



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 1st December 2017**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you enjoy reading about the many events and activities that have been happening during the last two weeks. Particularly exciting was our Booklinks week, where a number of published authors joined our children in classrooms to share their books. We had too many photographs to show them all here, but please do look at class pages on our websites or look at our Twitter feed.

In the coming weeks we have a number of special activities to celebrate the season, including trips to the pantomime, a visiting theatre company, special seasonal singing assemblies and a winter fair. Please take note of the dates on the back of this newsletter, which are also updated regularly on our website. During this time children will continue to be following our curriculum with much to cover before we break up on Thursday 21st December at 2:00pm.

Thank you for coming to meet with children's class teachers this week. It is so important that children get to share their learning with you. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office so that they can make an appointment for you. We hope also that the termly report which was sent home was helpful in knowing how best to support at home. Don't forget that we run a number of themed drop-in sessions for parents, with new events already being planned for the Spring term.

Thank you to parents who have already completed the parent survey. The deadline for returning these is next Friday, 8th December. Caterlink, our school catering service are also running an online parent survey regarding school meals which can be accessed via the weblink <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M52JBQL>.

We have a few staffing changes at the end of the term with Mr Richardson relocating from London. His replacement Ms Patel will be taking up the role of SENCO from December.

Thank you for all of your support

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

FEDERATION CHOIR



The Federation Choir met for their termly rehearsal at Orchard School. The choir meets once a term to prepare a repertoire of songs for local concerts. Currently they are working on a collection of Christmas songs to get ready for the holiday season.

APOLLO MUSIC



Apollo Music Project visited Southwold for the second time this year. This time **Year 5** enjoyed watching and listening to a string quartet. They performed music by Joseph Haydn and Maurice Ravel. They listened to some beautiful pieces and then talked about the structure of the music. They learned a lot of new information about the cello, viola and violin and joined in with each performance by clapping the beat and some difficult rhythms.



**PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN OUR 2017 PARENT SURVEY
YOUR OPINION MATTERS TO US!**

END OF TERM EVENTS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception. We also have a number of seasonal activities and everyone is invited!

Date	Focus
Friday 8th December	Homework- How can you support your child at home?
Thursday 14th December	Pantomime visit and in-school performance
Friday 15th December	Wear a Christmas jumper to school day and donate towards a good cause. Christmas lunch Christmas Fayre at 3pm in the bottom hall
15th December at 10:45am	Nursery & Reception Nativity Story Performance
13th December at 9:15am	Years 1 & 2 Sing-along-a-Christmas. Join us for festive singing in the hall.
11th December at 2:30pm	Year 3 & 4 Sing-along-a-Christmas. Join us for festive singing in the hall.
13th December at 2:30pm	Years 5 & 6 Sing-along-a-Christmas. Join us for festive singing in the hall.

COOKING & SEWING

Year 1 have been learning all about Hackney and are going to make their very own community tapestry to show what they have learned. In our first ever sewing lesson, the children learned how to thread a needle and how to sew a straight stitch. They found it very



tricky, but everyone persevered and was proud of what they finally achieved. Meanwhile, **Nursery** learned how to bake a chocolate cake in a microwave! They used lots of verbs to explain what they were doing and named the equipment that was used. It was so much fun and the cake was delicious!

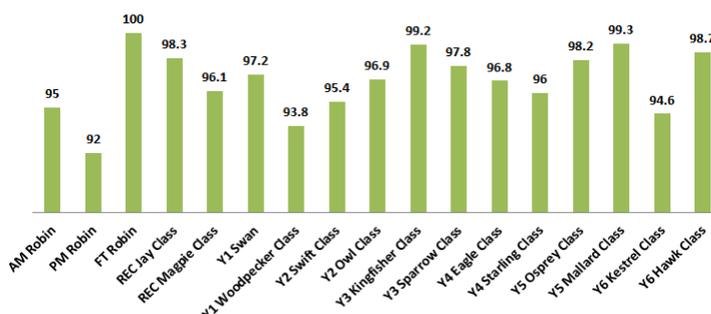
ATTENDANCE

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 Mallard Class, the weekly winners with 99.3%

20th to 24th November

Remember, school starts at 8:55am! It's important that you arrive on time so you don't miss out on your early morning work.



Key dates

End of Term Finish Date
Thursday 21st December at 2pm

Spring Term 2018

Start Date
Wednesday 3rd January 2018

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

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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