



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

**Friday 1st November 2019**

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## Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed the half term break. Thank you to all parents who supported children with the homework projects over the break. This will support their learning this term particularly the learning of new vocabulary. Each year group will have now started new topics in all subjects including a new science, art and humanities theme. This half term we will also be undertaking Design and Technology Days which parents will be invited to attend to support with the practical elements of product making. Look out for a curriculum newsletter which is sent home in book bags early next week. These are also accessible on our websites. Each year group has its own page on the website which contains photos and updates on learning which has taken place as well as enrichment events such as trips and workshops.

This half term you will receive your child's termly report at parents evening on the **Thursday 28th November**. This will give more information about achievements so far, as well as learning targets for the upcoming term. Letters inviting you to parents evening along with details of the online booking system will be sent home in the coming two weeks. We are keen to make sure that all parents meet with class teachers and discuss their child's progress as well as take up the opportunity to look through their workbooks and celebrate their hard work, so if you are finding it difficult to make an appointment, please call the school office who will be happy to help you.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. As the weather gets colder please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are not safe when they are moving around the school and in the playground. If you would like your children to wear boots when travelling to and from school then they must also bring their school shoes to change into when they arrive. At different points in the day children may remove jumpers which can easily be misplaced in busy classrooms. As well as making sure all uniform has your child's full name, please can you also check that items belong to your child and have not been picked up by accident? We ask that any items which are not yours are returned to class and their rightful owners the next school day.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## CARING FOR OUR PLANET



As part of 'World Week' the children in Nursery and Reception were learning about how to look after the planet. They learnt about the importance of recycling and switching off lights. Turning the lights

off when you're not using them can help save money by reducing your electricity bills!



## ANIMAL FOOTPRINTS

Year 1 were learning about some of the animals that can be found in a garden. They learnt that mice use their whiskers to determine how close they are to their surroundings such as walls. They then had



a go at using air drying clay to make the foot prints of animals found in London gardens.

## AFRICAN WORKSHOP

The children in Year 2 had a work shop in which they learnt about African tribes and how the different colours on their jewellery represent different things. Then they made their own bracelet and shared what the colours they had chosen meant to them.



**SMART BLACK SCHOOL SHOES TO SCHOOL PLEASE!**

## YEAR 6 MUSUEM TRIP

Year six visited the Natural History Museum to look at their collection of fossils and to develop their understanding of human evolution theory further.



They looked at how studies like 'Lucy' help palaeontologists understand how humans evolved and adapted over billions of years.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Just before half term we had 'World Week' which culminated in International Evening. We had an amazing array of national dress on the day, and lots of parents to share food from around the world. We

were lucky enough to have a performance from the school choir as well as the annual fashion show. A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event!



## COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all our parents who continue to attend our Friday morning reading sessions in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Our coffee mornings each Friday at 9.15am in the bottom hall focus on different topics each week and are linked with our curriculum. Please join us!

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Anti-Bullying:</b> Learn what the school does to prevent bullying
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Celebrating Life Experiences:</b> Create a scrap book to document special time together
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Science:</b> Learn how to create exciting experiments in the home
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Spelling and Handwriting:</b> How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Speech and Language:</b> How to develop and extend your child's vocabulary
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Parent Reading Assembly :</b> 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 Year 3 Kingfisher Class**, the weekly winners with **99.2%**

