



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 29th November 2019

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you were able to join us this week, meet your child's class teacher and look at books at our parents evening. Sharing learning outcomes with children gives them a chance to feel proud of what they do in school and know that you value learning as much as they do. If you were unable to attend, please do make a new appointment by either speaking to the class teacher or calling the school office.

Thank you to all parents who completed our parents survey yesterday evening, we are keen to know your opinions and copies are still available from our school office if you would like to contribute your thoughts.

All children receive a termly report which was given to parents last night. In each report, children in Years 1 to 6 have been given targets for reading, writing, maths and science and we hope these are useful for you when supporting from home. Listed on the back of the report are the end of year expectations for your child's year group so you can see the learning which takes place across the year. Our curriculum is designed for children to build on their previous learning and apply both learned knowledge and skills to their new learning.

Ways in which you can help at home include making sure that children read every day, that times tables (counting in steps for younger children) are practised and the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6 are learned. There are some leaflets and policies both on our websites and in our reception areas with links to websites and useful tips.

We have a range of special concerts and events lined up for the end of term which are listed on the back of this newsletter. Our annual 'Sing a Long' concerts are always very popular so please make sure you arrive in good time. Please don't forget that we break up on Thursday 19th December at 2pm.

Last of all, we were delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted with you this week, more details of which can be found on the back of this newsletter.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

POLLING STATION

As you may be aware Southwold Primary School is used as a polling station for elections. We appreciate that this causes our families inconvenience having to arrange child care for the day. The EYFS part of the building will be used as a polling station, which allows us to keep the main building functioning as a school for the day. **Although school will be closed for Nursery and Reception classes, the rest of the school will remain open as usual.**



DONATION FROM PAST PUPIL

We were recently lucky enough to receive a donation from a past pupil (Steve Thompson) who lived on Detmold Road and attended Southwold Primary School along with his sister in the 1960s. Steve remembers being very happy at Southwold and said that his time here at the



school gave him a good start to his education. With his kind donation we were able to buy a large chess set for the Year 3 and 4 playground.

YEAR 2 GARDENING

This week Year 2 had their gardening workshop with our gardener, Cassie. The children used plants as a natural dye. Did you know that dye can be made from vegetables, berries, leaves, bark and even wood? After making dyes the



children used them to create their own flags. On their flags they created patterns in the style of 'Arts and Crafts' artist William Morris.

AUTUMN TERM ENDS ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 2PM!

OUTSTANDING OFSTED OUTCOME!

Between 16th - 17th October Southwold received a full Section 5 Ofsted Inspection. The inspection team consisted of three inspectors, including two from Her Majesty's Inspectorate. The inspectors were incredibly impressed with our school and we are delighted to inform you that the school is now graded as **'Outstanding'** in all categories. This is a huge achievement for our school community and I am sure that you will share our delight with the outcome. Amongst many other things, the report notes that:



"Pupils understand why good manners are important and they behave with unerring courtesy."

"Pupils learn to realise how culture can enrich their lives. Their talents are celebrated and developed. Leaders make sure these excellent opportunities are available to everyone."

"Leaders are determined that over time pupils will learn and remember a significant amount across all subjects. The teaching of subjects is organised exceptionally well."

"Children in the Early Years have a high quality and fascinating indoor and outdoor area to learn in."

This is a reflection of the hard work of our staff, pupils, school community and governors, to improve the school and ensure that our children get the very best education!

COFFEE MORNINGS AND CHRISTMAS DATES

We are holding one more coffee morning and the termly parent reading assembly this year in addition to our Christmas events. Please do join us!

Friday 6th December	Speech and Language Coffee Morning: How to develop and extend your child's vocabulary
Monday 9th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Sing-Along (2:30pm)
Tuesday 10th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Sing-Along (2:30pm)
Wednesday 11th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Sing-Along (2:30pm)
Friday 13th December	EYFS Parent Reading Assembly (9:15am) EYFS Nativity Performance (2:30pm) Friends of Southwold Winter Fayre (3:30pm)
Thursday 19th December	Last day of term for pupils (2:00pm finish)

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 Mallard Class, the weekly winners with 100%

