



# SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 26th January 2018**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has been our Work & Enterprise week. We have been encouraging children to explore what grown-ups do at work and to think about and develop their own aspirations. We have had a number of exciting visitors and projects including a visit to a restaurant and a post office as well as our own Dragons Den where children pitched their ideas and products. Although we don't have room to show photographs of all of the events here, please do look at our website, Twitter and Facebook page to see what we have been up to.

At the very beginning of each school day children set straight to tasks whilst the teacher calls the register. These often involve rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. When children arrive to the classroom late, they do not only miss out on their own learning time, but it disrupts this time for other children in the class. Please help us by making sure that children are on time and in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am to come into school with their class.

The weather has been colder recently, but we are keen that children get fresh air and to play outside every day so please make sure that they bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. Remember we expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons, as well as to make sure they are comfortable when in class. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but we still expect all children to have a white tee shirt, plain green shorts or black jogging bottoms as their PE kit.

Many thanks for all of your support

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall  
Executive Headteacher

## MODEL MAKERS



This half term Reception Class are learning about People Who help us. As part of their holiday homework, children were making emergency vehicles and children and parents made some fantastic fire trucks and ambulance vehicles.

## VIKING LONGBOATS

This term the Year 4 Design & Technology theme is linked to their topic, The Vikings. Year 4 have been learning about levers and working



out where on their Viking ships they are going to use them, as well as deciding which materials will work best. It is challenging but children have come up with some great ideas.



## VISIT FROM APOLLO MUSIC

Apollo string quartet visited Mallard and Osprey classes to play two dance pieces, an Argentine tango and an Eastern European piece called "Dumka".

The children talked about how the music they had heard and then got to try the valuable instruments that these professional musicians were using.



**8:55**

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM AND LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY  
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE ON TIME!**

## YEAR 5 NEWS



Mallard Class performed their class assembly based on the fascinating facts that they have learnt about Earth and Space. They also performed their own poems inspired by Benjamin Zephaniah.

Both Year 5 classes are also writing their own adventure story based on Nicola Davies' book, 'Whale Boy'. They met with Nicola, our author in residence, and were inspired by her wonderful story and experiences across the world.



## TOYS THROUGH TIME



Year 1 have been learning about Toys Through Time. This week, they explored a series of toys

from the past. They discussed how we could tell that the toys were old, through looking at the materials they were made of, signs of wear and the design of the toy. The children really developed their vocabulary whilst having fun with the toys.

## SPRING TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

We have planned a new series of coffee morning workshops on various themes for the Spring 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Create art with your children
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Games to play at home to develop resilience and confidence
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Learn how to become a geographer in your local area with your child
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Learn to code like your child
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	More science experiments with your children
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Holiday activities
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Reading Assembly

## Key dates

**Spring Term 2018**

**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**

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

**Half Term Holiday**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Keeping Healthy Week**

Starts Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**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

**Autumn Term 2018**

**Start Date:**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Half Term Holiday**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

**Children Return**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

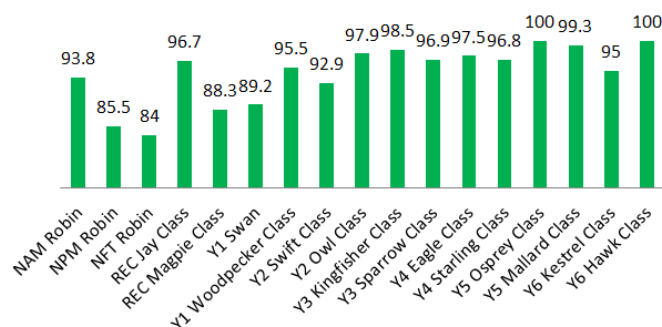
## ATTENDANCE

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 **95%**

**Well done to Y5 Osprey Class and Y6 Hawk Class, the weekly winners with 100%**

School starts at 8:55am and learning starts straight away, so please make sure that you are on time!

### 15th January to 19th January



For more news you can also follow us on Facebook & Twitter!

