



# SOUTHWOLD HIGHLIGHTS

Week ending **Friday 3rd November 2017**

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a great half term break. This weekend the UK celebrates bonfire night and an important opportunity to remind children about keeping safe around fire and fireworks.

Keeping safe is a theme which is constant in our curriculum, including staying safe online and knowing to speak up if there is something which is worrying or seems wrong. Online safety is something which many parents are concerned about. One of the best ways to help young people stay safe online is to talk to them about what they do. If you understand the situations they encounter you'll be better placed to offer them advice on how to deal with them. There is some useful information to be found at [saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers](http://saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers) as well as [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) which has a number of resources to help parents navigate their way around the benefits and risks of the ever changing technological world. Keeping children safe is also the theme of our next coffee morning workshop, so please do join us for this (details on the back of this newsletter).

Thank you as always for help given with holiday homework projects, the children all start new curriculum themes this half term and you will receive a leaflet outlining what these are. Any help and encouragement you can give at home goes such a long way and children particularly benefit from some extra help with reading at home as well as in learning their times tables. When teaching times tables we start by teaching children to group objects into pairs and count in steps of one before starting to count in steps of 2,5 and 10 forwards and backwards then moving on to the 3,6 and 9 times tables. By the time children finish Year 4 they are expected to know all of their times tables including the 7 and 8 times tables. There is a times tables grid in home reading diaries to help if you are a bit rusty!

Thank you as always for your support, don't forget that you can also follow us on twitter and Facebook

Best Wishes

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## MUSIC FROM CHINA



Southwold children took part in a Chinese music workshop where they learned about several different traditional Chinese instruments and their origins. They took the opportunity to try playing some of them.

Did you know that the Chinese Xun is more than 7000 years old?



## PEER MEDIATORS



Peer mediators from Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden got together at Southwold for a group training session. They practised their

skills at conflict resolution and making sure that everyone is happy and safe in our playground, practising and trying out scenarios in small groups. We were very impressed by how well they could diffuse arguments and solve problems. They are now out and about in the playgrounds making sure everyone is happy and safe.

**A PLAIN WHITE T SHIRT OR ONE WITH A SCHOOL LOGO, BLACK SHORTS AND TRAINERS FOR PE LESSONS PLEASE!**

## YEAR 4 ARCHITECTS

## LOOK OUT! BEHIND YOU!



Year 4 are having a series of workshops with the artist Haidee Drew. They are using the designer Oscar Neimeyer to inspire drawings of our own school building. With these, they began creating their own artwork in the style of Neimeyer, using tissue paper to highlight interesting parts. By the end of the workshops Year 4 will have designed a new art installation for the bottom corridor for everyone to enjoy.

Year 6 visited the Natural History and Science museums as part of their study of the Galapagos Islands and Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. The children looked at various animals and discussed how they had evolved to suit their habitats. Did you know that he was first inspired by the different types of tortoises on the islands?



## DROP IN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

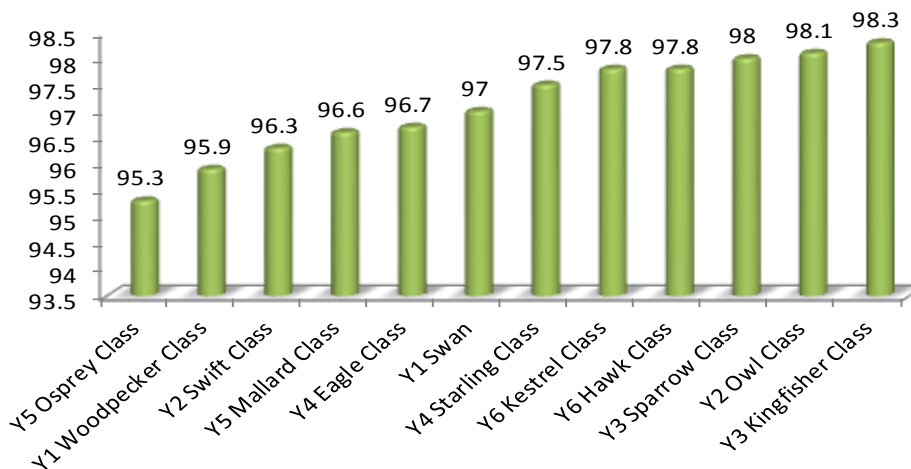
As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the bottom hall at 9:15am. Everyone is invited!

<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Safeguarding. How to keep children safe from harm.
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Take away strategies to further support your child's special educational needs!
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Science – Exciting experiments in the home
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Keep your children happy and safe online.
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Homework- How can you support your child at home?

## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for Autumn Term 1, was **97.1%**

**Well done to Kingfisher Class**, the termly winners with 98.3%



## Key dates

### 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 3rd 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

