



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

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27th September 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you are all settled into the routine of the new term. Term dates are on the back of this newsletter and information about upcoming events can be found on our website including class assemblies and class trips. This week we had significant male family members join us in classrooms. A big thank you to those who were able to join us. There are special days for significant female family members and grandparents later in the year as well as our World Week celebrations in October to look forward to. We are again running a series of coffee morning sessions for parents on different themes on Friday mornings which are listed on the back of this newsletter, you are welcome to drop in, even if you don't have time to stay for the whole session.

Last week we sent home year group curriculum newsletters which give information about the topics that each class is studying this half term and there are more details of our curriculum on our website. Please take note in particular of PE days. We have a PE kit that we expect children to wear which will need to be brought into school on these days.

Children have brought in some fantastic summer homework projects related to their curriculum themes, thank you for your support with this. It is very helpful if you can talk with children about the topics being studied at home, encouraging them to explain and describe what they are doing and to do their own research as this will support class learning. During their time with us they will learn about a range of local and global historical events as well as about different cultures and religions. We aim to provide children with lots of meaningful, creative, inspiring and above all educational opportunities, which with your support will ensure they become enthusiastic life-long learners.

We aim to enrich our curriculum with a range of opportunities for children including clubs for all ages, chess in Year 3, swimming in Year 4, a residential visit in Year 5 and university visits in Year 6. As well as this, children across Key Stage 2 take cycling lessons and all children participate in gardening workshops with our resident gardener Cassie. Follow us on our social media sites to keep up to date!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

FLAX WORKSHOP



This week children in Year 4 had their first gardening lesson of the year. The children were rippling and retting flax that had been grown on the roof. This process has been done for thousands of years, since the Ancient Egyptians were alive. Next the flax will be spun to make linen!

CHARLES DARWIN

This half term Year 6 are learning about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. The children looked at some fossils to discover how palaeontologists and archaeologists found evidence to support Charles Darwin's theory. We have several fossils which can be found on the book cases around the school, be sure to look out for them!



IQM AWARDS

Last week our inclusion deputy headteachers from across the federation went to an award ceremony in central London to receive our latest Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) award. Whilst 5,500 schools in the UK have an IQM award, only around 100 schools have been awarded Flagship Status, including both Southwold and Orchard primary schools!



BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.

SOUTHWOLD PUPIL VOICE FAYRE

Last week Southwold hosted the annual pupil voice fair to explore the responsibilities children might like to lead on this year. Children visited different stalls in the hall to talk to the lead teachers and to learn more about what they would have to do if they took on a role. At Southwold there are a range of different responsibilities for children to undertake including digital leaders, sports ambassadors, head gardeners, peer mediators, junior road safety officers, language captains, and art ambassadors to name a few!



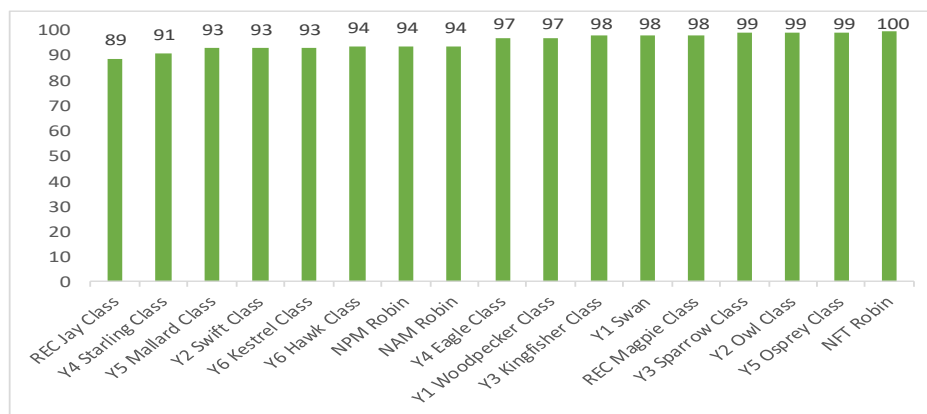
DROP IN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all parents are invited to drop into our **coffee morning** sessions which are held in **the bottom hall** at 9:15am. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Friday 27th September	Phonics (for EYFS, Y1 and Y2): A toolkit to help your children learn to read and write
Friday 4th October	Homework: Strategies to support your child's homework routine and take home a reward chart.
Friday 11th October	E Safety: Be aware of dangers online and how to keep your child safe while using technology
Friday 18th October	Family Team Building: Take part in games and activities you can play at home

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 **96.0%**
Well done to Nursery Class, the weekly winners with 100%



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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