



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 15th June 2018**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

During the next month we have a very busy schedule including achievement assemblies, music concerts and productions. There are some useful key dates on the back of this newsletter. The learning continues right up to the last day on Friday 20th July and it is important that children attend every day until then. Children only have 190 school days each year and every one counts!

Sports Day is on Friday 29th June and we are hoping for good weather. On this day children need to come to school with PE kits of a plain white t shirt and black shorts/plain black jogging bottoms. Friends and parents are welcome to join us on Millfields Park from 10am. This forms part of our keeping healthy week and during this week there will be a number of opportunities for children to take part in sports and activities as well as learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Please help us with this by making sure that packed lunches contain food which will help growing learners. We do not allow chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or crisps to be eaten in our lunch hall or playgrounds and encourage children to try out snacks such as carrot sticks and raisins which have less sugar and more vitamins.

Please also make sure that you have made an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher for our Summer term parents evening, which is on Thursday 5th July. You can book a time by either logging onto our booking system or by calling the school office. We encourage all parents to come and take advantage of this opportunity to talk about how your child has got on this year and find out what you can do to further support them at home. We have had some fantastic examples of home learning projects, completed reading diaries and homework tasks this year, of which the children have been very proud.

Thank you for your support

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

MADRILENOS!

Children from all three of our partner schools took a 5 day trip to visit our Spanish partner school in Madrid. This continued the work they are doing with pupils at El Caton including digital storyboards and animations, as well as



giving them the opportunity to practise their Spanish language in a real Spanish school. They also got to enjoy Spanish culture with visiting the sights (including Real

Madrid's El Bernabeu and the Catedral de la Almudena), swimming, horse riding and tapas all on the agenda! By the end of the week they all felt they were real *Madrileños!* An especially big thank you to



Dawn Alexander Joseph, our MFL co-ordinator who not only obtained the EU funding for this trip, but organised the whole thing!

SUMMER GARDENING

Now that growing season is in full flow, everyone has been busy in the school garden. **Year 3** have been planting herbs and vegetables to sell at the Summer Fair.



They learnt about the plant life cycle and what they needed to do to ensure the plants would live and grow. All the produce the children have planted will be available to buy at our upcoming Summer Fair

PARENTS EVENING IS ON THURSDAY 5TH JULY



MAYAN COOKERY

For the Year 5 gardening workshop we did some cooking. This was linked to their topic of the Mayans. Corn was a staple diet of the Mayans and we used corn and maize flour to make our own tortillas. We did this by mashing corn

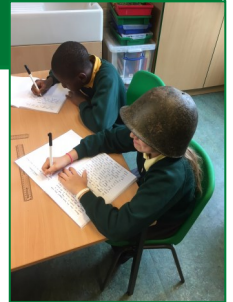


into the maize flour to create a rough paste using a pestle and mortar; rolled it into a small ball and flattened it out into a circle. Whilst we waited for it to cook we made a salsa out of tomatoes and peppers. The fun part of course was eating it!

LEARNING ABOUT BRITISH HISTORY



On Friday 18th May, the children had a special lunch to celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle. In true British street party style, the children had jelly and ice cream for pudding to mark the special occasion. Year 6 children have been exploring another significant event in British history, analysing WWII artefacts. They discussed their usefulness as primary sources of evidence and wrote down their probable use and purpose.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

At the end of each academic year we like to celebrate the achievements of every child in every class at a special class celebration assembly. Parents and

2pm, Monday 9 th July	Year 4 Celebration Assembly
2pm, Tuesday 10 th July	Year 2 Celebration Assembly
2pm, Wednesday 11 th July	Year 1 Celebration Assembly
2pm, Thursday 12 th July	Year 3 Celebration Assembly
2pm, Friday 13 th July	Year 5 Celebration Assembly
2pm, Thursday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Key dates

Summer Term 2018

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
Parents Evening:
Thursday 29th November
End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 21st December at 2pm
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 **94%**

Well done to NAM Robin Class, the weekly winners with 98%

