



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 13th March 2020

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## Dear Parents & Carers,

In the last week we have celebrated World Book Day. It has been fantastic to see children enthusiastically taking up the opportunity to share and talk about their favourite book characters and recommend reading to others. Our whole school peer reading event was particularly successful and the older children enjoyed reading with younger children across the school. Next week we will be celebrating Book Links week, with a number of children's authors visiting the school to share books and talk about the writing process. We hope that this celebration of reading will encourage children to read more and discover the types of books that they like best.

Teaching children how to stay safe is very much part of the curriculum in our school. To help with this, we ask that children are not left unsupervised in the playground before 8:45am as there are no school staff there until this time. If you have to set off to work early, we run a breakfast club from 7:45am. Children can have breakfast with their friends and be supervised until the start of the school day. Please also make sure that you show your children how to cross the road safely by using the crossings and showing them how to stop and check both ways for traffic. This way you can be more confident that they will do the same when you are not there.

Our termly parents evening is on Thursday 26th March. Thank you to everyone who has already made an appointment. If you have not yet been able to, please make an appointment to meet as soon as possible by calling the school office or by logging onto our booking system via the website.

Spring term ends at **2pm on Friday 3rd April**, when children have a two week break. We will be following our full timetable up to this point, with learning every day. Please help us make sure that children receive their full 190 days of schooling this year by not asking for absences during term time. Term time holiday absence will result in a no notice fine and a referral to School Attendance Officer monitoring.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Last week Southwold celebrated World Book Day, which was again a huge success. With creative costumes from all year groups, pupils and staff really got into the spirit of the day. The peer reading afternoon enabled every child across the school to share their favourite book, with a child from another class. In the afternoon classes took part in year group book swaps during which children could pass on a favourite book to one of their peers. A big thank you to everyone who dressed up on the day!



## ECO-SCHOOLS TEAM

This week the Eco-Schools Teams from Orchard, Hoxton Garden and Southwold Schools met to discuss Eco issues and what each school is doing to help create a more eco friendly environment. They shared many successes and set targets for the Summer term. Each Eco-Schools Team is working hard to ensure that their school is environmentally friendly. How are you helping to make Hackney more eco friendly at home? Be sure to; reduce, reuse and recycle. To find out more on how be eco friendly in Hackney visit [www.hackney.gov.uk/your-recycling](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/your-recycling)



**PLEASE BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!**

CHILDREN THAT ARE LATE MISS OUT ON KEY LEARNING AND DISTURB THE LEARNING OF OTHER CHILDREN

## THE SEVEN CONTINENTS

This half term Year 1 have been learning about the 7 continents of the world. This week children from Swan Class created their own globes using paper lantern light shades. Whilst making them the children were using their Geographical skills to place the 7 continents (Asia, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia/Oceania and Africa).



## LONDON ZOO TRIP

Last week Year 4 attended a workshop at London Zoo to learn about the rainforest. They learned about animals that live in the rainforest such as; sloths, snakes, monkeys and Madagascar hissing cockroaches. The children also learned about the dangers of deforestation and how to build awareness as well as what can be done to save the rainforest.



## 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 coffee morning sessions on various themes which are **held in the bottom hall** at 9:15am. **There are only two left this term!** The final Friday of term is an opportunity to celebrate with all of the parents who have joined reading sessions with children on Friday mornings.

Date	Focus
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Road safety:</b> Responsible passengers, pedestrians and cyclists.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Easter Holiday activities:</b> Children will be attending this morning with their parents.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parent Reading Assembly for EYFS.

## Key Dates

### Spring Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Staff Training Day:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Children's Start Date:**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Finish Date:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm

### Summer Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Bank Holiday:**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Children's Start Date:**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**End of Term Finish Date:**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

### Autumn Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 26 - Friday 30 October

**Children Start Date:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Finish Date:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 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 **95%**  
**Well done to Robin Class**, the weekly winners with **100%**.

