# SWALECLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

## Week Beginning: 19.01.26

### This Week's Dates for your Diary

**21.01** 5H & 5G Forest School
**22.01** PFA Meeting
**23.01** 2G Swimming

### Term 3 Dates for your Diary

**27.01** Opal Donation Morning
**05.01** Year R Chinese Workshop

### P.E Days - Reminder

Yr R Thurs
Yr 1 Tues & Wed
Yr 2 Mon & Fri
Yr 3 Wed & Fri
Yr 4 Thurs & Fri
Yr 5 Mon & Thurs
Yr 6 Mon & Wed

### Term Dates

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| Term 3 | 6th January - 13th February |
| Term 4 | 23rd February - 2nd April |
| Term 5 | 20th April - 22nd May |
| Term 6 | 1st June - 17th July |

# SOME REMINDERS PLEASE

Dear Swalecliffe Families,

We thought that the start of term would be a good time for some reminders:

- **Parking** - Again, we kindly ask that consideration is shown to our school neighbours when parking at drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not park across drives or in a way that prevents local residents from being able to drive out of their own homes.
- **One-Way System** - It is really helpful to all families, staff and local residents if you use the 'unofficial' one-way system of coming to school from Kemp Road onto Bridgefield Road and out via St Swithin's Road. This hugely impacts on congestion and does make it safer for our children to come into school.
- **Gates** - Thank you for the improvement in children coming through the gates independently. What a fantastic difference from the start of the academic year! As the Year R Team wrote in their termly newsletter, we are encouraging the children in this year group to say goodbye at the main infant gate. Key Stage Two children (Years 3-6) should come through the junior gate in the mornings please.

Thank you for your support,
Mr Cooper, Miss Garton and Mrs Roy

A celebration from last week ... The Year R Bedtime Stories Event was absolutely wonderful!

Please look out for our Facebook post, coming soon, with lots more photos from the day.

# OPAL BINGO COLLECTION

Our first OPAL Bingo Collection Morning will be on Tuesday 27th January. Mrs Roy and I will be based on the junior playground (weather permitting or in the junior hall if it is raining) to collect your donations. Each class has a Bingo card to earn extra Golden Time that week. Here is a reminder of what we need please ...

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| crates | canes | containers with lids | cable spools | tarpaulin |
| large clips | suitcases | wooden cooking spoons | scarves hats and shirts for dress up | bags of soil |
| toy diggers and tractors | children's buggies or strollers | plastic sledges | old electronics | metal sink |

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| rigid paddling pool | cable ties | gaffer tape | board games | rope |

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Garton
Acting Head of School

## WRITING COMPETITION

This has been shared with our Years 1-6 children in assemblies but of course Year R can join in too!

### Swalecliffe Community Primary School
### Writing Competition 2026

Our wonderful English Subject Champions are keen to develop a love of writing in our school community so they have been thinking of ideas to get you writing more at home. This term, they will be running a writing competition.

**Theme:** Our Champs would like you to write about a person who you think is inspirational and has overcome obstacles. This person might be a person you actually know or a person who motivates you from the past or present. They might be a bit more well-known. Think No Outsiders!

**Purpose:** To entertain, to persuade or to inform. You can choose how you want to write about your chosen person. Perhaps a fact file, a biography, a newspaper article, a poem, a story, a letter ...

**Entries:** The competition is open to all year groups. Year R - you might like to draw a picture of your person with a caption. Make sure your name and class are on the back of the writing and do add decorations/ illustrations. Think about your presentation. Take your entries to the office.

**Deadline:** Friday 6th February and winners will be announced the following week. Certificates/ prizes will be awarded.

**We can't wait to read your entries!**
**Miss Garton, Mrs Montgomery & the English Subject Champions**

## IKK KARATE

Did you know IKK Whitstable Karate Club use the Infant Hall every Tuesday and Thursday evening, for ages 6 and over, teaching traditional Kyokushin Karate? Find out more by heading to ikkwhitstable.co.uk or search IKK Whitstable on Facebook and Instagram.

## ATTENDANCE

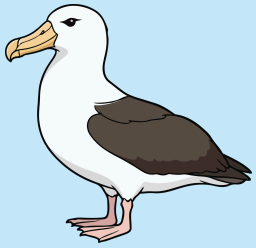
Excellent attendance is important for pupils to feel part of the school community and develop a sense of belonging. This supports each pupil's all-round development, mental health, and well-being. Regular school attendance for your child's success, as consistent presence builds academic foundations, fosters friendships, develops essential life skills, and prepares them for future opportunities, with even small absences adding up to significant lost learning and social connection, so please partner with us in ensuring your child arrives on time, every day, to reach their full potential.

House attendance for the week beginning 12th Janaury:

**Puffins with 94.4%.**

Herons 93%

Gulls 92%%



Class winners were ...

**RG with 99.17%** Wow!!!

## PARENT FRIENDS ASSOCIATION EVENTS

The PFA at our school are absolutely brilliant! They go above and beyond working hard to help provide funding for the extras that enrich our children's school life. One aspect of Swalecliffe life where we are very much depending on them is resourcing and improving our OPAL provision.

The PFA do rely on volunteers to help at our events so if you can then contact any of the PFA Team on the following email:

swalecliffepfa@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk

SWALECLIFFE PFA

## EMAILS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

Year 2 Swimming letter
Year R Chinese Workshop
Year 1 Fruit Tasting

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you need to contact the school, you can do so by emailing office@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk or using the link on our website: swalecliffeprimary.org/contact-details/
If you wish to contact a teacher then use the office@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk and write in the subject line who you wish it to go to e.g. FAO - Miss....

To report an absence please email absence@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk, giving your child's name and class and reason for absence.

If you need to contact a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead), you can do so directly using the following email- DSL@swalecliffe.kent.sch.uk
Executive Headteacher: Mr Ben Cooper
Head of School (Acting): Miss Leah Garton
Deputy Head (Acting): Mrs Kate Roy
Inclusion Lead & Lead DSL (Acting): Mrs Julie Deeks
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