

OPAL - Parents Newsletter & Update, Term 5



Dear Parents/ Swalecliffe Families,

We just wanted to start our OPAL Newsletter with a huge, massive, mega thank you for all your donations to OPAL this term. Your contributions have been absolutely amazing! Also, thank you to Poppie in 3H's dad for 'Mr Pipes', who the children love and is a feature in our water play area.

This term, we introduced three new play areas in addition to the Arts & Crafts, board games, music and ball play already available. With your donations, we have been able to set up: small world play and Lego, wheeled play and water play. See below. Next term, we will be extending these areas and introducing more areas which we will update you with next term. There will also be a further donation morning on Tuesday 17th June. Look out for an updated Bingo sheet.



We would like to put a plea out for a parent/ family member with carpentry skills, who is able to give up a bit of their time to help us with some play areas that need **woodwork**.

If you are this wonderful person, please email the office for the attention of Mrs Watson, Miss Garton and Mr Clayton and we will be in touch. Thank you.





PLAY TYPES

Play types can simply be described as the different behaviours we see when children play. These are the play types that OPAL focuses on to help our children develop healthily, physically and mentally.



Here are some photographs to showcase our brilliant children developing these play types through the new areas: small world and Lego, water play and wheeled play!





Let's Celebrate

We want to also celebrate our Play Team here at Swalecliffe. This is our teaching assistants and mid-day supervisors who are receiving training on play and have been implementing the programme outside. They are passionate about improving our play provision for our children and are doing an amazing job!

As well as our adults, the Play Rangers have been superb. Their role is to introduce games that they have received their own training on from Miss Donnelly - our PE Lead - and to also help to set up and tidy play equipment. They have helped at the donation mornings and are excellent play role models.

Thank you!!!



Many thanks for your support,

Miss Garton & Mrs Watson (Play Curricular Leads)
Mr Clayton (Play Co-Ordinator)

