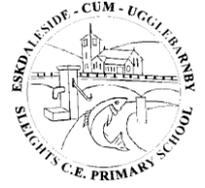


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15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear families,

What an excellent week we have had! Whilst visiting classrooms this week, I have enjoyed seeing family paintings and taking a train ride in Pre School, some great phonics and language being used in Class 1, seeing systematic maths in action and brilliant phonics knowledge in Class 2, reading letters to the Queen and taking part in a science experiment in Class 3 and have been impressed with Class 4's writing and maths! What a busy week!

### **Open classroom event**

I was thrilled to see so many parents and families in school on Tuesday afternoon for our first open event. It was lovely to meet more new faces and see the children showcase their work to you. I was pleased to hear many positive comments about our school and the event, so look forward to holding more in the future. Thank you to all families who came along!

### **Parent / carer feedback questionnaire**

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have already returned a questionnaire to me this week. The results look very positive, but it has also been great to read suggestions for improvements. These suggestions will help us to continue improving Sleights. I will summarise the results and share them next week. If you wish to complete a questionnaire and need another copy, please see Mrs Stubbs in the office.

### **Sirius Minerals visit**

As you may know, our topic this term is 'Beneath our Feet'. We were very fortunate that Mrs King was able to arrange an exciting talk by Heather from Sirius Minerals. Heather spent Tuesday afternoon fascinating Class 2, 3 and 4 with many facts and pictures about the local mine. The children had some brilliant questions and were amazed by some machinery robots Heather brought with her.

A big thank you to both Mrs King and Heather for their hard work organising a brilliant afternoon!

### **Parking outside school**

I am sure that many of you will have seen me patrolling the double yellow lines before and after school. Many parents and families have commented on the improvements made. Thank you to those parents who have supported us this week in keeping the children safe by not parking on the double yellows. However, a small number of road users continue to ignore them. Can I remind everyone that not only does parking on a double yellow line mean a fine can be given, the safety of our children and their families is put at risk.

I will continue to patrol the double yellow lines and move vehicles on if they park on them. Any driver who continues to ignore this will have their registration number reported to the police. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Pupil Premium additional funding**

Please can I remind all parents and families that a letter and application form for additional funding was sent home this week. If you would like another letter, or any more information, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

### **Class 2 multi skills event**

On Thursday afternoon, children from Class 2 will be taking part in a multi skills sporting event. The children will work in teams to try out a range of different activities, including jumping, catching and throwing. The event will take place at the Scoresby site of Caedmon College Whitby (old Caedmon) and children will travel on a bus. Unfortunately, there is no space for parents and families to go along and watch. A separate letter with all of the information needed will be sent home.

**Harvest Festival**

This year's Harvest Festival will take place at St. John's Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

**Octoberfest**

The Rotary Club of Whitby & District is once again organising the popular Fun Run event, Octoberfest. This year the races will take place on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st. at Caedmon College (Scoresby Site) from 2pm and every runner will receive a medal. If your child, or children, would like to take part, please collect an application from the school office. All entries are £2.50.

**A change to some dates**

Just a reminder that school will close for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.** I understand that some different information may have been given earlier in the year. Sorry for any confusion caused.

**Next week's collective worship theme:**

In our collective worship next week, we will be studying the Christian Value of Friendship.

Thank you for your continued support. As ever, if you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to come and see me.

Have a good weekend with your families.

Scott Grason  
Headteacher