



Swalecliffe Primary School

Term Ahead – Term 2 Year 5



Important information

Home School Agreement, Uniform and Homework

Every year, we expect families to read and sign the 'Home-School Agreement'. Last term this was sent out to all parents. **Please can we ask that if you haven't already completed the form, that you do so by Friday 10th November by clicking on the link: [Home School Agreement and ICT/e-Safety Form](#)**

It is essential that we work together as a team and the Home-School Agreement outlines how we do this. School uniform is an important aspect of how we do this and the following link will take you to our school expectations and rules: [swalecliffe-school-uniform.pdf](#)

As part of our home-school agreement, families agree to be responsible for children completing homework. Homework is set every week for Spelling and Maths, as well as children reading at home. Please use the following link to read through our homework expectations: [homework-guidance-expectations-and-commitments.pdf](#)

Key dates for your diary this term:

PE - Year 5 Children have their PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please can the children come into school dressed in their school PE kit on these days, with shorts that are visible below their PE T-shirt. Their school jumper, coat and joggers are to be worn on top, especially in the colder weather.

Forest School – Please can the children come into school wearing the 'top half' of their uniform with a 'forest-appropriate bottom half' leggings, tracksuit bottoms or jeans. Please provide (in a carrier bag) shoes/wellies to change into for Forest School that can get mucky. In the colder weather please make sure they have a coat, hat and gloves. Thank you.

Tuesday 7th November – Parents Evening

Wednesday 8th November – Open Day Tours for Reception September 2024

Thursday 9th November – Parents Evening

Friday 10th November – Remembrance Day

Week Beginning Monday 13th November – 100 Club; Antibullying Week

Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 14th November – Forest School 5G and 5H

Wednesday 15th November – 'Positive Noticing' Day

Thursday 16th November – Open Day Tours for Reception September 2024

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

Monday 20th November – Y5 Spooky Story Day

Thursday 23rd November - Supporting Your Child to Read at Home Parent Workshop

Friday 24th November – CACoT Children's Forum; Parent Maths Morning; Pre-School Story Time

Sunday 26th November – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 28th November – Parent Phonics Workshop; Forest School 5P

Thursday 30th November/Friday 1st December – Christmas Shopping

Friday 1st December – After School Clubs finish; Christmas Post Box Opens

Week Beginning Monday 4th December – 100 Club

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day; KS2 Christmas Dinner

Friday 8th December – Rock Steady Music Concert

Monday 11th December – Christmas Party Y3 and Y5

Friday 15th December – End of Term 2

Message from the Year Group Teachers...

Welcome back to Term 2!

We hope you all had a wonderful half term and the children are ready for another busy term. We are so excited for all the events we have planned, particularly Spooky Stories Day at the end of the month.

We loved getting to know the children during Term 1 and are looking forward to catching up with you during Parents' evenings next week. Please do remember to book a slot.

As the weather is becoming colder, please could we ask that the children have appropriate, warm clothing for going outside, including on P.E. days, as we would like to continue to use our outdoor space as much as possible.

Last term, many children were successful with 100 Club which was fantastic! Please could you remind your children to practise their times tables regularly and where they are gaining success, focus on speed and the inverse (this is especially helpful with our year 5 fractions learning). Please also encourage your children to complete their Spelling Shed assignments and read daily. We are trying to make sure reading books and records come home daily, please could you encourage your children to bring them into school every day.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Carter, Miss Donnelly and Miss Lee

Anti-Bullying Week 2023: 'Make a noise about Bullying'

This term, 13th – 17th November, is Anti-Bullying Week 2023 with the theme 'Make a noise about bullying'. Through the week, each class will be talking (in an age-appropriate way) about the impact of 'making a noise about bullying'.

To mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week, we plan to have an **Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November**. The message of Odd Socks Day is a message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance. It's an opportunity to encourage our school community to celebrate our uniqueness, through our odd sock choices, whilst also showing that we are in it together, by all wearing odd socks!

For anyone to take part, all they have to do is wear odd socks to school! **This is not a fundraiser and no payment is expected or required.**

Family Workshops

We will be offering three reading workshops this year as follows. To book, click on the link:

Supporting Your Child to Read at home on 23/11/23

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/swalecliffecommunityprimaryschool/familyworkshopsupportingyourchildtoreadathomeks1andks2>

Phonics on 28/11/23

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/swalecliffecommunityprimaryschool/familyworkshopphonics2811238501000>

Supporting Reading for Pleasure at home 05/03/24

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/swalecliffecommunityprimaryschool/familyworkshoppromotingreadingforpleasureathome0503248501000>

Each workshop runs from 8.50 - 10.00. Please arrive at the office where a member of staff will sign you in. The English Team would love to see you there.

This week's letters/emails sent and on our website (swalecliffepriamry.org) were:

- Winter Clothes Bank (all parents)

Other News/Events...

School Uniform

As well as Barnums, you can now purchase school uniform from 'Coastal School Uniform Company', please click on the link for details- <https://www.coastalschooluniformcompany.co.uk/collections/swalecliffe-primary-school>

Riverside Church - All Wrapped Up 2023

All Wrapped Up aims to support those families who are finding it hard to make ends meet, particularly in the Christmas season. The project aims to provide gifts for children identified as unlikely to have any or very few presents and also provide the means for a family to enjoy a Christmas meal together. In 2022, the parents and carers of over 320 referred children came to Riverside and chose presents at the free Winter Wonderland and a team of volunteers packed and distributed 280 hamper bags, each providing everything for a Christmas dinner for four.

If you would like Ms Hill to request a Christmas meal and/or gifts for you and your family, please email her directly (in confidence) at chill@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk to find out more.

Well done to RP for having 100% attendance for the week! (Friday – Thursday)



The leading Spelling Shed class this week are 1G

10,863,574



The highest points for MathShed this week were

achieved by 5G 5,191,296



The winners this week are Herons with 1694 House

Points. Well done.

Contacting the Class Teacher ...

If you wish to **contact a teacher** then use the office@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk email address and write in the subject line who you wish it to go to e.g. FAO- Miss...

Drop Box ...

Please use our drop box in the office foyer to return letters, etc. It is there for your convenience.