



SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 2nd March 2018**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have reached a halfway point in the academic year and children in Years 1 to 6 have undertaken a second mid year check to see how well they are doing. This has informed our termly pupil progress meetings, where the needs of every child are discussed and their current achievement will also be included in each child's termly report. You will be given a copy of this at the next parents evening which is on **Wednesday 28th March** and you should soon receive a letter asking you to book an appointment for this. Please make sure that you make the time, so that you can both pick up your child's termly report and see the learning in their books. It makes such a difference for children to know that you value the learning they do in school.

Today we celebrated World Book Day and the wonderful world of book characters. Thank you to all of the parents who encouraged their children to dress up and join in the fun. Although too late for this newsletter, please look out for photographs on Twitter and our Facebook page. We are keen to encourage all children to be enthusiastic readers and to ensure that all children are able to find a book at school that they want to take home and read. Each year we invest in new colour banded home reading books. Please could you make sure that these are returned to school once finished so that other children can enjoy them. Please check under beds and sofas as well as on book shelves for any that have been forgotten.

We have some more parent coffee morning sessions lined up for the second half of this term. These are listed on the back of this newsletter. The feedback we receive from these sessions is always very positive with parents telling us how useful they are. We hope that more parents are able to join us, no need to book, just turn up on the day.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

PUPIL ACTION RESEARCH



Earlier this month there was a second pupil action research meeting to discuss the next steps of the research project. Like our teachers, a group of pupils are undertaking a project investigating the impact of competitions on learning. Look out for the planned cross site events later this year including timestables, spelling bee and general knowledge quiz! All the children are enjoying the Federation collaboration!

OSCAR NIEMAYER



If you haven't visited the bottom corridor outside the Year 3 classrooms yet, you might be in for a surprise. During the half term art work designed by Southwold children has been installed there. Professional artist, Haidee Drew worked with classes to create a striking ceiling design inspired by their studies of the work of Oscar Niemayer.

VIKINGS

Year 4 shared their learning about the Vikings during their class assembly, including facts about their gods and how they travelled. Class assemblies happen termly and dates are on our website. See also how Year 4 made Viking porridge on the back of this newsletter!



8:55

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

VIKING PORRIDGE

Year 4 made Viking porridge. They used pestle and mortars to crush the barley into a paste, then cooked it in milk and tasted with honey. It was delicious and helped explain how the romans, who were used to a warmer climate survived during the cold winters when they invaded Britain two thousand years ago.



SOUTHWOLD ABROAD

Children from Orchard, Southwold & Hoxton Garden travelled together to our partner school in Madrid. They were surprised to see the snow in Madrid as we always think of Spain as a hot country. They took every opportunity to practise their Spanish including trips to restaurants, amusements parks and the Science museum as well as time spent with children in our Spanish partner school, El Caton making digital books and sharing the similarities between our cultures. We will be hosting a return visit from El Caton later this term.



SPRING TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

We have two more coffee morning workshops left for the Spring term. Don't miss them! 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 9th March	More science experiments to try out with your children
Friday 16th March	Easter Holiday activities
Friday 23rd March	Parent Reading Celebration Assembly

Key dates

Science & Technology Day
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
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

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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 **94.6%**

Well done to Mallard Class, the weekly winners with 99.7%

19th February to 23rd February

