



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 15th November 2019

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we move towards the month of December, we have a range of seasonal events and concerts lined up. We have listed some of these on the back of this newsletter but please also look out for posters and information on our website. Each year group will be performing a selection of themed songs to which parents are invited. Nursery and Reception classes will undertake a traditional performance which is always very popular so please make sure you arrive in good time. We will of course be teaching a full timetable until the holidays to ensure no day is wasted and children are expected to attend school every day until we break up on **Thursday 19th December 2019**.

You will receive your child's termly report at our parents evening on the **Thursday 28th November**. This will give more information about their achievements so far, as well as learning targets for the coming term. A letter inviting you to parents evening along with details of the online booking system will have been sent home to you, if you haven't seen it, please check in book bags. We are keen to make sure that all parents meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress as well as the opportunity to look through their workbooks and celebrate their hard work, so if you haven't seen the letter, or are finding it difficult to make an appointment please call the school office so that we can help.

Reception places are allocated in a cross London scheme which is organised by our local authority, Hackney Learning Trust, not the school. If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2015 to 31st August 2016 then you will need to make an application for a Reception place *regardless of whether your child attends our Nursery or has a sibling already in the school*. Our Reception classes are very popular so don't miss the deadline for these applications which is **Tuesday 15th January 2020**. You can access the application form at www.eadmissions.org.uk and Hackney Learning Trust will also be able to support you on 020 8255 5555 (option 1 or 4).

Thank you for your support .

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

RECEPTION GARDENING

Last week Reception had their half termly workshop with Cassie the gardener. The children were

planting spring bulbs in individual pots.

The children were also learning how to identify the flowers found on our rooftop garden by features such as colour and scent!



HARVEST COLLECTION

A huge thank you to all those that contributed to our harvest collection. With your donations we managed to provide 272 meals for Hackney families. The Hackney Foodbank runs a voucher system. Families in need can obtain food bank vouchers through either the Citizens Advice, children's centres or NHS health visitors.



YEAR 2 SOUND WALK

The children in Year 2 are learning about 'Sound' in Science so they went for a sound walk in our local area. They made a tally of the sounds that they heard. The children heard



lots of natural sounds like dogs barking and people talking as well as man made/mechanical sounds such as cars, trains and motorbikes!

CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CLASS PAGES FOR CURRICULUM INFORMATION!

END OF TERM EVENTS

We are holding a number of special end of term events to which parents and carers are invited. Please make sure that you add dates to your diaries and arrive on time to performances as all events are very popular!

Date	Event	Location
Monday 9th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Sing-Along	Middle Hall, 2:30pm
Tuesday 10th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Sing-Along	Middle Hall, 2:30pm
Wednesday 11th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Sing-Along	Middle Hall, 2:30pm
Friday 13th December	EYFS Nativity Performance Friends of Southwold Winter Fayre	Middle Hall, 2:30pm Middle Hall, 3:30pm onwards

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all our parents who continue to attend our Friday morning reading sessions in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Our coffee mornings each Friday at 9.15am in the bottom hall focus on different topics each week and are linked with our curriculum. Please join us!

Friday 22nd November	Science: Learn how to create exciting experiments in the home
Friday 29th November	Spelling and Handwriting: How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home
Friday 6th December	Speech and Language: How to develop and extend your child's vocabulary
Friday 13th December	Parent Reading Assembly: Parents and carers of children in EYFS

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2019

Children Start Date:
Wednesday 4th September
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 21st to Friday 25th October

Children Start Date:
Monday 28th October
Parents Evening:
Thursday 28th November
End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 19th December at 2pm

Spring Term 2020

Start Date:
Monday 6th January
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Staff Training Day:
Monday 24th February
Parents Evening:
Thursday 26th March
Finish Date: Friday 3rd April at 2pm

Summer Term 2020

Start Date:
Monday 20th April
Bank Holiday:
Friday 8th May
Half Term Holiday:
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Parents Evening:
Thursday 2nd July
End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 17th July 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 **98.4%**
Well done to Year 1 Woodpecker, the weekly winners with **100%**

