



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

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Week ending **Thursday 29th March 2018**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you were able to meet with your child's class teacher at parents evening yesterday and enjoyed looking through your child's books. If you were not able to attend, please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher, so that we can arrange a new meeting time for you. If you did not collect your child's termly report, this will be posted to you. Each child's report contains targets and areas to work on in the coming term. Please help us to help your child by encouraging them to learn their times tables (or if younger counting in steps of 1,2,5 and 10), practice spellings and read at home either with you, or on their own. Children achieve so much more if they are encouraged to learn these key skills at home as well as at school.

Thank you to all the parents who came to see the Science experiments that children had been working on as part of our Science day. Next term we have more exciting curriculum events including families week, a maths day and keeping healthy week. We always try to include as much news as possible in our fortnightly newsletter, but if you want to keep completely up to speed with the many exciting things that happen as part of our rich curriculum, follow us on Facebook.

Today is the last day of the Spring term and we have set holiday homework projects, including research projects for the topics that classes will be studying in the summer term after the Easter holidays. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about and, of course, continue to encourage them to read, write and count everyday. When children are using the internet, either through phones, games or on a computer or tablet please make sure that you monitor and observe that this is being done safely. Whilst the internet is a wonderful resource it also holds risks to children. There are some very useful resources for parents about how to protect children from online dangers at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Year 6 pupils return on the mornings of 11th, 12th and 13th April for their special booster camp and we re-open to all pupils on **Monday 16th April**. We hope that you enjoy a safe and happy Easter break.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

VISIT FROM THE MAYOR



School councils from Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden held a joint meeting to meet with Hackney Mayor Philip Granville. Mayor Granville took a great interest in the ideas and questions raised from each school, which all related to current projects the school councils are undertaking such as making the roads around our schools more safe and ensuring that our local parks have enough recycling facilities to ensure that they are kept clean. Mayor Granville promised to come back and meet with our school councils once he had looked into some of the issues they had raised.

SPELLING BEE

After local heats on each school site, keen competitors from our three partner schools came together to a Viridis Federation



Spelling Bee. There were some very tricky words to spell indeed but confident spellers from each school won awards, with the overall spelling bee cup for this year going to Shyanne at Orchard school.



ENJOY A HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER BREAK
SUMMER TERM STARTS ON MONDAY 16TH APRIL AT 8:55AM

SOUTHWOLD'S GOT TALENT



After much practice and some nervous auditions Southwold finally revealed the best of its talent. With musicians, artists, magicians and dancers all

showing of their talents it was hard for the judges to agree on who would be this years winner. However after much deliberation the 2018 Southwold's got talent winners were Zoe, Melchoir and Jonathan with their amazing rendition of Romeo and Juliet.

SCIENCE DAY

The Southwold Science Fayre was a huge success. Every class displayed all of their scientific outcomes from our Science day. This year we had a theme of Georges Marvellous Medicines with children making potions and explosions. They researched, planned, predicted and carried out experiments. During



the fayre, each year group showed their experiment and explained to everyone what they had found out. It was a really eventful day, full of great fun and discoveries. Thank you to everyone who attended.



SUMMER TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

We have lined up new coffee morning themes for the Summer term. These run in the flexi room on the first floor at 9:15am on Friday mornings. We hope that you can make time to drop in and join us. Tea and coffee provided!

Date	Focus
Friday 20 th April	Take away strategies to help teach your child times tables
Wednesday 25 th April	Bring a Mum/significant female to school
Friday 27 th April	Grandparents lunch
Friday 4 th May	Healthy Lifestyle (including alcohol, smoking and drug misuse)
Friday 11 th May	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

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

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

Please see up to date events &

dates for class assemblies on

our website. 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 **93.7%**

Well done to Hawk Class, the weekly winners with 98.7%

19th March to 23rd March

