



# SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 29th September 2017**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

You have will have now received a new reading and homework diary. Please support with learning by making sure that children read at home every evening and write down what they have read in their diaries. Younger children and less confident older children really benefit from reading aloud to an adult regularly and there are some questions and tips to help with this in the diary. We ask that an adult at home signs the diary once a week to show that they have checked on their child's reading. Also in the diary are spellings, times tables and guidance on bullying and safety. We hope that this is all useful when supporting learning from home.

We have begun holding a weekly class assembly, with a different year group each week. Parents are invited to join us and celebrate learning. Assemblies start at 10:15am in the top and middle halls. A list of dates which are coming up is on the back of this newsletter, along with dates of our forthcoming drop in workshops for parents which are on Friday's from 9:15am. These dates, along with other key events during the year are also included in our school website calendar.

As well as the International Schools Award which we report on in this newsletter all three schools in our partnership have also been invited to be part of the Mayor of London Schools for Success programme. As schools that have made exceptional progress with low prior attaining pupils, the Mayor wants to recognise this achievement and for us to share our expertise with other London schools. Whilst it is nice to be recognised, we also hope that this will bring further opportunities for us to develop as schools and for new opportunities for our pupils. We will keep you posted!

In two weeks time we celebrate international week and we hope that you can join us for our **International Evening on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm to 5pm** which will include food from across the globe, a steel pan band and an opportunity to see the different global projects the children have completed during the week.

Thank you again for all of your support

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

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## FLAX FARMERS

This week year 4 took part in a gardening workshop. We found out all about different types of natural fibre and then we started the process in turning flax into a yarn that we can use to make a jumper with. First we had to use a rippling board to separate the



seeds from the stem. We are looking forward to the next workshop when we get to spin the fibre into the yarn!

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

We were very proud that all three schools in our partnership have been successfully awarded the International Schools Award by the British Council. This is a recognition of the work that we do to build links between our school and schools overseas giving young people a window into different cultures and countries, helping them develop as responsible global citizens and preparing them for life and work in a global society. A big well done and thank you to Ms Alexander Joseph our languages lead, who has worked to hard to gain not only this but also further Erasmus funding which will mean that some children from all three schools will again be able to take part in an exchange trip to Spain this academic year.



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

## WHAT CHILDREN EAT IS IMPORTANT TO US!



What children eat is very important so please help us make sure that children eat well when they are at school. We have a healthy packed lunch policy which does not allow crisps, fizzy drinks or chocolate bars. Our school cooks, Caterlink, follow the school food plan which was put together to help develop healthy eating habits and to ensure that children get energy and nutrition they need across the whole school day. They

freshly prepare 95% of the food served everyday. They do not add salt to food and have reduced the sugar and fat content, for example the delicious chocolate and beetroot brownies are made from a low fat cocoa powder and not chocolate. They always serve fresh fruit and vegetables daily and make fresh bread that is freely available every day.



### Key dates

#### World Week & Democracy Day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

#### Half Term Holiday

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### Staff Training Day

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### End of Term Finish Date

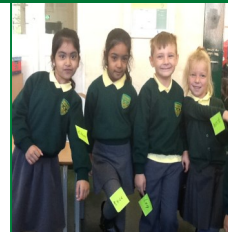
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

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## YEAR 1 SCIENTISTS

Swan class have worked on learning the scientific names for body parts. They started by writing their very own song: 'Heads, Shoulders, Elbows, Wrists.' Then, they labelled a picture of one of their classmates as well as their own diagrams. By the end they were able to show learning by labelling our partners!



## DROP IN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the flexi space on the first floor at 9:15am. Class assemblies are open to all and start at 10:15am in the main hall.

Date	Focus
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Class Assemblies at 10:15am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Come in and learn Spanish with our language team!
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	International Dress & International Evening starting at 3:15pm.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Music – Learn to play an instrument with your child!
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Class Assemblies at 10:15am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Holiday activities- fun and free activities to do with your child during the holidays

## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **97.2%** Well done to **Osprey Class**, the weekly winners with 100%.

