

# Weekly Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## News from Sleights

Welcome back everyone to the final term of the year. We hope you all had a lovely break over Easter and were able to enjoy some time (and a bit of sunshine) together. Here's to a brilliant summer term at Sleights!

This week, the **Explorers** started dance sessions. Each Tuesday afternoon, the children will enjoy a session with Hannah Verity. This week, the children loved playing games and moving to the music – I know that the staff did too! Lots of movement and so many smiling faces was brilliant to see.

The **Pioneers** enjoyed a visit to the forest on Wednesday, as they began their work using the text 'Looking Closely'. The children closely observed a range of flowers in the forest, as well as identifying different plants using a key. The children also enjoyed the messy job of exploring and digging in the soil and discover root systems.

In **Learners**, the children have been busy planning and writing their own posters this week. When I visited on Thursday, I saw the children working hard to create their own rhetorical questions, linked to animals. This work will help next week, when Learners tackle their "Hedgehog Heroes" work again, as they continue raising awareness.

The **Adventurers** have done a brilliant job this week, welcoming Mrs Brown as their new teacher – it feels like she has been with us forever already! In class, the children have tackled their new text, "Nim's Island", which is linked to our new animals topic. On my visits, I have also seen the children working hard to successfully tackle punctuation to help them with their writing.

In **Discoverers**, the children also enjoyed their first dance lesson on Tuesday afternoon. There were lots of smiling faces, as the children grappled with new movements and choreography. In the classroom, the children have also started their new book for the term, Varjak Paw. There have been some great predictions about where the plot may take the children and I know the Discoverers are looking forward to finding out more!

I have been really impressed by the artwork produced by the **Leaders** this week. As part of their new art topic (drawing), the children have been learning about the life and works of Leonardo Da Vinci, producing some stunning work in their sketchbooks. Alongside this, the children are also working incredibly hard to prepare for their SATs (more details later in the newsletter).

What a busy first week! Well done to our super team Sleights! Have a great long weekend with your families,

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**Just a reminder that school is CLOSED on Monday, due to the Bank Holiday.**

## Dates for your diary

The summer term is always a very busy one. This week, we are sending home a list of diary dates for the summer term, which we hope will help families plan ahead for some key events that will take place before July. We will do our best to stick to these dates and will only make changes where the weather impacts our plans – for example sports day.

We do anticipate that there might be one or two events that may come up that we do not yet have a date for, but will absolutely do our best to share this with plenty of notice.

### Assessments this term

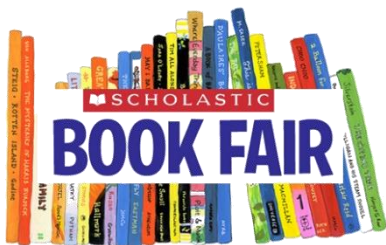
Families may be aware that the summer term also has a number of different national assessments for children across school. These take place for all children in particular year groups across the country. We have summarised some of the key details below.

We do not need national assessments to tell us how brilliant our children are. However, it is really important that children do get their best opportunity to shine during these assessments, so please avoid booking any holidays or appointments in term time that will interrupt the children's learning time in school. If a holiday is already booked and we do not know about it, please let us know as soon as possible.

What?	Who?	When?	Information
End of Key Stage Two SATs	Year 6	Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading, Maths (Arithmetic and Reasoning problems), Grammar and Spelling
End of Key Stage One SATs	Year 2	Throughout May	Reading, Maths (Arithmetic and Reasoning problems), Grammar and Spelling
Phonics Screening Check	Year 1	Week commencing 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Reading real and made up words to assess children's understanding of individual sounds.
Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4	Weeks commencing 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 13 <sup>th</sup> June and 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<a href="#">Multiplication Check guidance</a>
End of Reception Profile	Reception	Throughout the summer term	An assessment of seventeen different areas of learning, observed through play and day to day tasks. There are <b>no</b> tests.

If you have any questions about any of the assessments, please do get in touch with us.

### The Book Fair is coming! **NEXT WEEK**



We are looking forward to welcoming the travelling book fair back to Sleights next week. The book fair will open every day before and after school between **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Breakfast and after school club will take place in Mrs Taylor's classroom during this time.**

Before the fair opens, the children will get chance to take a look at some of the books available in school time. We will also open the fair on lots of occasions, to give families plenty of opportunity to buy books – timings below. Card payments are no longer accepted, but families can pay in cash or on a dedicated website available on the day of the fair. Staff will help with this.

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – open before school (8.30am) and after school (until 3.45pm)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – open before school (8.30am) and after school (until 3.45pm)
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – open before school (8.30am)
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – open before school (8.30am) and after school (until 3.45pm)

We hope the fair will help families buy some great books and help promote reading to the children. In addition, for every book bought, the school receives a reward, which can then be used to buy books for school. We hope to see lots of support.

### This term's clubs

**Tuesday after school** – Dance for Leaders and Discoverers (this may increase to younger classes over the term) Please give permission and sign up on ParentPay.

**Wednesday after school** – Mr Gokool's sports club for Leaders, Discoverers and Adventurers. Please sign up each week here: <https://4-4-2-soccer.class4kids.co.uk/>

### **New Reception Families**

We were really pleased to see so many successful applications to our Reception class next year. We are excited to be able to work with all of the children and families who will start in Pioneers in September. Later in the term, we will be holding a date for a new starters meeting, as well as transition activities with Mrs Hann. Uniform will also be available to try and buy in our new starters meeting in July. However, if you have any questions or concerns before then, please just Mrs Hann or I.

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



Swimming begins for Leaders and Learners next week. We have needed to follow up a number of outstanding consent and permission forms again this week. Please can families log on to ParentPay, if they haven't already, to give consent.

Children will need their swimming kit each Tuesday, however, Year 6 will miss their session on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, due to SATs assessments.

### **Class Photographs – advanced notice**

On **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**, we will be joined by Tempest Photography, who will take class pictures. The images will be available to purchase by families. More information closer to the time.

### **Upcoming Sports Fixtures**

We are looking forward to taking part in some inter school sports competition in the summer term. Permission will be required on ParentPay, please, for each event and a text will be sent when this has been made live. Upcoming dates include:

- **NEXT WEEK: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Adventurers taking part in 'Quad Kids' (mixed sports) at Whitby Sixth Form Site
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – A Year 6 group taking part in Cricket contest at the Cricket Club
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6s taking part in tennis at Whitby Sixth Form

### **Whitby Music Centre Open Morning**

The Music Centre meets each Saturday morning, where children can go along and enjoy learning their instrument as part of a larger band. So many of our children now enjoy music lessons, it would be brilliant to see them join the band on a Saturday morning too!

On **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, the Music Centre is hosting an open morning with FREE music sessions at Caedmon College (Sixth Form site) These sessions are led by County Music Service staff and are a chance to sample bands and ensembles.

#### **9.30-10.45am: Wider Opportunities Whitby**

(for beginner Brass and Woodwind players)

#### **10.15-10.45am: Singing**

(all ages welcome)

#### **11.00-12.15 pm: Whitby Area Band**

(for more experienced players who can read music)

#### **11.00-12.15 pm: String Ensemble**

(all ages and abilities welcome)

Adult players are also welcome to join in for the morning and sample the wide range of bands.

For more information contact: [Bob.Butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Bob.Butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk)

## Summer Term Menu

	Week 1 WC 25 <sup>th</sup> April, 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 13 <sup>th</sup> June, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 2 WC 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 3 WC 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 18 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Monday</b>	Creamy cheese and tomato pasta bake, carrots and broccoli, with crusty bread, followed by orange shortbread	Pasta bolognese, sweetcorn, green beans and garlic bread, followed by marbled sponge and chocolate sauce	Beef burger in a bun, chipped potatoes, grated carrot and sweetcorn, followed by cheese and crackers
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken wrap, summer vegetable sticks and fiesta rice, followed by fruit jelly and ice cream	Margherita pizza, homemade potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn, followed by chocolate and vanilla cookie with orange slice	Meat free tikka masala, rice, medley of summer vegetables and naan bread, followed by chocolate banana brownie
<b>Wednesday</b>	Savoury minced beef and vegetable pie, creamy mashed potato, gravy, medley of veg and wholemeal bread, followed by cheese and crackers	Roast pork, apple sauce, gravy, baby new potatoes, broccoli, carrots and fifty fifty bread, followed by raspberry and apple doughnut muffin	Roast chicken with sage and onion stuffing, gravy, creamy mashed potato, carrots, cabbage and sliced wholemeal bread, followed by custard cookie with apple wedge
<b>Thursday</b>	Sausage in a homemade bun, ketchup, diced potatoes, mixed summer salad, coleslaw, followed by summer mousse	Chicken korma, rice, peas, cauliflower and naan bread, followed by cheese and crackers	Homemade pork sausage roll, baked baby potatoes, baked beans and sunflower seed bread, followed by summer berry crumble and custard
<b>Friday</b>	Harry Ramsden's battered fish, chipped potatoes, baked beans, peas and tomato bread, followed by fresh summer fruit platter	Fish fingers, chipped potatoes, mixed summer salad, grated carrot and herbie bread, followed by ice lemon and sultana finger	Crunchy fish bites, homemade potato wedges, broccoli, carrots, tomato ketchup and crusty bread, followed by summer drizzle cake

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