



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 11th September 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all families. We are delighted to be able to open the door to our children again. It has been exciting to see children engaged in new learning after the partial closure and the long summer break.

We recognise that the transition back to full time schooling comes with challenges for us all. We have worked hard to ensure children can access school safely and we appreciate your support as we have worked to improve systems this week. Thank you for your understanding, patience and feedback.

The children have adapted well to their new year groups, new classrooms and new teachers. The school staffing profile is included on the back of the newsletter and a full staffing list is available on the website. From Monday you will also be able to access short 'meet the teacher' videos on our school website to hear more about the new school year and the year group learning taking place this half term. You will also receive the half termly curriculum newsletter in book bags.

We are committed to ensuring that children receive a broad curriculum as well as ensuring pupils catch up quickly on the lost learning as a result of school closures earlier this year. Our PSHE curriculum has been adapted in line with new statutory guidance meaning children will learn that mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life. This will go hand-in-hand with content on nutrition, the importance of staying active, and recognising the early signs of physical illness meaning children better understand how mental and physical health are linked.

As well as reading our fortnightly newsletter, please also follow us on Twitter and Facebook and add our website to your 'favourites' to learn about all the exciting things taking place in school.

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

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

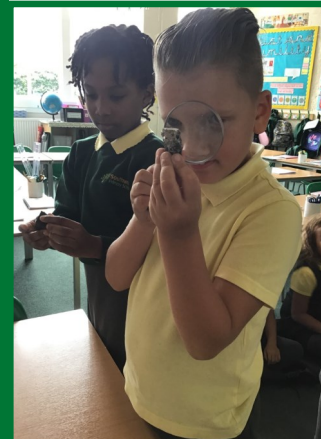
Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

A GREEK TRAGEDY

Year 4 kicked off their topic on 'Ancient Greece' by using artefacts to ask questions and investigate the past. They were particularly interested by the Greek masks and thought they might be used for plays or comedy acts. Did you know that theatrical culture flourished in Ancient Greece which is considered the birth place of theatre?



ROCK DETECTIVES



Our Year 3 classes started their new topic 'The Stone Age' by investigating rocks. They really enjoyed noticing the different colours and textures of the rocks. Did you know that rocks are usually grouped into three main groups: Igneous rocks, Metamorphic rocks and sedimentary rocks.

GET INTO READING

By now you should have received a new home school/reading diary. Please make sure that comments and page numbers are recorded in this every day and that the diary is cared for and signed weekly. There is information inside to help in knowing what to ask and write after reading with your child, including some helpful questions!



**PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR ALL
BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION**

TEACHING TEAM 2020 / 2021

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Kestrel Class Ms April Reading	Hawk Class Mr Peter Storey
Osprey Class Ms Louise Beatty	Mallard Class Mr Matthew Payne
Eagle Class Ms Esme Moira	Starling Class Mr Thomas Chew
Sparrow Class Ms Simmy Moosa	Kingfisher Class Ms Megan Lovett
Swift Class Ms Rachael Warrington	Owl Class Ms Seda Mertdjan
Woodpecker Class Ms Sophie Varley	Swan Class Ms Amna Khalid
Jay Class Ms Ivita Grodze	Magpie Class Ms Lauren King
Robin Class Mr James Mulvany	

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff who are committed to ensuring the best learning opportunities for our children. This term we welcome four new members to our teaching team and welcome back many familiar faces too.

Last week all staff attended two days of induction and training in order to prepare for the new academic year. As well as revisiting our vision, values and core routines, staff also discussed the COVID secure risk assessment, mental health, well being and the key learning for the new term.

Children will be working in 'bubbles' meaning they will learn, play and eat with peers in their year groups only. These arrangements follow government guidance and will support in keeping children safe.

Our staff will be in the playground each morning and afternoon however we are asking parents to enter and leave school site promptly to help keep our community safe. If you need to meet with the teacher, please support us by calling the school office who will organise an appointment for you.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school promotes pupils' well-being, maximises progress in learning and helps pupils reach their potential. We are very proud of the achievements and progress of our pupils and are passionate about a child's right to an education. Attendance for all children is monitored weekly with the school seeking to work in partnership with parents to achieve above 97%. A huge thank you to all families for supporting children's readiness to return to the classroom this week!

Monday 7th - Friday 11th September 2020

We have achieved **93%** overall attendance. Well done Southwold!



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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COFFEE MORNINGS AND DROP IN SESSIONS

We have a range of coffee morning themes planned across the term and these will be available via video link. We hope that you will be able to view these and find these a useful tool for keeping in touch with the school. In addition to coffee mornings, Parent Drop In sessions will be launched 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.

Date	Focus	Lead
Friday 11 th September	Reading: How to support your child to develop their reading and comprehension skills	Literacy 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		