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Dear families,

A huge thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome in our first week back. The children have settled so quickly and when I have visited classrooms during the week, it has been a delight to see everyone happy in their learning. It has been lovely getting to know the children and families of Sleights and I look forward to working with you all. May I also thank all of the staff for their hard work this week. They have also been incredibly welcoming and I feel very lucky to be working with them. Exciting times are ahead!

Open classroom / meet and greet - reminder

Just a reminder that next Tuesday (12th September) we will be holding a short afternoon session where all parents, carers and families are welcome to come into school to meet their child's class teacher and have a look at some of the work they have been doing in their first couple of days back. The classrooms will be open at **3.00pm** and teachers will be available for a chat. I will also be in the hall to meet you. Could any families wishing to attend please use the front door only, thank you. We look forward to seeing you there!

SATs

As you may know, the children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be completing their end of key stage SATs tests later in the year. For Year 2 children, these will take place during the month of May. Year 6 SATs will take place during the week of 14th May. In addition, Y1 children also take a phonics check. This will take place in the week commencing 11th June. Could I please, therefore, urge all parents to avoid booking any appointments or holidays during this time, as we are unable to rearrange the date of the tests. Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Roe, Mrs Davis or I should you need any extra information about these government tests.

Parent / carer feedback questionnaire

I am keen to learn the views of parents, carers and families at Sleights School. With this in mind, a questionnaire has been sent home this week. I would be really grateful if you would be able to complete these and return them to school by next Friday, please. Thank you.

Celebration Certificates

We have made some slight tweaks to our Friday celebration assembly. The arrangements now are that every week, each teacher will award one child a certificate from their class with our Star of Sleights award. Then, every half term, each teacher will choose two children from their class who will be awarded the Superstar of Sleights award. Parents will be invited to the half term assembly.

Salvation Army

Are you having a clear out of old clothes? In school, we have a Salvation Army bin that allows families to donate any unwanted or unused clothes to good causes. This is an excellent way to show our children that charity begins at home. The bin is located near the Class 1 building. Thank you in advance.

Diary Dates

To try and make sure our parents and families have as much notice as possible to arrange time off work and attend school events, we are pleased to share some key dates for your diary.

- **Tuesday 12th September** – Open school event (3.00pm onwards)
- **Monday 25th September** – Governing Body meeting
- **Thursday 28th September** – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (2.00pm)
- **Tuesday 3rd October** – Tempest individual photographs

- **Tuesday 17th October** – Harvest Festival at St. John's (morning)
- **Friday 20th October** – Break up / Wear it Pink non uniform day
- **Monday 6th / Tuesday 7th November** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 17th November** – Children in Need
- **Monday 20th November** – Governing Body meeting
- **Friday 1st December** – Christmas Fair
- **Wednesday 6th December** – Class 1 and 2 out at Danby
- **Thursday 7th December** – Christmas Discos (KS1: 4.15 – 5.15pm) (KS2 5.15pm – 6.15pm)
- **Tuesday 12th December** – Christmas Performance Afternoon
- **Wednesday 13th December** – Christmas Performance Evening (6.00pm)
- **Tuesday 19th December** – EYFS / KS1 Party morning KS2 Party afternoon
- **Friday 24th December** – Break up

Next week's collective worship theme:

In our collective worship next week, we will be exploring the question – What do we mean by the word value?

Thank you for your support.

Scott Grason
Headteacher