

# Swaffham Bulbeck Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter: 4th January 2019

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing break over the holidays.

Thanks to all the families who were able to join our Christmas service in the Church, where the KS2 children (Kingfishers and Owls) gave a final amazing performance of “Hallelujah”, and every child in the school was able to participate enthusiastically in some way. Thanks also to the members of the school choir who joined in the village candlelit carol service.

Our school motto is “Shine Brightly”, and we are building this into all aspects of school life, from the curriculum to the headteacher’s awards – watch this space!

### Parent cafés

Our first parent café was held in Doves in December to great success – thank you to all the parents who came along to spend an hour working with their children in class and to experience what life is really like in our school. Your feedback was also very helpful for planning future sessions.

We will be holding a series of parent café’s throughout the year, so please come along and join your children for these if you can.

### Snow

If the weather is bad and we cannot safely open the school, we will aim to notify parents and carers as early as possible by text and email. We will also inform Radio Cambridgeshire, Heart and Star. We aim to keep the school open whenever it is safe to do so.

### School meals

Please remember that we are now using a cashless payment system and that you need to pay for your children’s school meals online via the PupilAsset system. We also now need you to book the specific meals that you would like at least 2 weeks in advance so that we can plan appropriately and reduce food wastage. Meat and vegetarian options are available each day, and jacket potatoes can also be provided for children who do not like the main menu choices. Details are at [http://www.swaffhambulbeck.cambs.sch.uk/website/school\\_lunches/](http://www.swaffhambulbeck.cambs.sch.uk/website/school_lunches/) If you have any problems with the PupilAsset system, please contact the school office.

### Reminders

In the cold weather, please can children bring coats and wellies into school when they have forest school sessions.

Long hair should be tied back for school, especially for PE lessons. Earrings also need to be taped over for PE lessons. Thank you.

### Did you know?

All the Robins have individual Year 6 “buddies”.

### Dates for the Diary

**Football County Finals**  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January

**Parent consultations**  
8<sup>th</sup> (Owls & Kingfishers), 11<sup>th</sup> (Robins & Wrens) & 12<sup>th</sup> February (all classes)

**Year 5/6 Hockey**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

**Children’s last day in school (half term)**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Children back to school**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 5/6 Tag Rugby**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Last day of school before Easter**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Children back to school**  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

### Parentview

Please share your views of the school with Ofsted via the Parentview website. This is run again every academic year so please fill it in even if you’ve done it before. Once we get 10 responses the results become visible.  
<http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

### Spring term clubs

Places are still available for our clubs:

**Premier Sport**  
**Book online at premier-education.com**  
(£20 for 5 weeks for each club)  
Starts in the week of 14<sup>th</sup> January  
**Before school from 8am:**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
**After school until 4.30pm:**  
Monday – dodgeball  
Thursday – multi-sports  
Friday – football

**School clubs until 4.30pm for KS2**  
First session – 9<sup>th</sup> January  
**Book via the school office**  
Wednesday – Craft club  
Wednesday – Tennis-Badminton