



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 13th October 2017**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week at Southwold we have been celebrating World Week and Democracy Day. World Week celebrates the diversity within our partnership of schools and creates opportunities to explore relevant global issues and topics and for children to become global citizens. World Week incorporates a number of events such as international evening, democracy day, cultural workshops, national dress day and the launch into Black History Month which this year has the theme of Hidden Heroes.

The theme for World Week this year was 'Global Goodness.' The aim of the week was for children to gain an awareness of children's rights and the charities and organisations aimed at changing children's lives to eradicate hunger, thirst, illiteracy and/or poverty. We were very excited to welcome steel pan bands, Bollywood dancers, Chinese musicians and African mask makers into school to run workshops with children. We also elected the new members of our school pupil council, who meet weekly. Thank you all for your support during our day of international dress and also for joining us for our international evening where so many parents were kind enough to contribute dishes from across the globe. We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate so many different cultures that make London a proud global city.

The first half term has gone by very quickly, with school breaking up for half term on **Friday 20th October at 3:30pm. Children return on Tuesday 31st October.** During the first 7 weeks of the school year, we have again been focussing on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding as well as knowledge of key maths skills such as pairs of numbers that add to 10,100,1000 and the essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children also practice these at home. There are some tips in homework diaries on how you can help and also our teachers are happy to help!

Thank you again for all of your support

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

SPECIAL VISITORS!



A big thank you to all of the Dads, Uncles, Brothers and other significant family members who attended our special visit morning. We had 65 attendees who were incredibly positive about the whole experience and we had a number who stayed for coffee afterwards to share their experiences. Children were very proud to share their learning.



FLAX TO FABRIC



Year 4 completed their gardening workshop



by turning retted flax into yarn. They had to scutcher the flax, then heckle the flax by brushing it through and finally spin it into yarn using a traditional hand held spindle. This yarn will now be stitched into a fabric top for 'flax man' who is on the glass staircase.



**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER AT 3:30PM
CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER**



SOUTHWOLD BAKERS

Year 3 spent the day learning how to make bread with representatives from the Worshipful Company of Bakers organised by Cassie our school garden expert. Harvesting wheat then threshing and grinding it to create flour then baking the finished product. Everyone took a loaf home at the end of the day. Yum!



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE



At the end of September, the London Fire Brigade came to visit Year 5. They had a very interesting workshop about the importance of fire safety. They looked at the top 5 disasters caused by fire hazards and what we can do to prevent them. The Year 5 top tip is to make sure your fire alarms are working at home in order to ensure every one is safe!

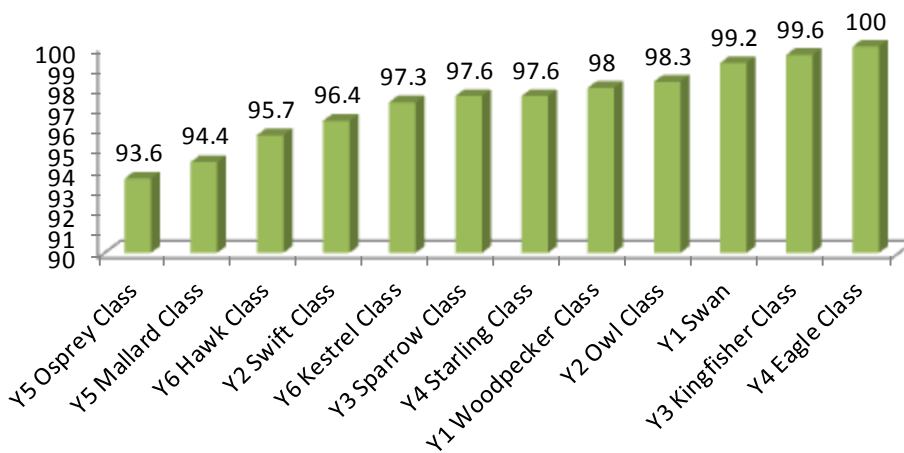
DROP IN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the bottom hall on the first floor at 9:15am.

Friday 20th October	Holiday activities- fun and free activities to do with your child during the holidays
Friday 3rd November	Literacy- support your child with writing and spelling
Friday 10th November	Safeguarding. How to keep children safe from harm.
Friday 17th November	Take away strategies to further support your child's special educational needs!
Friday 24th November	Science – Exciting experiments in the home

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school attendance for last week was **97.3%**
Well done to Eagle Class, the weekly winners with 100%.



Key dates

Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd to
Friday 27th October

Staff Training Day

Monday 30th October

Parents Evening

Thursday 30th November

End of Term Finish Date

Thursday 21st December at
2pm

Spring Term 2018

Start Date

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Work & Enterprise Week

Week beginning 22nd January

Half Term Holiday

Monday 12th to

Friday 16th February

Staff INSET Day

Monday 19th February

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March

Science & Technology Day

(with Science Fair)

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

History Day

Friday 25th May

Half Term Holiday

Monday 28th May to

Friday 1st June

Keeping Healthy Week

(including sports day)

Starts Monday 25th June

Hispanic Day: 2nd July

Parents Evening

Thursday 5th July

Staff INSET Day

Friday 6th July

End of Term Finish Date

Friday 20th July at 2pm



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