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7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

### UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 Evacuee Day [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 1RP Movie Treat! [CLICK HERE](#)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day [CLICK HERE](#)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Admissions Sept 2025 Information Meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day (*see separate letter*)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 – SHS Transition Visits – Design and Technology [CLICK HERE](#)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Coffee & Chat [CLICK HERE](#)

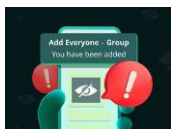
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day [CLICK HERE](#) (*see separate letter*)



### Every School Day Matters – Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

As you know, attendance to school is a key priority for us here at Swanland and we want to remind parents and carers of the importance of attending school regularly. Every day, every lesson presents a unique moment of opportunity for learning. It is a chance to engage with new ideas, to collaborate with peers, and to build upon and embed the knowledge gained in the lesson before. The cumulative effect of these moments is what shapes each pupil's academic journey. When a pupil is absent, the loss isn't just about the hours missed; it is about the moments of interaction, the shared experience and the collective inquiry that cannot be replicated outside the classroom walls. Research consistently shows that regular attendance is a critical factor in educational success. According to the Department for Education, pupils who frequently miss school are at a significant disadvantage academically.

Changes to Penalty Notice Fines for school attendance came into effect in August – please see the attached flyer as a reminder of these changes.



### Safeguarding

Recent concerns have emerged regarding a WhatsApp group known as 'Add Everyone.' Schools and regional police forces across the UK have warned that this group exposes children and young people to explicit and harmful material. Please [click here](#) to see the full article.

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### Anti-Bullying week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

To support the theme of **RESPECT** during Anti-Bullying week we would like the children to produce an acrostic poem using the word **RESPECT**. This will be a competition with a prize for an individual in each year group. Please could entries be handed in to either Mrs Cooper or Mrs Patrick before 15<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you and good luck!

We will have some Wristbands for sale at £1.50 each (cash please). Please note we only have a limited stock so it will be on a first come first served basis.



### REMINDER: Remembrance Day – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Any children who are a member of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts organisations may wear their uniform to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



### Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, we are holding our Odd Socks Day! All the children need to do is wear odd socks! It is a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique during Anti-Bullying Week. The children do not need to bring in any money and they still need to wear their school uniform ... but with odd socks! (Please see the separate letter).



### OPAL – Event for parents: Play every day! – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Next week, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, OPAL are holding a [short webinar for parents](#) to talk about the power of play and help them make play part of every day for their child.

At the event, OPAL Director Michael Follett will explore some of the key benefits of play, look at how playwork theory can support parents, and share his top tips for play at home.

#### **Play for every child**

This event is part of OPAL's commitment to making play part of every child's life and is fundraising to support [Project Play](#), a wonderful organisation that provides safe spaces to play for displaced children in Northern France.

This webinar is free to attend, but OPAL encourage participants to [make a suggested donation of £10 to Project Play's fundraiser](#), which is being match funded by OPAL CIC.



### Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Children in Need day this year will be a **NON-UNIFORM/DRESS UP DAY!** (Please see separate letter). The children can choose to dress up in fancy dress or come in non-uniform. We ask that you do not bring cash donations into school but that you [make your donation via this link](#). The link will remain open until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024. Thank you.



### PTA Santa's Grotto at Christmas Fair – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Selling Fast!

Please note, tickets for Santa's Grotto are nearly sold out!

[CLICK HERE](#) to take you to the letter for more details and the link to book a slot.



### PTA Bag2School – Thank you!

Thank you to all parents/carers who donated their unwanted clothing/household textiles for the latest PTA's Bag2School collection – you raised **£25.00** for the school!



### Football Achievement!

Congratulations to Louis, in Year 6, who represented Swanland School in the East Riding Schools Football Team. The team played Doncaster Schoolboys and lost 1-0 but the coach said he was impressed with Louis and will be calling him again. Well done, Louis!



### British Junior Squash Champion 2024!

During Half Term, Max from Year 4, won his first major squash tournament, following in his brother and sisters' footsteps! He is awaiting the trophy which is being engraved with his name which he is looking forward to bringing into school for a show and tell. Well done, Max!



### ParentPay – Current Online Payments

- Year 3 Visit to The Deep – **due before** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Year 1 Visit from the ScrapStore Team – **due before** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Children in Need donations – **due before** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

*Please note, deadlines for events will no longer be extended. Thank you.*

### FLYERS & LEAFLETS

### Flyers on the School Website

Community flyers added to the school website this week can be found by [clicking on this link](#) then looking under Autumn Term 2024-25, Second Half Autumn Term Flyers.

*Disclaimer: Swanland Primary School does not endorse the following flyers; we are simply sharing the information.*

### Dates for your



### FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

#### Autumn Term 2024 Diary (→ **New Diary Item**)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 – SHS Transition Visits – D&T [CLICK HERE](#)

→ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 – Visit from the ScrapStore (*see separate letter*)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 3 Visit to The Deep [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 – SHS Transition Visits – Design and Technology [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Chocolate Tombola for the PTA Christmas Fayre

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Christmas Fair, 10.00 am [CLICK HERE](#)

→ Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 at the PTA Christmas Fair, 10.00 am (*see separate letter*)

→ Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Joint Choir/Strings Music Concert, 3.45–4.30 pm (*paper letter to be sent to those relevant*)

→ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Performance, 1.30 pm & 6.30 pm (*letter to follow*)

→ Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Years 3 and 4 Christmas Disco (PM) (*letter to follow*)

→ Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Visit to St Barnabas Church

→ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Visit from Travelling Panto 'Bauble Town'

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- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch Day!
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 Festive Afternoon (*see separate letter*)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Reception ‘Nativity’ Performance, 10.00 am (*letter to follow*)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Reception, Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party, 1.30 pm (*letter to follow*)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Reception ‘Nativity’ Performance, 10.00 am (*letter to follow*)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Polar Express Day (*letter to follow*)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Visit to the ERT to see ‘A Christmas Carol’ [CLICK HERE](#)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School Closes for Christmas Holiday (3.20 pm)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – School Re-opens After Christmas Holiday (8.45–8.50 am)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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