



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 11th October 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Southwold we have been celebrating World Week and Democracy Day. World Week celebrates the diversity within our partnership of schools and creates opportunities to explore relevant global issues and for children to gain an understanding of themselves as global citizens. The theme for World Week this year was 'Climate in Crisis'. The aim of the week was for children to gain an awareness of their own role in protecting the planet they live in, from the impact they have in their local environment to how their actions contribute to the health of the wider world. World Week incorporated a number of events such as international evening, democracy day, cultural workshops, national dress day and the launch into Black History Month. We were very excited to welcome Bengali musicians, Balinese story tellers, Latin dancers, Chinese dancers and African mask makers into school to run workshops with children. We also elected the new members of our school pupil council, who meet weekly. Thank you all for your support during our day of international dress and we hope you will join us for international evening as many parents were kind enough to donate a plate which we hope you will enjoy! We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate so many different cultures that make London a proud global city!

The first half term has gone by very quickly, with school breaking up for half term on **Friday 18th October 2019 at 3:30pm. Children return on Monday 28th October 2019.** During the first few weeks of the school year we have again been focussing on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding as well as knowledge of key maths skills such as pairs of numbers that add to 10, 100, 1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise these at home including the use of Mathletics and Timestable Rockstars. There are some tips in home reading diaries on how you can help or speak to the teacher who will also be happy to help! You will also be receiving the half term holiday project information to support children in getting ready for the new half term of learning and we look forward to seeing the creative outcomes worked on at home when children return!

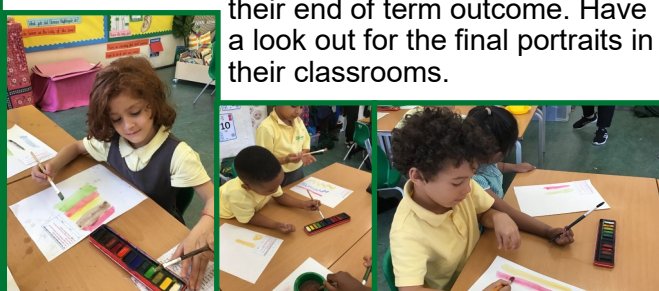
Thank you again for all of your support!

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 1 ARTISTS

Year 1 have been experimenting using different brush strokes in their Art lessons. The children are preparing in order to paint self portraits as their end of term outcome. Have a look out for the final portraits in their classrooms.



AUTUMN DETECTIVES

The children in Nursery and Reception have been learning about the season of autumn. The children have been searching for autumn leaves and vegetables in the school garden. They found juicy raspberries and they even saw pumpkins growing. In the playground the children searched for autumn leaves and found; orange, red, brown and yellow leaves.



OPERA!

Our youngest children were lucky enough to see a performance of 'Peace at Last' by Opera Up Close in our school hall. The well-loved children's picture book was adapted to introduce primary school children to the fantastic art of opera!



**WE BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM AT 3:30PM FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2019
CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER AT 8:55AM**

LESSONS IN LOAF

Last week our children in Year 2 had their lessons in loaf session with our gardener Cassie. The children sow the seeds for the wheat, grow it and harvest it. As part of the lesson the children ground the wheat into flour before starting the bread making process.



Then the children each made a loaf of bread, baked it and then took it home to share with family and friends. Soon the children will be sowing the next crop of wheat!

SPECIAL VISIT

Last week we received a visit from Annie Gammon, Director of Education. Annie toured the school with Ms Davie and Mr O'Brien, before meeting the school council to discuss the work that they have done of the past year to make the school even better. Annie was impressed by how well our school council presented.



COFFEE MORNINGS

Our coffee mornings each Friday at 9.15am in the bottom hall focus on different topics each week and are linked with our curriculum. The last coffee morning for this half term is family team building led by our learning mentor. Coffee mornings restart for the new half term on the 1st November.

Friday 18 th October	Family Team Building: Take part in games and activities you can play at home
Friday 1 st November	Play Pod: Experience the creative opportunities at play time.
Friday 8 th November	Anti-Bullying: Learn what the school does to prevent bullying
Friday 15 th November	Celebrating Life Experiences: Create a scrap book to document special time together
Friday 22 nd November	Science: Learn how to create exciting experiments in the home
Friday 29 th November	Spelling and Handwriting: How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home
Friday 6 th December	Speech and Language: How to develop and extend your child's vocabulary
Friday 13 th December	Parent Reading Assembly : EYFS

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2019

Children Start Date:
Wednesday 4th September
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 21st to Friday 25th October

Children Start Date:
Monday 28th October
Parents Evening:
Thursday 28th November
End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 19th December at 2pm

Spring Term 2020

Start Date:
Monday 6th January
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
Staff Training Day:
Monday 24th February
Parents Evening:
Thursday 26th March
Finish Date: Friday 3rd April at 2pm

Summer Term 2020

Start Date:
Monday 20th April
Bank Holiday:
Friday 8th May
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Parents Evening:
Thursday 2nd July
End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 17th July at 2pm

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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 **96.8%**
Well done to Swift, Woodpecker and Magpie Classes, the weekly winners with **99%**

