



Southwold
Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back, and a very warm welcome to all of our new Reception and Nursery families who have joined us this week. We are excited to see children engaged in new learning after the long summer break.

The school staffing profile is included on the back of the newsletter and we hope that you were able to join us for the 'meet the teacher' sessions this week. You will have received the curriculum newsletter during this meeting which explains what will be happening in class over the half term.

We have a range of coffee morning themes planned and we hope that you will be able to attend and find these useful. We are always open to new ideas, so please let us know if there is a theme or subject you would like to see included during the year. Parents in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 are invited to stay and read with their children on Friday mornings. We provide books, so you can come straight into class for the first fifteen minutes to share a story. We are also hosting our annual 'significant male' event on the morning of the 25th September to spend time in classes with your children.

At the end of last term we were pleased to receive our Key Stage 2 results which again place the attainment and progress pupils make at our school significantly above other schools nationally. This is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers but also very much due to the support that you give from home by making sure that children read every night, learn times tables, complete homework tasks and come to school on time and ready to learn. We are committed to ensuring that children receive a broad curriculum including weekly music and Spanish tuition as well as chess, debating and the many exciting trips and artistic projects that we subscribe to. There is always so much happening at Southwold, so as well as reading our fortnightly newsletter, please also follow us on Twitter and Facebook or take a look at our website.

We look forward to working in partnership again with you this year.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Once again we had a fabulous turn out of holiday homework at the start of the term. As usual, children were set the task of using some of their Summer break to make a model or write a project in order to find out more about their topic for the Autumn term. It looks like the children were very busy over the break finding out lots about their new topics!



WELCOME EARLY YEARS!

This week we have been welcoming our children new to Nursery and Reception. For some of these children it will be their first time in school, which you certainly would not have been able to tell from how well they have settled! They will now spend the next few weeks getting into school routines, as well as starting to learn to read, write and count!



CATHERINE DEAN

We are very sad to inform you that our previous chair of Governors; Cath Dean, died following a long illness with cancer. Cath was an active member of our school community, a dedicated member of 'Friends of Southwold' and a fantastic school governor. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.



BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.

OUR TEAM IN 2019 / 2020

Southwold Primary School	
Kestrel Class Ms Lorna Ward	Hawk Class Mr Peter Storey
Osprey Class Ms Madison Greer	Mallard Class Mr Paul Milner
Eagle Class Mr Yav Durak	Starling Class Ms Catalina Silva
Sparrow Class Ms Simi Moosa and Ms Linda Hanley	Kingfisher Class Ms Megan Lovett and Ms Catherine Holley
Swift Class Ms Rachael Warrington	Owl Class Ms Esme Moira
Woodpecker Class Ms Rachel Sewell and Mr James Mulvaney	Swan Class Ms Seda Mertdjan
Jay Class Ms Ivita Grodze	Magpie Class Ms Lauren King
Robin Class Ms Jennifer Chiu	

A big welcome to the new members of our teaching team who have joined us. All staff attended two days of induction and training at the start of September in order to prepare for the new academic year. Children have now settled into their new classes and are successfully back into the school routine. We know that it sometimes take children new to school a little while to settle in and our learning mentor Ms Motunrayo is on the gate daily if you need to discuss morning routines.

Madame Joseph and Madame Perdomo continue to teach Spanish and Ms Esculiks continues to teach music across the school. Our new apprentice teachers have started in Year 1 and Year 3 and they will share responsibility for the class.

Mr O'Brien continues as Headteacher and Ms Davie is undertaking the Executive Headteacher role. Ms Larkman continues to lead Inclusion supported by Ms Holley and Ms Nelson continues to lead the Curriculum supported by Ms Chiu.

DROP IN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in Raven Room or the Bottom Hall at 9:15am. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Friday 13th September	Reading: How to support your child to develop their reading and comprehension skills
Friday 20th September	Maths: Learn how to access online learning platforms (mathletics, times table rock stars, symphony maths)
Friday 27th September	Phonics (for EYFS, Y1 and Y2): A toolkit to help your children learn to read and write
Friday 4th October	Homework: Strategies to support your child's homework routine and take home a reward chart.
Friday 11th October	E Safety: Be aware of dangers online and how to keep your child safe while using technology
Friday 18th October	Family Team Building: Take part in games and activities you can play at home

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2018
Half Term Holiday
 Monday 21st to Friday 25th October
Children Return
 Monday 28th October
Parents Evening:
 Thursday 28th November
End of Term Finish Date:
 Thursday 19th December at 2pm

Spring Term 2019
Start Date:
 Monday 6th January 2019
Half Term Holiday:
 Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
Staff Training Day:
 Monday 24th February
Children Return
 Tuesday 25th February
Parents Evening:
 Thursday 26th March
Finish Date:
 Friday 3rd April at 2pm

Summer Term 2019
Start Date:
 Monday 20th April
Half Term Holiday:
 Monday 25th May (Bank Holiday) to Friday 29th May
Children Return
 Monday 1st June

Finish Date: Friday 17th June

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