



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 13th November 2020

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

During this second national lockdown we are continuing to ensure that our priority is to teach our children, close learning gaps and provide enriching experiences where possible. Safety is paramount and we will continue to ensure that our risk assessment supports this with particular emphasis on hand hygiene, good space and ventilation. Thank you to all parents for supporting safety in the school playground by wearing a mask during drop off and collection times. We appreciate your continued trust in the school and for ensuring children continue to access their right to education. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff for their unwavering commitment during these times.

Our parents evening event will look a little different this term in order to ensure social distancing and to keep the community safe. Meetings will take place between the 7<sup>th</sup> December and the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Each class will be allocated a specified day. Appointments will be telephone consultations with ten minute appointments available between 8:45am and 5.45pm. A letter will be sent out next week with information about how to book. Autumn Term reports will be sent home on the 10th December 2020.

You will have received the half termly curriculum newsletter this week. These detail the learning for this half term including PE days. Physical education is a statutory part of the curriculum and, particularly at this time, essential for both physical and mental well-being. Please ensure you child has their full PE kit each week to enable them to access the learning comfortably and safely.

Reception places are allocated in a cross London scheme which is organised by our local authority, Hackney Education, not the school. If you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 then you will need to make an application for a Reception place for September 2021 *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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. You can access the application form at: [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## YEAR 4 FLAX

Year 4 classes have been learning how to scutch, heckle and spin their home-grown flax fibre into a ball of linen yarn. Pupils also learnt how Egyptian mummy bandages were made. Paul Henry the spinner/kilt maker will be helping the children to make a flax bandage in the style of the Egyptians.



## EYFS SCIENTISTS



The children in Reception have been learning about materials and magnetic force. They used magnetic wands to test different items around the classroom. A magnet is an object that has a magnetic field (an invisible pattern of magnetism). Magnets attract or repel other items.

## DR BIKE

It was a soggy, but very busy day for Dr Bike. Experienced mechanics checked everything from wheels, brakes, gears and tyre pressure to lights, racks, pedals, saddles and more. The team managed to service an amazing 37 bikes in total!



**SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!**



## HOLIDAY HOMEWORK CHAMPIONS



Once again we had a fabulous turn out of holiday homework. Children were set the task of using some of their break to find out more about their topic for the Spring term by making a model or writing a report. It looks like the children were very busy over the break finding out lots about their new topics!



## COFFEE MORNINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

Please remember, if you would like to talk to a member of the inclusion team, curriculum team or your child's teacher, please call the school office to book a telephone appointment.

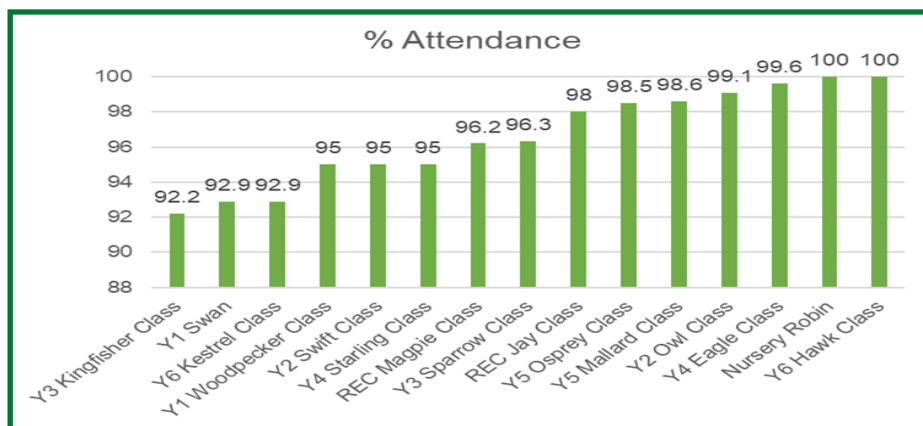
Coffee mornings continue to be uploaded to our website. There are three more coffee mornings this term but all previous content can still be accessed too.

Date	Focus
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Spelling and Handwriting:</b> How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Maths:</b> How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>E Safety:</b> 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/>

## 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 **95.9%**  
Well done to **Nursery Robin and Year 6 Hawk**, the weekly winners with **100%**



## Key Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

**Children Start Date:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Reports Date:**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Finish Date:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

### Spring Term 2021

**Staff Training Day:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Children's Start Date:**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

**Work & Enterprise Week:** Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Children's Start Date:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair):** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**End of Term Finish Date:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2pm

### Summer Term 2021

**Children's Start Date:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Families' Week:**

Starts Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Bank Holiday:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Children Start Date:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Staff Training Day:**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):**

Starts Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**End of Term Finish Date:**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 2pm

**Staff Training Day:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

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