



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 10th July 2020

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Dear **Parents and Carers**,

Thank you your on-going support this year and throughout the challenging circumstances the pandemic has presented. We continue to have high expectations of what our pupils can achieve and we are looking forward to a return to in school learning for all pupils in September.

We will be setting tasks to support children's learning during the long summer break so that children come back as ready as possible for a new academic year. Please support us by making sure that, as well as getting out and about and enjoying themselves, children also read regularly, learn their times tables and complete the tasks that are set.

You will have received notification of the date and time you can access school to pick up the letter informing you of new classes, to collect your child's work books from this year and to say goodbye to the current class teacher. These scheduled events will take place in the playground and with social distancing in place. Please make time to speak to your child about their transition to a new year group and teacher. There will be details of the full staffing for 2020/21 in the first newsletter of the Autumn term for your information.

Our Year 6 children are leaving under unusual circumstances this year. We will be very sad to see them go, with many of them having been at our school since Reception and we wish them every success at secondary school. The Year 6 teaching team are working hard to provide an alternative end of year finale, keep a look out for the details!

Over the summer holiday we will continue to provide free school meal hampers to families. Hampers need to be booked in advance for all three scheduled dates. The school office should have contacted you but if you are unsure, please call before the end of term to confirm.

Enjoy the long Summer break, term finishes on Friday 17th July and children return on **Monday 7th September 2020. A letter will be sent to you next week detailing arrangements for return.**

Best wishes,

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

PAINT LIKE MONET



Children in the key Stage 2 keyworker pod used 'impressionist' painting techniques in their art lesson. Over the past few weeks the children have been looking at the impressionist painter Monet, particularly focusing on his delicate brushstrokes and expressive colour.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION



During their transition day the children in Year 6 thought about the values of their secondary schools: creativity, independence, perseverance and critical thinking. They applied these skills as they competed to build the tallest, strongest tower.

HISPANIC CRAFTING



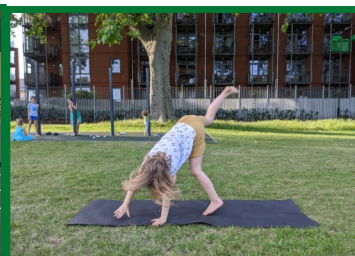
The theme of our Hispanic day this year was 'art and culture'. Children across the school spent the day recreating art and crafts from Spanish speaking countries. Children in Key Stage 2 made Mexican dream catchers from brightly coloured yarn and wooden sticks.

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

During 'Healthy Living Week' children in the Reception pods learnt about athlete Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill. They learn about a healthy lifestyle and what is needed to become a sporting professional, such as: taking part in lots of sport, exercising daily, eating well, sleeping well and doing well at school!



Sports' Day looked slightly different this year with children in school taking part in a variety of activities in the playground, whilst those at home took part in challenges and sent their photos to their class teacher. However, it looks like fun was had by all. We look forward to returning to Millfields Park next year!



BASIC SKILLS

Basic skills are important foundations for children. The curriculum is set to build on these each year in order for knowledge and understanding to grow over time. Lots of learning has been going on at home and at school during partial closure and in September, the school will be adapting the curriculum to help children catch up quickly.

Handy parent guides for each year group in reading, writing and maths are available as a check to what children need to know by the end of each year at school. These are available on the school website and will be included in the transition information sent home to you. The home learning resources provided between March and July support rehearsal of these basic skills. Please do continue to use these as this will give children the springboard to make good progress in the next year of school.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Play is an important part of every child's development and essential both to their health and happiness. The vast majority of Hackney parks remain open as normal, with only sites that are too small to maintain social distancing currently closed. Park play areas will be re-opening from Wednesday 8th July and outdoor gyms will reopen on a phased basis between 8th and 15th July.

Our local play parks with play areas are:

- Clapton Common, E5 9AA
- Clapton Pond, E5 0QA
- Clapton Square, E5 8HP
- Hackney Downs, E5 8NP
- Millfields Park, E5 0AR
- Springfield Park, E5 9EF
- St John's Churchyard Gardens, E5 0PD



For more information about Hackney parks and play areas visit:

<https://hackney.gov.uk/playgrounds>

SPORTS' DAY

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Children's Start Date:
Monday 7th September
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 26th - Friday 30th
October
Children Start Date:
Monday 2nd November
Parents Evening:
Thursday 10th December
Finish Date: Friday 18th
December at 2pm

Spring Term 2021

Staff Training Day:
Monday 4th January
Children's Start Date:
Tuesday 5th January
Work & Enterprise Week: Week beginning
18th
January
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February
Children's Start Date:
Monday 22nd February
Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair): Friday 19th March
Parents Evening:
Thursday 25th March
End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 1st
April at 2pm

Summer Term 2021

Children's Start Date:
Monday 19th April 2021
Families' Week:
Starts Monday 26th April 2021
Bank Holiday:
Monday 3rd May 2021
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 31 May 2021 - Friday 4 June 2021
Children Start Date:
Monday 7th June 2021
Staff Training Day:
Friday 25th June 2021
Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):
Starts Monday 28th June 2021
Parents Evening:
Thursday 8th July 2021
End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 22nd July at 2pm
Staff Training Day: Friday 23rd July 2021

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