



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 12th January 2018**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and a very happy new year everyone! Spring term sees children starting new topics, and you will receive news of these in class newsletters which outline each theme and the areas to be covered. Don't forget also to look at class pages on our website as well as our Twitter feed and Facebook page which are regularly updated with news and events. In two weeks time we will be celebrating Work and Enterprise week with a range of activities including trips and visits to places of work as well as meeting people from different professions and an Entrepreneurs fair.

Thank you to all the parents who supported with Holiday homework projects in preparation for the new term. Each week in Years 1 to 6 we send home a literacy and maths task as well as some tricky spellings. We encourage children to *look, say, cover, write, check when* practising spellings and there is a list of common words that children should know in their homework diaries. There are also some good resources online to help with learning common spelling patterns such as <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolspellits/> and any help you can give with learning times tables or telling the time is always very welcome.

We have listed key dates on the back of this newsletter including new coffee morning themes to which all parents are invited to drop in. Please make sure you take note of our holiday dates as we will not authorise absences outside of the 3 months that children have as holiday each year. We monitor attendance very closely with the aim that our pupils get their full 190 day educational entitlement each year. Please also note that our classes start with learning activities from the very start of the day, so lateness means that practise of key skills such as handwriting, number facts or spelling will be missed as well as being disruptive for the rest of the class.

Many thanks for all of your support.
Kind Regards

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The Federation choir had a busy Christmas and sang a collection of festive songs for the patients of Homerton University Hospital. The Federation Choir is now over 70 members strong and their incredible singing voices could be heard throughout the Hospital. Everyone was singing along!

VALUE AWARD WINNERS

Following a staff nomination and vote the Autumn term value awards were presented to: Melchoir for Empathy, Lillie for Friendship, Ali for Kindness and Rio for Respect. Each winner won an award, presented at our special assembly and will be represented in our trophy cabinet. Well done all!



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Year 5 learnt how to make Bird Feeders and a Bee Hotel during their gardening workshop. They learned many interesting ways that birds and insects feed to survive and how different



wildlife hibernate during Winter. Reception helped to clear one of the plant boxes and plant some bulbs for spring. Mariama knew that shoots would grow from the top of the bulbs!



8:55

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM AND LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE ON TIME!**

WORLD AT WAR



At the end of last term, Year 5 visited the Imperial War Museum. We explored the museums exhibitions on World War 1 and 2 and we saw many fascinating artefacts. We also learnt about all the different countries that were involved in the war.

"My favourite part of the trip was walking through the trenches, where we experienced how soldiers survived during the war." said Julia, "They also had an interesting documentary about the trenches which inspired me to write a diary entry" said De'Jarno.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

What are the benefits of being registered for Free School Meals? A free hot two course meal every school day, reduced costs of some school trips, discount for Breakfast Club, discounts on music and sports club. **Even if your child is in Key Stage 1, The school also receives additional money for each child who is registered for Free School Meals** which we can then use to pay for additional staff, resources and events. Information and access to the online link is on our school website. Please help us beat the funding cuts!



SPRING TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

We have planned a new series of coffee morning workshops on various themes for the Spring term. These 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!

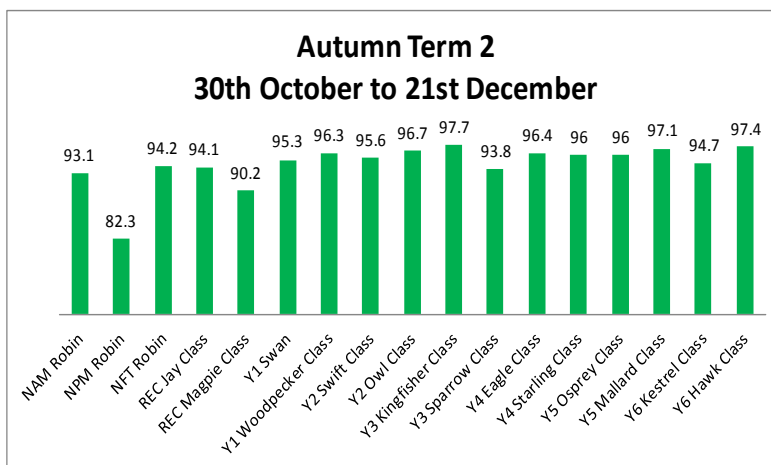
Date	Focus
Friday 19 th January	Find out how to improve your child's speech and language skills
Friday 26 th January	How to use reading diaries to support your child's reading
Friday 2 nd February	Create art with your children
Friday 9 th February	Games to play at home to develop resilience and confidence

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for last term was 95.3%.
Well done to **Kingfisher Class**, the half termly winners with 97.7%

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference!

It is essential that you attend school everyday so that they do not miss out on important steps of learning.



Key dates

Spring Term 2018

Half Term Holiday

Monday 12th to

Friday 16th February

Staff INSET Day

Monday 19th February

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March

Science & Technology Day

Friday 16th March

Parents Evening

Wednesday 28th March

Finish Date

Thursday 29th March at 2pm

Summer Term 2018

Start Date:

Monday 16th April

Families Week

Starts Monday 23rd April

Bank Holiday

Monday 7th May

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

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