



Weekly Newsletter

1st April 2022

News from Sleights

After previous visits from the fire service and a ward sister, it was the turn of the police to visit the **Explorers** this week. The children have been busy learning about people who help us, so were fascinated by the police vehicle that turned up on Wednesday. The children enjoyed hearing the sirens and asking Pete and Daisy, the officers about their jobs.

This week, the **Pioneers** have enjoyed tackling ten. After many weeks spent exploring and unpicking the numbers before ten, this was a very exciting week! The children have worked hard to construct the number in lots of ways, including Numicon, drawings and bead strings.

Continuing their mission to save the hedgehogs, this week, the **Learners** have been learning all about rhetorical questions and how they can be used in their writing to make someone think. The children came up with some great ideas. The children have also been busy with fractions, which I know they have enjoyed.

The **Adventurers** had an exciting start to their next writing topic, as they begin to invent their own product. The children were tasked with coming up with something useful that could be used by many – there were some incredibly wide ranging and interesting suggestions!

Our new invention activity has also inspired our **Discoverers**. For their task, the children have been creating their own inventions, which they will write a speech to persuade others to buy. The big speech day will take place next Friday and we are all excited to see which pitches will be successful.

Sundog fever struck **Leaders** this week, as children have been battling hard to secure a top spot on the North Yorkshire competition leader board. I was really impressed when I visited on Wednesday to see the attention and effort children were investing (as well as at home!) A big well done to everyone – more on the final results later in the newsletter.

Have a great weekend with your families,

Scott Grason headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk

Coronavirus - update

As families will be aware, 1st April marks a change in how we are asked to manage cases of Coronavirus. As schools, we have been provided with the following information, which will form the basis of our own response at Sleights.

- Children and young people **who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home** and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.**

We know that this updated advice may take some adjustment, but please do discuss any worries or questions with school staff.

Parents Evening

We have been delighted to hear such brilliant feedback from families who were able to join us for parents evening this week. Being able to see the children's work in school again is something that families have told us was a real highlight! We hope the appointments were useful and provided updates about your children's successes, next steps and attendance. If you have been unable to attend, teachers will be contacting you to arrange an alternative appointment.

Giving us your views

In the summer term, we will spend time reviewing our behaviour and anti-bullying policies. In school, we see our children's excellent behaviour and they regularly tell us that any worries they have are dealt with quickly. To help us gain the views of our families too, please could you spend just a few moments completing our very quick survey. All feedback will help us shape any changes to our approaches and policies – thank you!

<https://forms.office.com/r/TS7WiqgSkF>



Maths Month – Sumdog competition

It has been a fierce week of maths competition this week, as children tackled the North Yorkshire 'Maths Month' contest. It has been excellent to see so many children enthused to tackle the competition head on and we have had some brilliant results!

Throughout the week, a number of classes at Sleights topped the daily winner leader boards. For 50% of the week, Sleights held onto first place – congratulations go to Learners, Discoverers and Leaders for their achievements. We were also delighted to see some individuals from Sleights celebrated on the leader board too. A huge well done to them.

Overall in the competition, the Leaders secured our highest place. Coming second out of the full school list of North Yorkshire schools that took part is a super achievement. A last minute glitch saw a chunk of the children's scores wiped (a Sumdog error), but we are certain that their ongoing efforts would have secured them the top spot – their daily scores showed that! Discoverers finished third, Adventurers were sixth and Learners eighth.

The brilliant results from our super small school just show our maths power when taking on the much larger town schools. Go, Team Sleights! You are brilliant.

Second Hand Uniform and Book Swap at Parents Evening

We wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for their generosity in donating to our second hand uniform and book swap sales. We were delighted with the response and are really pleased uniform can be used again. Moving forwards, if you have any unwanted, good quality uniform, please donate these to us and we will make sure it receives a great second home.

Easter Lunch – Wednesday 6th April – next week

On Wednesday 6th 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.

Easter Holiday Club



FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHILDREN:
YOUR CHILD IS ENTITLED TO A FREE SPACE ON OUR COURSE. MEALS & SNACKS ARE PROVIDED ON EACH DAY BOOK ON SCSS WEBSITE WITH CODE

PAYING PARENTS:
£20 PER DAY (INC. FOOD) 16 ADDITIONAL SPACES EACH DAY BOOK ON SCSS WEBSITE

11TH - 14TH APRIL | SUITABLE FOR AGES 5 - 11

08:30 - 16:30

**MULTI
SPORT**



VENUE:
EAST WHITBY ACADEMY
STAINSACRE ROAD, YO22 4HU

TO BOOK, PLEASE VISIT:
SIMONCARSONSPORTSSCHOOL.CO.UK

Photographs and videos may be taken during the sessions on any day for promotional purposes. If you would like to opt out of this, please send us an email with your details (venue & child's name). If we don't receive an 'opt-out' email, we will assume consent.

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUERIES
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Mr Gokool's Sports Club – pay weekly option now available

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 help with numbers, Mr Gokool is now also offering a pay as you go option (pay weekly) for £3 per session, paid directly to Mr Gokool on his booking system. 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 - REMINDER



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 1
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza, diced potatoes, peas and sweetcorn, followed by chocolate crunch
Tuesday	Chicken and tomato pasta bake, carrots, green beans and garlic bread, followed by cheese and crackers
Wednesday	Easter lunch: Roast Chicken, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli and Sweetcorn, followed by Chocolate Fudge Pudding and Chocolate Sauce.
Thursday	Sausage, mash and onion gravy, carrots, broccoli and 50/50 bread, followed by apple crumble and custard
Friday	Fish fingers, baked beans, peas, chipped potatoes and tomato bread, followed by fruity jam sponge

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