



**Southwold**  
Primary School

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 10th January 2019

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## Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. Thank you to all the parents who supported with holiday homework projects and in getting children prepared for the new term. Each week in Years 1 to 6 we send home a literacy and maths task as well as some tricky spellings. We encourage children to *look, say, cover, write, check* when practising spellings and there is a list of common words that children should know in their homework diaries, please also look for opportunities to encourage children to spell words out loud at home. The more practice the better!

Work and Enterprise week will be taking place from the 20th January at Southwold. During the week children will be finding out all sorts of things about the world of work. Some year groups will be finding out what it's like to work in the community, while others will be thinking about how people can realise their ambitions. Children will be encouraged to think about what they are good at and what they might like to do as a job when they are older. All classes will go on a visit to a place of work or have a visit from someone who works in the community.

Work and enterprise week forms part of our personal, social and health curriculum which encompasses life skills and ways to be safe, healthy and happy. If you are interested in knowing more about our curriculum themes there is more information, including a full topic map on our website. We also run regular drop in sessions for parents which are listed on the back of this newsletter to which all parents are invited to come in and learn more about how we teach and what children learn whilst in school.

We have listed our term dates on the back of this newsletter. Please make sure you take note of our holiday dates, as we will not authorise absences outside of the 3 months that children have as holiday each year. We monitor attendance very closely with the aim that all pupils get their full 190 day educational entitlement each year. Please support your children by ensuring all routine appointments are booked out of school time to ensure their school day is not interrupted.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

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Executive Headteacher

## BAKING IN NURSERY



The children in Nursery Robin Class have been learning about weighing and measuring. The children made gingerbread biscuits and so had to make sure that they weighed out the ingredients accurately by carefully placing them onto the scales and reading the

display. Once they had weighed out and mixed the ingredients the children then rolled the mixture and cut it into stars. Then they put the biscuits into the oven to bake. The children said that the biscuits tasted great!



## MOON SOUVENIRS



Just before the holiday Year 2 were reading 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. It is about a man called Bob whose job is to clean the moon and entertain the tourists. Bob was having some problems getting the tourist to buy any of his moon souvenirs so the children designed and

labelled their own souvenirs for Bob to sell. Then children then had to perform selling the souvenirs to Bob using persuasive language. Have you read the story of 'Man on the Moon'? If not try and see if you can find it in one of our book corners or the book shelves in the corridor!



## SMART BLACK SHOES TO SCHOOL PLEASE!

## MUSIC AT SOUTHWOLD



Autumn was a tuneful term at Southwold with all the music happening across the school. Thank you to those of you who came and watched our EYFS Christmas performance and our sing-alongs further up the school. In addition to this we also had a variety of musical trips and workshops taking place. In Year 2, Owl and Swift classes visited the Barbican theatre where they watched the London Symphonic Orchestra perform. The theme of the concert was about 'Myths and Monsters'. Our children joined in with two songs that they had learnt especially for the event. Meanwhile in Year 5, Mallard and Osprey classes were visited by the Apollo Brass Quartet who taught children about the brass section of the orchestra and played some classical pieces by Mozart, Greenwood, Jeff Bond, Passereau and Bernstein.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

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 sessions on various themes which are held in the bottom hall at 9:15am on Friday mornings. We have organised new themes for Spring 2020 based on parent interests and feedback from the Autumn Term sessions. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided!

<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Writing:</b> Find out how you can encourage your child to write creatively
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Phonics (for EYFS, Y1 and Y2):</b> A toolkit to help your children learn to read and write
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Science:</b> Learn how to create exciting experiments
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Developing Enquiry Skills:</b> Asking questions about the world around us
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>ICT Coding:</b> Learn to code like your child (Children will be attending with their parents.)

## 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 the last week of term was **92%**, below our target of 97%.

**Well done to Year 5 Mallard, the weekly winners with 100%**

