



# SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 15th September 2017**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and an especially warm welcome to all of our new Reception and Nursery parents. We hope that you had a fantastic Summer. It is great to see the building full of children again after the long break. During the 6 weeks we have undertaken repairs and maintenance to the school building including a new shelter on our school entrance, an updated early years playground, two new learning spaces on the top floor and updated LCD whiteboards to replace projectors in all of the classrooms.

As this is the first newsletter of the academic year we have tried to include as much information as possible about key routines and people including an up to date staffing profile and information about homework and coffee mornings. Please also take a look at our website which is regularly updated with news and key events.

At the end of last term we were pleased to receive our Key Stage 2 results which again place the achievement of pupils at Southwold, Orchard and Hoxton Garden schools well above national averages. This is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers but also very much due to the support that you give from home in ensuring that children read every night, learn times tables, complete homework tasks and come to school ready to learn. Thank you for contributing to all of the fantastic holiday homework projects which are being proudly displayed in classrooms. Due to printing issues, children will not be given new home reading diaries until next week however we have sent home reading books and these will be changed regularly. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with, you each day.

On a final note, please make sure that children look smart in our uniform for school everyday. Our school uniform is available from the MAPAC website (link from the school website). If you struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.

Best Wishes

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall  
Executive  
Headteacher

## BIENVENIDO!



Just before the Summer break we celebrated our second Hispanic Day. The children were amazing; coming to school dressed up in very original Hispanic inspired outfits or in the colours of the Spanish flag. This celebration was extra special because KS1 will start to learn Spanish this term so they attended an exciting introductory assembly to the Hispanic World.

## PUPIL LEADERS

At the end of the Summer term, the Viridis digital leaders met at Southwold to create an e-safety leaflet for parents, with a focus on age restrictions for social media websites. The children researched



popular sites/apps used by their peers and the minimum age restrictions, which they shared with their first e-safety leaflet. Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden **peer mediators** also met to celebrate their achievements in the last year. More news about pupil leaders in our school to follow this term.



**A PLAIN WHITE T SHIRT OR ONE WITH A SCHOOL LOGO, BLACK SHORTS AND TRAINERS FOR PE LESSONS PLEASE!**

## THE VIRIDIS GOVERNING BODY

### Co-opted Governors:

Alberta Senyah  
James Gowland  
Hanna Lownsborough  
Laura Theobold  
Richard Allen  
Sara Fox  
Sara Walsingham  
Andrea Klettner

### Parent Governors:

Lenna Marsen  
& Kay Richardson

**Staff Governor:** Claudia Moreira

**LA Governor:** Cllr Ian Rathbone

**Headteacher Governor**

Stephen Hall

We have updated the details of Governors on our website and members are listed here. During the coming year, the Governors will again be visiting all three schools as well as meeting in school committees to oversee the strategic operation of the schools and act as 'critical friends.'

Governors have been considering how we can best continue to benefit from our successful partnership of schools, making sure that we are budgeting carefully to avoid the impact of restricted school spending on our pupils and continuing to support and challenge the school leadership teams to ensure that standards of teaching and achievement remains high at all three schools.



### Key dates

**Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**World Week & Democracy Day**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Half Term Holiday**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Staff Training Day**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Parents Evening**  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

**End of Term Finish Date**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm

**Spring Term 2018 Start Date**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

**Work & Enterprise Week**  
Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January

**Half Term Holiday**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Staff INSET Day**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**World Book Day**  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Science & Technology Day**  
(with Science Fair)  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**Parents Evening**  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Finish Date**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

**Summer Term 2018 Start Date:**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Families Week**  
Starts Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Bank Holiday**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**History Day**  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day)**  
Starts Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Hispanic Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Parents Evening**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Staff INSET Day**  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

**End of Term Finish Date**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

## CLASSES FOR 2017/18

Year 6	<b>Kestrel Class</b> (taking Mallard Class) Mr Michael Kelso	<b>Hawk Class</b> (taking Osprey Class) Ms Katie Morris
Year 5	<b>Osprey Class</b> (taking Eagle Class) Mr Peter Storey	<b>Mallard Class</b> (taking Starling Class) Ms Nada Youssify
Year 4	<b>Eagle Class</b> (taking Sparrow Class) Ms Susie Laker	<b>Starling Class</b> (taking Kingfisher Class) Ms Vimala Ramalingum
Year 3	<b>Sparrow Class</b> (taking Owl Class) Ms Lauren Everall	<b>Kingfisher Class</b> (taking Swift Class) Mr Yav Durak
Year 2	<b>Swift Class</b> (taking Woodpecker Class) Mr Hakan Durak	<b>Owl Class</b> (taking Swan Class) Ms Sagal Dirir
Year 1	<b>Woodpecker Class</b> (taking Magpie Class) Ms Catherine Holley Phase Leader	<b>Swan Class</b> (taking Jay Class) Ms Esme Moira
Reception	<b>Jay Class</b> Ms Ivita Grodze	<b>Magpie Class</b> Ms Sangeeta Kerai
Nursery	<b>Robin Class</b> Mr James Mulvany	

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us in September. We hope that you had a chance to meet them at our meet the teacher events.

There has been a slight re-shuffle in the School Leadership Team with Mr O'Brien our new Headteacher being joined by Ms Larkman in her role as Deputy Headteacher and Ms Nelson taking up post as Assistant Headteacher, supporting Ms Adams. Mr Richardson continues his good work as our Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Special Educational Needs.

## SUPPORTING LEARNING FROM HOME

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

Date	Focus
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Reading. Take away a free reading booklet to support your child's reading!
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Numeracy. Take away free maths resources to support your child's maths.
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Phonics (for Early Years, Y1 and Y2) A toolkit to help your children learn to read and write.
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Come in and learn Spanish with our language team!
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Music – Learn to play an instrument with your child!
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Holiday activities- fun and free activities to do with your child during the holidays

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