



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 25th September 2020

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Dear **Parents and Carers**,

We hope that you have adjusted to the new routines that the new term has presented. A continued thank you to all parents for leaving site promptly after drop off and collection times and for ensuring only one member of the family is attending school site to do so. It is likely that these measures will be in place for some time and we must make sure that they remain high priority for the safety of everybody.

Having everyone back together again may cause a greater number of cold symptoms to appear. This is not unexpected as this is the first time we have been part of a larger group for a while. It is important to remember that the COVID measures we have in place are specifically for COVID. This means that if your child has a cold, they should still come to school, just like they would have last year. Symptoms for a cold include a blocked or runny nose, sneezing and/or itchy eyes. If you or anyone in your household has COVID symptoms, please do not bring your child to school or come onto the school site. COVID symptoms include a high temperature (over 37.8 degrees), a new, continuous (dry) cough or a loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste. If COVID symptoms are present, it is expected a test is booked and the school will need evidence of the outcome before your child can return. In line with usual absence procedures, absence without a clear reason or evidence provided will result in a referral to the school attendance officer and could result in a fixed penalty fine.

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. We hope also that you have been able to access the Meet the Teacher videos in replacement this year of the in school event, the link was sent via text message to all parents at the end of last week. If you do need to speak to the teacher for any reason, please call the school office directly to arrange a meeting date and time. This will help to ensure we are keeping our community as safe as possible.

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 their in school learning, encouraging them to explain and describe what they are doing and to do their own research as this will build their knowledge, understanding and vocabulary.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

HOMework CHAMPIONS

Each holiday period we send home a homework project, so that children can start their new topics already knowing something about the themes they are going to study. Children created many excellent holiday homework projects during the Summer reflecting their up-coming topics. As well as some fantastic research, they worked very hard creating models using recycled materials from around the house. Well done to all our homework winners!



CYCLING AT SOUTHWOLD

This week Year 4 started their cycling lessons, which will take place weekly during the Autumn term. As some of you will be aware, last year we were fortunate enough to update our school loan bikes to newer models. As a result, Southwold has a bicycle loan scheme to children in Years 4 and 5. This will support children in developing the skills learnt in their weekly cycling classes. Please ask for details!



SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



WELCOME EYFS!

In Nursery and Reception, children have had a great start to the year and are settling in well. They are learning their new routines, how to share and making lots of new friends!



In Year 3 the children carried out an investigation to find out what makes up soil. They set up different trays with different materials in (banana skin, leaves, rubber). They will now watch to see how the materials break down in soil. Did you know that soil is composed of five main ingredients: minerals, organic matter, living organisms, gas, and water.



COFFEE MORNINGS AND PARENT DROP INS

Our coffee mornings can be accessed this term as online video presentations. Please don't forget to complete the online evaluation to let us know what you think! Videos will be uploaded on the following dates:

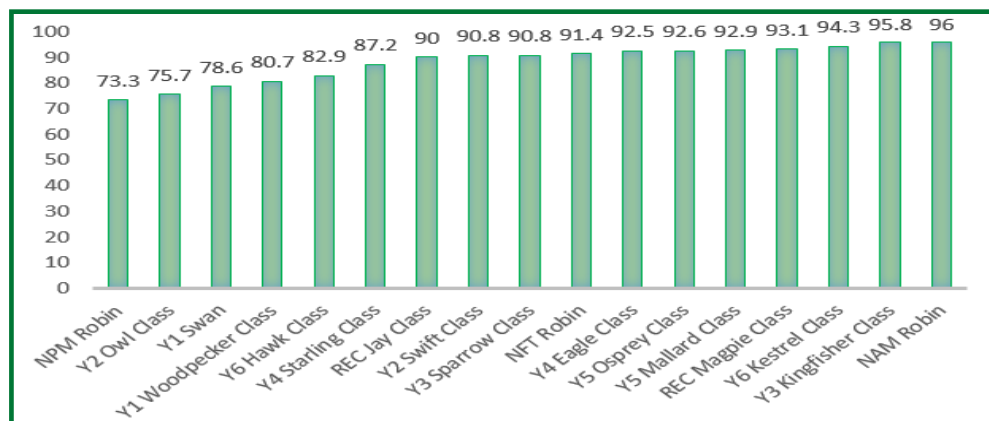
Date	Focus	Lead
Friday 25 th September	Maths (for Year 2 +): How to support your child with recalling their times tables.	Maths Lead
Friday 9 th October	Phonics (for EYFS, Y1 and Y2): A toolkit to help your children learn to read and write	EYFS Lead
Friday 23 rd October	Anti-Bullying: Learn what the school does to prevent bullying	PHSCE Lead
Half Term		

Parent Drop In sessions are taking place every second week. We will be offering you an opportunity to meet with a member of the Inclusion Team to talk about learning, well being and home support. Appointments can be made by telephoning the school office.

In line with the new statutory guidance for Relationship and Sex Education, we will be hosting sessions to talk through our curriculum and policy. Sessions will take place on **Thursday 1st October at 3:45pm and Friday 2nd October at 9:30am**. Places **MUST** be pre-booked through the school office and are open to one parent per household.

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 **91%**
Well done to Nursey Robin (AM) the weekly winners with 96%



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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