



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 16th March 2018**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Making sure that everybody is safe is always a very high priority in our schools. We have regular lesson themes on safety including the dangers of drink and drugs, gangs and road and water safety. Please help us by making sure that you show your children how to cross the road safely, by using the crossings and showing them how to stop and check both ways for traffic both before and whilst crossing. This way you can be more confident that they will do the same when you are not there. Please do not leave children unsupervised in the playground before 8:45am as there are no school staff there until this time. If you have to set off to college or work early, we run a breakfast club from 7:45am in the ground floor hall where children can be with their friends and supervised until the start of school.

A daily healthy lunch will make sure that children can get all the vitamins and energy they need to learn without getting tired in the afternoon. If your child brings a packed lunch please make sure that they have a good balance of fruit and vegetables as well as protein such as meat, cheese or nuts. We do not allow children crisps, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks for their lunch as part of our healthy schools' ambition to teach children the importance of a healthy diet. Carrot sticks, raisins, nuts and yoghurts are all good alternatives. Children can also bring a healthy snack for morning break to keep them going.

Please don't forget to make an appointment for parents evening, which is on Wednesday 28th March. You can do this by logging onto our online booking system or by calling the school office. We hope that your child's termly report and termly targets will be useful to you in knowing how you can support further from home and we will again be setting creative homework projects during the Easter holidays to prepare for new Summer term topics. Learning will be continuing up until 2pm on Thursday 29th March when we break for Easter, with school opening for the Summer term on Monday 16th April.

Thank you for all of your support

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

WORLD BOOK DAY



Although a day late due to the snow, World Book Day was again a huge success. With creative costumes from all year groups, our staff really got into the spirit of the day too. The peer reading afternoon enabled every child across the school to share their favourite book, with a child from another class. A number of books were swapped and shared at our book swap. Keep reading everyone!



LEYTON GREAT HALL



Mallard and Osprey classes visited Leyton Great Hall, where they took part in an Orchestra workshop organised by Apollo Music Projects. They introduced the instruments of the orchestra and played a few pieces by Mozart, Handel and even an Argentinian tango.



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

YEAR ONE SCIENTISTS



Year One are learning about plants in Science this term. They looked at a selection of different things we get from plants, including fruit, vegetables and seeds as well as wood and paper. Later, they tried to name the different

parts of the plant, and identified which parts of the plant we can get food from.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Each class holds their own assembly once a term. This is their opportunity to share what they are learning and also to develop those important skills of speaking and performing in front of an audience. Parents will receive an invitation to the assembly, which are usually held at 10:15am, but please also look at the calendar of events on our website for future dates. Year 4 had had a class assembly where they shared lots of things that they had been learning about the Vikings, including, the Viking gods and how they travelled. They showed everyone how crowded Viking long boats must have been!



SUMMER TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

We have lined up new coffee morning themes for the Summer 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 20 th April	Take away strategies to help teach your child times tables
Wednesday 25 th April	Bring a grand parent/significant older person to school
Friday 27 th April	Grandparents lunch
Friday 4 th May	Healthy Lifestyles (including alcohol, smoking and drug misuse)
Friday 11 th May	Literacy – Strategies to help your child learn and apply their spellings
Friday 25 th May	Mindfulness. How to use creative ways to deal with your emotions in a healthy way

Key dates

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

Spring Term 2019

Start Date:
Monday 7th January 2019

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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 **92.4%**

Well done to Starling Class, the weekly winners with 98.4%

05th March to 09th March

