



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 25th May 2018**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Many of our Year 5 pupils are looking forward to their trip to Kench Hill activity centre in Kent next month. This will give them the opportunity to experience the great outdoors and try out new adventure activities. This is the first time we have had children from all three of our partnership schools attending together. We hope that this will create many opportunities for new friendships and support the start of their transition year to secondary school. We look forward to sharing news of their activities with you through regular noticeboard and website/Twitter updates as well as in this newsletter.

Making sure our school sites are safe and secure is a constant priority for us. The end of the school day is a very busy time when the school gates are necessarily open. Although we have members of the senior team stationed at exits, please could all parents ensure that they collect their children from the line in the playground and not before, letting the adults know that they have been collected. We have also recently reviewed our emergency management policy, so that we are prepared in case of a major incident outside of the school which means that we have to keep exits closed. In this exceptional situation we would send all parents a text to inform them that the school has entered a 'lock down' and no one will be permitted to enter or leave the building. In the highly unusual situation, please be assured that the intention is to ensure that everyone remains safe.

All children will have been set homework tasks and projects for half term. Please support them with this by making sure that tasks are completed and children have the opportunity to read and talk about their learning at home. Knowing times tables is particularly helpful, along with telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks, counting money and of course sharing a book.

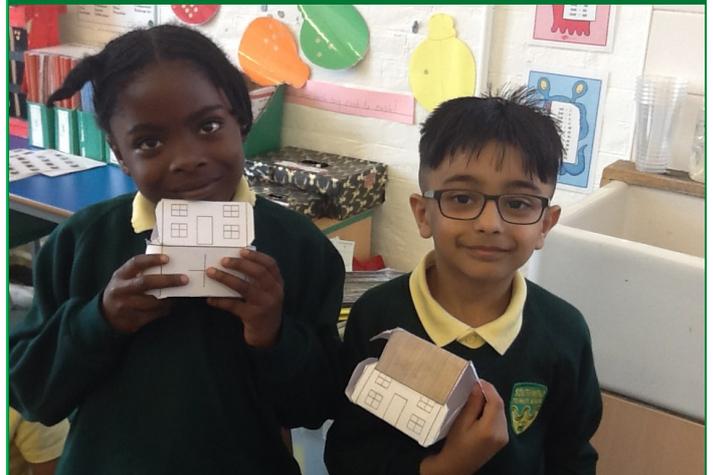
We hope that you have a very happy half term break and we look forward to seeing children safely back on Monday 4th June at 8:55am.

Thank you for your support

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

WATCH OUT FOR THE BIG BAD WOLF!



Year 1 have been studying The 3 Little Pigs in Literacy. They designed and made a 'wolf-proof' house for the pigs adding in special features such as burglar alarms, high fences and CCTV! That should keep them warm and safe! Year 1 have also been comparing and measuring capacity in their Maths lessons. *Do you know how much liquid a milk carton holds?*



CYCLING CHAMPIONS



On the 11th May, Orchard and Southwold cyclists from years 4 and 5 came to the seventh inter school Hackney cycle race of the school year. It was a really challenging race on Hackney Downs as the intrepid competitors had to ride fixed wheel bikes with no brakes! Lev from Orchard came first in his first race, and all of the children did Orchard and Southwold proud with their fierce determination.

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 4TH JUNE AT 8:55AM
ENJOY A SAFE AND HAPPY HALF TERM HOLIDAY!**

YEAR 4 GO BACK TO VICTORIAN TIMES

Year 4 visited the Ragged School Museum this week. They were transported back in time to a Victorian classroom where they wrote on slate and practised their alphabet and arithmetic skills. The teacher was very strict and everybody had to sit up very straight on the hard wooden benches. In Victorian times children who got answers wrong were made to wear a pointed hat called the 'dunces hat' and the teacher would sometimes hit the children with a stick! It was a fantastic way to understand what schools were like for poor children during these times and how hard their life could be.



SUMMER TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee mornings 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 8 th June	<u>Speech and Language</u> How to support the development of your child's speech and language skills
Friday 15 th June	Gardening with your child
Friday 22 nd June	<u>PE</u> Take away knowledge about how we teach children to stay fit and healthy

Key dates

Summer Term 2018

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

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd
February

Staff Training Day:

Monday 25th February

Children Return

Tuesday 26th February

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 **96.5%**
Well done to NPM Robin and Kestrel Classes, the weekly winners with 100%

14th May to 18th May 2018

