



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 23rd October 2020

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Dear **Parents and Carers**,

As London has moved into Tier 2 it is paramount that we do what we can to reduce the rate of transmission of the virus. We continue to review our risk assessment every two weeks and revisit hygiene expectations in school throughout each week. Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring drop off and collection go as smoothly as possible each day by observing social distancing, wearing face masks and telephoning to book appointments with the teaching team, senior leaders or admin staff if needed.

Our coffee mornings next half term will continue to be remote in order that we can provide information about a variety of topics including mental health and the curriculum. If you have missed any of the previous content, this can still be accessed by clicking on the coffee morning page in the parent section of the website.

In order to risk manage the current context, the school have a remote learning policy in the event that a child, a group of children or a class / year group bubble need to self isolate. It is a requirement that children continue to access their educational entitlement and we will provide a mixture of concrete resources through work packs and online learning resources in the event this should happen. All learning will be designed to support a smooth reintegration into school on return in order that children do not fall behind. The partnership between home and school is the key to making this successful and we will give clear instructions should self isolation impact your child.

The first half term has gone by very quickly, with school breaking up for half term today. **Children return on Monday 2nd November.** Staggered times will continue to be in place to support a manageable transition at the start and end of the day. During the first few weeks of the school year we have been focussing on important key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding as well as key maths knowledge such as pairs of numbers that add to 10,100,1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise these at home including the use of Mathletics and Timestable Rockstars. This week you will have received the half term holiday project information to support children in getting ready for the new half term of learning and we look forward to seeing the creative outcomes worked on at home when children return!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 5 SCIENCE

Year 5 having been investigating sound and insulators. They came up with a method of wrapping an iPad in different materials to find out which material muffled the sound the most! Using decibel-meters, the children accurately measured the amount of sound emitted from the iPads before recording the results in tables.



RECEPTION READING



Sadly because of Covid-19 we have not been able to invite parents/carers in to read with children on Friday mornings. But this has not stopped the children choosing their favourite story in the book corner. Don't forget to fill in reading diaries to tell us about the reading that children have been doing at home!

YEAR 4 DEBATING

Year 4 have been learning about Ancient Greece. In their History lesson they talked about what democracy is and how it originated in Ancient Greece. The children sorted into categories those that were/were not allowed to vote at the time. Then they had their own class debate for/against lowering the voting age in the UK.



CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2020

STAGGERED START TIMES - NURSERY & RECEPTION 9:15AM / KS1 9:05AM / KS2 8:55AM

STAGGERED FINISH TIMES - NURSERY 3:10PM RECEPTION 3:15PM / KS1 3:20PM / KS2 3:30PM

PUPIL VOICE FAYRE

In order to ensure social distancing, our pupil voice fayre looked slightly different this year. However, the children were still able to see the range of different responsibilities that they can undertake, including: digital leaders, sports ambassadors, head gardeners, language captains and art ambassadors!



YEAR 3 CHESS

Each academic year, our Year 3 pupils participate in weekly sessions. This week the children learned the basics rules of chess, they were introduced to the different chess pieces and learned how to set up their board. Through these sessions, they will develop their strategic thinking skills, learning to combine problem solving, pattern recognition and creative thinking.



COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee mornings will continue next half term remotely. Thank you to all parents and carers who have watched the online presentations and completed the survey. We continue to use feedback to inform the content of future sessions. Videos will be uploaded on the following dates:

Date	Focus
Friday 6 th November	Wellbeing: How to have a healthy mind and healthy body
Friday 20 th November	Spelling and Handwriting: How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home
Friday 4 th December	Maths: How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
Friday 18 th December	E Safety: 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/>

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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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 **95.6%**
Well done to **Year 3 Kingfisher and Sparrow Classes**, the weekly winners with **100%**

