



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 9th October 2020

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Dear **Parents and Carers**,

We hope that you have now fully settled into the routine of the new school year and are enjoying the structure of the school week. You will have recently received a letter in your child's book bag about our reading diaries and how these should be filled in which we hope was helpful. As reading at home is so important we regularly restock home reading books and make sure that there is a choice for children. Please help us to stock enough books in the school by making sure that home readers are returned and by looking under beds, sofas and in bedrooms to check that none are left behind!

October is Black History Month in the UK. It is an annual event honouring the contributions and accomplishments of the Black British community. It celebrates both current and historical individuals and the positive impact they have made to our society. It is important to celebrate contributions and the multi-culturalism and diversity that helps shape our communities. In order to ensure that pupils receive multiple opportunities to learn about Black History, instead of Black History Day, there will be four assemblies across the month of October on key themes including 're-building Britain: The Windrush Generation' and 'shaping our world: Impacting science, technology, medicine and the arts'.

Next week we will be celebrating our annual World Week. This year will look a little bit different as we follow the current COVID guidelines. This means we will not be holding our International Evening or our International Dress Day. Instead, we will focus this year on a community video that celebrates the theme of 'belonging'. 'Belonging' is that sense of being somewhere where you can be confident that you will fit in and feel safe in your identity. Schools are one of the few shared social contexts which can create that sense of belonging. We encourage pupils to be conscientious global citizens who do their part to build a kinder, more inclusive, and compassionate world. Through World Week this year, we are aiming to create safe spaces for our pupils to ask questions and share their own perspectives as well as talk about experiences in relation to recent and significant global events. If you haven't already done so, follow us on twitter or Facebook to see the work outcomes as they happen!

Thank you for your support.

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Headteacher

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Executive Headteacher

YEAR 1 HISTORIANS



This half term Year 1 are learning about the life and times of Florence Nightingale. Through role play the children travelled back in time to the Scutari hospital during the Crimean War in order to try to and experience the difficult environment at that time. One of Florence's tasks was to clean the hospital wards to try to prevent the spread of disease and infection.

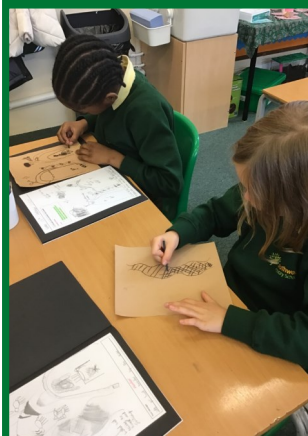
YEAR 2 SCIENTISTS

Year 2 are currently learning about electricity and had fun in their Science lesson making their own electrical circuits. A circuit is a closed path that allows electricity



to flow from one point to another. The children have been learning about what is needed to make a circuit work e.g. battery, wires, crocodile clips and bulbs.

YEAR 3 ARTISTS



This half term Year 3 are learning about the Stone Age. In Art the children used charcoal to recreate cave drawings. They were working hard to include different charcoal techniques and to show a clear message through their drawing. Did you know that the oldest known cave paintings are more than 44,000 years old and can be found in Spain.



**PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS: WASH YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST
20 SECONDS**



HARVEST COLLECTION

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 we will not be having a Harvest Festival this year. However, we will still be collecting donations for the Hackney Foodbank. Please send in any donations of dry foods (tins, pasta, cereal, rice, biscuits etc.) with your child to take to their class. Thank you in advance!



THANK YOU GERRY!



Last week we said goodbye and thank you to Gerry who has been leading our therapeutic support for the past two years. Before joining us Gerry worked at our partnership school Hoxton Garden. In her time she has worked with many pupils across our schools, so we would like to wish her a very enjoyable retirement!

COFFEE MORNINGS

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
Friday 23 rd October	Anti-Bullying: Learn what the school does to prevent bullying
Half Term	
Friday 6 th	Wellbeing: How to have a healthy mind and healthy body
Friday 20 th November	Spelling and Handwriting: How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home
Friday 4 th December	Maths: How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
Friday 18 th December	E-Safety: Be aware of dangers online and how to keep your child safe while using technology

<https://www.southwold.hackney.sch.uk/parents-guide/parent-and-school/coffee-mornings/>

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 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th 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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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 **97%**
Well done to **Sparrow and Eagle Classes**, the weekly winners with **100%**

