

# THE SWEYNE PARK TIMES

## Flying High!



*Thomas (10CSv) reporting...*

Last weekend, as an active member of 1474 Wickford Squadron ATC, I travelled up to RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire to help out at their first ever air show. The turnout was fantastic with over 50,000 people coming to the base over the weekend.

At the air show there were a variety of aircraft that were showcased, including a Spitfire, Lancaster Bomber and a more up to date Typhoon.

Both days featured a display by the Red Arrows as this is their home base. I was lucky enough to

get up close to a wide variety of aircraft around the airfield including one of the Red Arrows Hawks. I would recommend this weekend to anybody who has the opportunity of going.

### Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

#### OPEN EVENING

Thank you to all our pupils who helped out on Open Evening this Tuesday. We were incredibly busy but our pupils were superb ambassadors as always. Thank you also to parents and carers for your support of this important evening. It is much appreciated.

#### SHOW MY HOMEWORK

Show My Homework is now operational and we have had a lot of positive feedback. I would like to apologise, once again, for the delay at the start of term which affected those schools joining Show My Homework for the first time in September - it is obviously a popular system! If you do have any difficulties, please do email our helpdesk at smhwhelp@sweynepark.com and, of course, Show My Homework do have a helpline you can ring on 0207 1979 550.

#### GLEBE PRIMARY

As you may recall last year, we have formed a closer formal link with one of our main primary feeder schools, Glebe Primary, via the creation of a new Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), the "Rayleigh Schools Trust". Although there will be no changes to Sweyne Park, we will put a link to the new MAT on our website next month so you can find out more information if you wish to.

#### ROAD SAFETY

Please can I remind parents and carers to discuss road safety with your children now that the days are getting shorter. Pupils should not assume they have been seen by drivers and, where possible, always cross at designated crossing points. Thank you.

### Parents' Time

A member of the Leadership Team will be available to see parents without appointment:

9:00am-9:45am Monday - Friday

5:00pm-5:45pm Thursdays



Your weekly link with the school

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## Book of the Week

**MURDER IN MIDWINTER**  
by Fleur Hitchcock

Maya is on the bus home from school in London when she spots a man and a woman arguing on the street, and the man is holding a gun. She takes a photograph with her phone - and he sees her do it. The next day a body is found in the River Thames, and he looks a lot like the man with the gun. Is Maya a witness to a terrible crime? Fearing for her safety, the police send her away to stay on her aunt's farm in the Welsh mountains. Will she be safe even there, surrounded by snow?

This is a fast-paced story with nail-biting action, a mystery to solve, and a heart-racing finish. A thrilling read!

ONE OF THE FREE BOOKBUZZ CHOICES FOR YEAR 7!



### ROALD DAHL DAY

On Wednesday 13th September, we celebrated the birth of Roald Dahl one hundred and one years ago, in true Dahl style! As yellow was the prolific author's favourite colour, yellow stickers were handed out to pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9. Pupils then wrote about either their favourite Roald Dahl book or character and proudly wore the sticker all day!

There was also a quiz to identify which Roald Dahl book eight different quotes came from. Well done to everyone who took part, especially Eloise and Erin (both 8SCm), who correctly identified the most books.

As the great man said himself "If you are going to get anywhere in life, you have to read a lot of books."

22nd September 2017

### DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Brandon, Eve & Mia (8NGa)  
Joshua & Shayla (8SMY)  
Hope & Amy (8EPO)  
Amina, Lauren, Ethan & Jacob (8SMY)

### THANK YOU

Mrs Shelton for the kind donation of fabric.  
Lynda Walker for the donation of threads to the Textile Department.

## PTA



### Jack & The Beanstalk

The PTA have tickets for sale for Jack & The Beanstalk at the Cliffs Pavilion on 19th December at 7.15pm. The cost is £23.50 per ticket for adults or children.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember to clearly label school uniform with your child's name. If it is lost we can then return the items.

We already have many items of lost property so please do come and have a look in Pupil Services. Thank you.



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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE | Gold



Eco club - The Saving Planet Society is involved in assisting Crisis, - a homeless charity. We please need people to volunteer to assist in making a recycled blanket or to donate any old unwanted textiles that we could use as part of the blanket. The blanket is going to be made in shades of blue, grey, yellow and orange.

The Eco club has been invited to make a recycled sculpture for the sculpture street for the Leigh Art Trail and we will also be entering Rayleigh in Bloom.



**Saturday 9th -  
Saturday 16th  
June 2018**

Other activities you could be involved in if you join the Swayne Park Eco-warriors:

- Setting up the greenhouse in the SPS garden to grow on seedlings. We will start by planting onion, garlic and broad beans in Autumn for an early harvest.
- Creating an ecological concept to water the garden efficiently.
- We are part of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and there are plenty of competitions to enter.

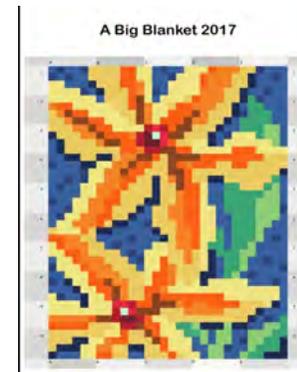
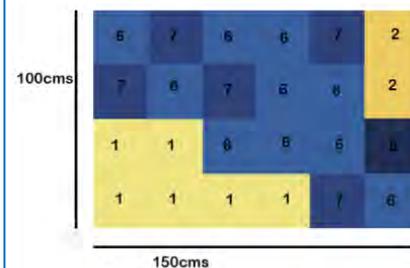
## A Big Blanket for Crisis at Christmas

This is a community project to support Crisis at Christmas in their 50th year.

The project has invited all types of community, activity and volunteer groups, to create one (or more!) of 50 blankets that together will be laid out to form a huge picture. Each of these blankets is itself made up of 24 squares of knitted, crocheted, woven or stitched fabric, sewn together by the groups. These squares will be colours that are designed to be part of the bigger image. As a group of creative individuals, the eco-warriors have volunteered to make one of the blankets to be part of an amazing community project.

On completion of the blankets, there will be a public performance/exhibition where they are laid out and viewed together making up the enlarged version of the image. They will then be given to the homeless charity, *Crisis*, to be used in their centres that open in December. The centres provide meals, advice, healthcare and company to thousands of homeless during the Christmas week in London and other cities around the UK.

We started the blanket on Wednesday 13th September by hunting out and sourcing fabric in Mrs Garratt's Textile room, making templates and cutting out. We have decided that one square of the blanket will be log cabin patchwork. If you would like to help make the blanket please come and join in every Wednesday in TX2.



Pupils working hard, colour matching and preparing squares for our blanket for Crisis.