



# SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 17th November 2017**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we celebrated **anti-bullying week** and, although our school is a happy and safe place, we have a number of ways in which we tackle any bullying that might occur. We encourage children to speak up where there are issues, and to know the difference between a disagreement and bullying. There are several different forms of bullying, and children have been learning about what to do if they feel someone is being unkind to them either in person or online. Children are encouraged to report anything which is upsetting them to an adult, but also to tell the person they are unhappy with how they are feeling. If you would like to know more, there are some useful resources related to online bullying at [safety-advisor.com](http://safety-advisor.com) and also at [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk).

Our Autumn term **parents evening** is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. You will have received a letter with your password to our online booking system, but if you are having any issues with this please speak to the office team who will be happy to help. It is very important to us that you celebrate your child's learning with them and take the time to look at their books, which will be left outside of the classroom for you to see before and after the meeting. If you need to change your meeting time please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for you. We have also sent home **parent questionnaires** and would be grateful if you could share your opinions with us by completing and returning them.

This week has also been **Booklinks week** and a number of published authors have come into the school to share their books and love of reading with children. Look out for the photographs in this newsletter, on our website, facebook or twitter feed and best of all please ask your child about the author that they met when you are reading with them this evening.

Congratulations to Ms Adams who has been appointed as the Headteacher at Hoxton Garden School. She will be starting there on the 27th November. Ms Adams has been part of the Southwold team for several years and although she is moving to an exciting new role, she will very much remain part of our schools partnership. Ms Nelson will step into her role as Deputy Headteacher at Southwold.

Thank you for all of your support

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall  
Executive Headteacher

## MEET OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL



Following their successful election in October, class school council representatives have started to meet to share ideas discuss improvements to the classroom book corners and 'inspiration stations'. If you would like to know more about our school council please look at their page on our website.

## MIND THE GAP!



Year 2 went on a school trip to the London Transport Museum. They travelled back to the year 1906 and they went inside an old train.

Nazneen said "I really enjoyed learning about how transport has changed!" They had a brilliant day.



**YOU CAN ALSO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER!**



## SCIENCE WORKSHOPS



**Year 6** enjoyed a heart dissection workshop, working in groups to dissect animal hearts to see the four chambers (left and right ventricle and the left and right atrium) and to help understand how the blood travels through the heart before being circulated around the body. Even though they felt a bit squeamish to begin with, they soon all got involved. Meanwhile, **Year 4** have been learning about the different types of teeth and their purpose. They had great fun using plaster of Paris to make models of teeth will be using these teeth for Science experiments.



## SPANISH PARTNERSHIP VISIT

Our schools partnership hosted a visit from Spanish teachers from our partner school, El Caton in Madrid. They saw literacy, maths and Spanish lessons in Year 5. They were very impressed by the children's work in their books. In the afternoons, they met with Year 5 teachers and planned activities for our partnership project, which also allows for a group of our pupils to visit El Caton later this year.



## DROP IN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

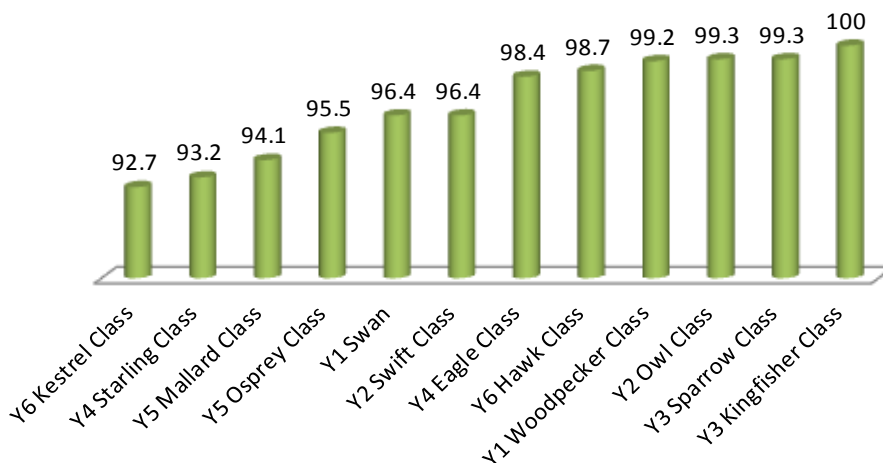
As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the bottom hall at 9:15am. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided and everyone is invited!

<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Science – Exciting experiments in the home
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Keep your children happy and safe online.
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Homework- How can you support your child at

## 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 **97%**

**Well done to Kingfisher Class**, the weekly winners with 100%



## Key dates

### 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 3rd 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