



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 24th January 2020

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## Dear Parents & Carers,

At the very beginning of each school day children set straight to tasks whilst the teacher calls the register. These often involve rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. It is very important that children are on time for these sessions by being in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am. Please help children to be ready on time and not miss out on this important part of the day.

The positive reading culture within our schools is as a result of lots of hard work. A big, big thank you to all parents who are signing and commenting in home school diaries and encouraging children to comment on or evaluate their reading. This supports learning in school and helps teachers to understand reading patterns away from the classroom. We aim to change home reading books at least once a week (more often for younger children) and completed diaries mean achievements can be readily celebrated and book content easily discussed.

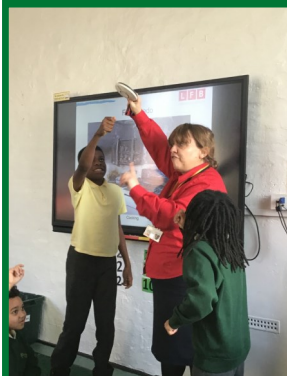
Despite the changeable weather, we are keen that children get fresh air and play outside each day so please make sure that they bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. We expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons as well as to make sure they are comfortable when in class, so please help us by ensuring children wear the correct footwear or bring a change of shoes with them. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but children should have their full kit for PE lessons in order to ensure hygiene and safety standards are met.

Children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables by the end of Year 4. We have given all children in Years 3 to 6 a password to access Times Table Rock Stars. Please encourage them to use this, as well as practise with you.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## FIRE SAFETY WORKSHOP



Last week both Year 2 and Year 5 had a Fire Safety Workshop with the London Fire Brigade. The children looked at the top 5 causes of a fire in the house and role-played different scenarios in the event of a fire. Did you know that cooking equipment is responsible for most fires in the home?

The children learnt the importance of being prepared, with the first step being making sure you have a smoke alarm in your house. Ask your child how to get your own smoke alarms for free!



## SAFARI STU!

As part of 'Work and Enterprise Week' children across the school either went on a trip to a place of work or had a workshop. Year 2 were learning about working with animals and were lucky enough to



receive a visit from Safari Stu and his traveling petting zoo. The children got to hold snakes, cockroaches, lizards and they even met a skunk called Steve! They learnt lots of fun facts about the animals and more importantly how Safari Stu looks after them including feeding and the habitats in which they live!



**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55AM SO BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!**

## PEOPLE WHO HELP US



Children in Nursery and Reception have been learning about people who help them, including the emergency services! The children used the sounds that they have learned so far to help them write labels for police words such as dog and car. As

part of their learning in class, the children have learnt what an emergency is and how to dial 999 for help.



## CYCLING AT SOUTHWOLD

As some of you will be aware, this year we were fortunate enough to update our school pool bikes to newer models. As a result, this term Southwold will be launching a long term bicycle loan scheme to children in Years 4 and 5. This will support children in developing the skills learnt in their weekly cycling classes. Children selected will be able to borrow a bike for the length of a term so that they can cycle to school.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all our parents attending **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you are interested in knowing more about our parent reading champion role, please ask in the office for more information. 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.

<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 last week was **92%**  
**Well done to Year 5 Mallard Class**, the weekly winners with **100%**.

