These can be as part of a group, or individual. Sessions are already discounted by the music service, but families in receipt of free school meals can claim these at no charge and other benefits will also see a reduction in costs. Learning an instrument is a really excellent and enjoyable skill, so we would encourage families and children to consider this offer. For more information and to register your child's interest, please visit: <https://www.northyorkshireremusicclub.co.uk/>

### Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated to Red Nose Day last week. As a school, we raised a brilliant £72!



### Growing Up In North Yorkshire Survey – YEAR 6 and YEAR 2 only

Our school, along with the majority of North Yorkshire schools, has agreed to participate in the 2022 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey for young people. The survey has been running since 2006 and information gained from individual school and county level helps gain an insight across North Yorkshire. In 2020, over 16,500 pupils in North Yorkshire completed the survey. Participation in this year's survey will really support our understanding of children and young people's wellbeing following the pandemic.

The survey data is able to inform the review of provision in schools and school improvement priorities and has been used well, for example, to:

- Learn their opinions about learning, the enjoyment of lessons and the usefulness of key aspects of the curriculum related to wellbeing
- Identify staff training needs
- Provide information to inform review of a range of school policies
- Identify the needs of different groups of pupils and further develop provision to meet those needs
- Inform discussions with parents about aspects such as online safety

The questions concern a wide range of perceptions and behaviours related to learning and wellbeing, for example: Enjoyment of lessons, Attitudes and resilience for learning, Transition, Relationships, Growing up, Emotional health and wellbeing including bullying, Safety including online safety, Tobacco, Alcohol, Healthy Eating, Physical activity

The North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service has worked closely with the Schools Health Education Unit to ensure that the content of the questionnaires is appropriate, with bespoke questionnaires for primary, secondary and special schools. Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school. Individual schools are not identified in any of the county reports.

As in 2020, the survey would like to collect the home postcode of as many young people as they can. This is to create maps and perform other analysis based on geography; the postcodes will be held separately and securely and your child will not be able to be identified.

Please let me know if you do not wish your child to take part. The survey will be carried out in term after the Easter holidays.

## Lent

It has been so lovely to hear about and see how the school community has been tackling the Lent Calendar challenges. We are really pleased to hear about your actions at home. Below are the suggested activities for next week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28 <sup>th</sup> March	29 <sup>th</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> March	31 <sup>st</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> April
<b>Money Monday</b>	<b>Terrific Tuesday</b>	<b>Sharing Religion</b>	<b>Day of Courage</b>	<b>The Father, Son and Holy Spirit</b>	<b>Stretching Saturday</b>	<b>No Electronics</b>
If you can, donate some money to a charity of your choice.	Make sure to fit in some time during your day to do something of your choice.	Share some knowledge about religion with somebody you know.	If there has been something you have been worried to talk about or do, try achieving this during your day.	Create something to represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As an alternative, you could create something that is special to you.	Take time to stretch and relax.	Try to go a full day without using any electronics.

The items below remain unchanged from our previous newsletter

### Reminder of timings

We just wanted to remind families that the doors open at 8.50am each morning and we encourage everyone to be in school and ready to learn then. Whilst the school day officially starts at 9.00am, these extra ten minutes really help! The school day ends at 3.00pm for Pre-School families and 3.10pm for the rest of the school. If children have not been collected by 3.15pm, they will be taken to Kids' Club, where a charge may be applied.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> March – Mrs Porter will be teaching Leaders.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Mr Gokool's Sports Club

Just a reminder that Mr Gokool's sports club is now open to children in Years 3 – 6 (Leaders, Discoverers and Adventurers). Mr Gokool has stated that the club can only run with high enough numbers, so please do help keep this very popular club going! To book your place, please let Mr Gokool know directly by completing the details on his website here: <https://4-4-2-soccer.class4kids.co.uk/>

### Swimming in the summer term – Leaders and Learners



After Easter, swimming will start for our Learners. The Leaders will also attend for a second time this year, as we know the importance of being able to swim before leaving primary school and how Covid closures may have impacted on lessons. 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.

If your child is in Leaders or Learners, we ask that you log on to ParentPay to provide consent and make payment for swimming sessions, please. We would be grateful if families could provide this consent before the Easter break. Thank you. Payments can be made in one go, or weekly.

## Next week's menu

### Week 3

<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Korma, rice, cauliflower, green beans and bread, followed by chocolate cornflake pudding
<b>Tuesday</b>	Creamy macaroni and cheese, broccoli, sweetcorn and garlic bread, followed by fruit platter
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing, gravy, roast potatoes, spring cabbage, carrots and bread, followed by fruit yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Nacho beef bake, sweetcorn, green beans and bread, followed by banana sponge and custard
<b>Friday</b>	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.**