



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 11th May 2018**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As the weather warms up children take off their jumpers and they sometimes get lost or left behind. Whilst we cannot take responsibility for lost uniform we will always do our best to remind children to pick up their jumpers and to help find lost items. To support us in this please make sure that all uniform is labeled with both a first name and surname. Please also check the jumper your child brings home to make sure it is theirs and return it if it has the wrong name! Our school continues to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. Please also ensure that they are wearing the correct uniform including black shoes and by wearing trousers not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t shirt and black shorts.

We have a number of events lined up for the Summer term including a sports day planned for 29th June, our first Viridis Federation music concert at Hackney Round Chapel on 11th July, class celebration assemblies during the week beginning the 10th July and the Year 6 leavers production in the final week of term. Please look out for further announcements in this newsletter, on posters around the school as well as on our website and twitter.

Next week Year 6 pupils undertake their important Key Stage 2 tests. Parents of Year 6 children can help during this week by making sure that children get a good nights sleep and that they get to school in good time. We are offering all Year 6 children a free breakfast so that they can meet with their friends and relax before the tests start. They have worked hard to prove all that they have learned during their primary education and are expected to do very well. Good luck and do your best Year 6! In the week before half term we also take the opportunity to undertake termly assessments of all children in Years 1 to 5 in reading, writing and maths to see the progress that has been made and organise any additional support that might be needed. You will receive an update on this in the termly report that you receive at parents evening in July.

Thank you for your support

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

FAMILIES WEEK



During families week, we welcomed over 80 Mum's and Significant Females into our classrooms and over 30 grandparents joined us for fish and chips, which was the first time some of our grandparents had ever eaten a school dinner!



JUNIOR MATHEMATICIANS

Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Junior Maths Challenge organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust.

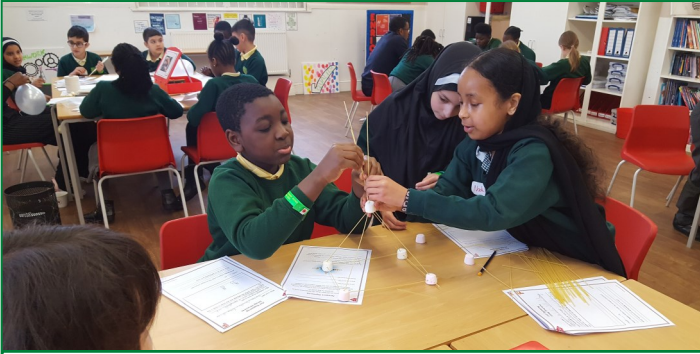


Last year over 650,000 pupils from 4,500 schools took part in the three individual challenges and it is the UK's biggest national maths competition. Pupils from across our federation of schools took part and enjoyed the challenge of some tricky maths questions. An example of the kind of questions they were asked was How many digits are there in the answer to $123\ 123\ 123\ 123 \div 123$? No calculators allowed!



**WE ARE A SMART SCHOOL
BLACK SCHOOL SHOES NOT TRAINERS TO SCHOOL PLEASE!**

YEAR 5 ENGINEERS



Mallard Class went to a workshop to learn about the work of engineers. They constructed balloon aeroplanes and marshmallow towers. The day ended with a Tomato Challenge where children had to invent a machine that would transport tomatoes from the top of the Nepalese mountains to the bottom. The whole class really enjoyed learning about the different types of Engineering and what engineers do.

VISITORS FROM MADRID

We hosted a group of visitors from our partner school in Madrid, El Caton. They joined lessons including Science and PE

lessons and even had time to socialise after school at a Year 5 film night with popcorn and juice. The bond between Viridis and El Catón is becoming stronger and will continue to grow with the next trip to Madrid on 21st May 2018, when pupils from our three schools visit El Caton with a focus on PE & health.



SUMMER TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee mornings run in the bottom hall at 9:15am on Friday mornings. We hope that you can make time to drop in and join us.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided!

Date	Focus
Friday 25 th May	Mindfulness—How to use creative ways to deal with your emotions in a healthy way
Friday 8 th June	Speech and Language—How to support the development of your child's speech and language skills
Friday 15 th June	Gardening with your child
Friday 22 nd June	PE—Take away knowledge about how we teach children to stay fit and healthy

Key dates

Summer Term 2018

Half Term Holiday

Monday 28th May to

Friday 1st June

Keeping Healthy Week

Starts Monday 25th June

Parents Evening

Thursday 5th July

Staff INSET Day

Friday 6th July

End of Term Finish Date

Friday 20th July at 2pm

Autumn Term 2018

Start Date:

Wednesday 5th September

Half Term Holiday

Monday 22nd to

Friday 26th October

Children Return

Monday 29th October

Parents Evening:

Thursday 29th November

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 21st December at 2pm

Spring Term 2019

Start Date:

Monday 7th January 2019

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd

February

Staff Training Day:

Monday 25th February

Children Return

Tuesday 26th February

For more news you can also follow us on



Facebook & Twitter!



ATTENDANCE

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **95%**

Well done to Kestrel Class, the weekly winners with 98.5%

30th April to 4th May

