



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 27th November 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week children across the school thought about how we show that we are united against bullying. This included an assembly and class PSHE lesson focusing on what bullying is and how we prevent it. In Key Stage Two children discussed how we behave towards others, how others perceive our chosen behaviours and actions and how to stay safe when using online platforms. Last year the school achieved the Anti Bullying Silver Quality Mark due to the embedded approach to anti-bullying across the school. Our PSHE curriculum ensures that key themes around relationships are revisited every year to develop children's knowledge and awareness of strategies for keeping themselves and others safe.

We hope you will now have booked your telephone parent consultation appointment in order to discuss your child's first term of the new academic year. You will have received a letter with instructions explaining how to book online or alternatively, please call the school office who will be able to support you. Learning at home continues to be of high importance and ways in which you can ensure your child is maximising their learning opportunities in school include making sure there is time for reading every day, practising times tables (counting in steps for younger children) and the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6 are learned.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. As the weather gets colder please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are not safe when they are moving around the school and in the playground. Please also ensure children are bringing a book bag to school rather than a large rucksack as space in classrooms for storage is limited. Book bags can be purchased through our uniform supplier: <https://www.mapac.com/>.

This year Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day will be held on the **11th December**. While we will not be able to hold our usual Sing a Long year group events or nativity for EYFS, we will be publishing a school video which all children will contribute to and can be watched from the comfort of home!

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

SCHOOL STREET



Detmold Road is now a 'School Street', this means that it is closed to vehicles of non residents between 8:30am-9:15am and 3:15pm-4:00pm. School Streets are spot enforced across the borough by traffic wardens and mobile camera units. Infractions carry a penalty charge of up to £120.

HARVEST COLLECTION

A huge thank you to all those that contributed to our harvest collection. With your donations we managed to provide 353 meals for Hackney families. The Hackney Foodbank runs a voucher



Southwold Primary School collected 148.25 kg of food for our Distribution Centres during our Harvest season. This has provided 353 meals for local people in crisis. Thank you for all your efforts in supporting Hackney Foodbank!

system, families in need can obtain food bank vouchers through either the Citizens Advice, children's centres or NHS health visitors.

ROLLER RACING

This week our pupils in Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to take part in a spot of socially distanced roller racing. As part of Hackney's 'Young



Primary School Cycling League' the children used stationary bikes to complete against the clock and against each other. It looks like it involved a lot of fun!

READING FOR 20 MINUTES EACH DAY EXPOSES CHILDREN TO 1.8 MILLION WORDS A YEAR!

HAPPY DIWALI!

Earlier this month children in Nursery and Reception learnt about Diwali. Diwali is a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs. The children read the story of Rama and Sita (a story about good conquering evil) and then made their own diya lamps which they lit up with candles.



YEAR 6 HEART SURGEONS

This half term Year 6 are learning about the heart. Last week they got the opportunity to be surgeons for the day, taking part in a heart dissection workshop. They learned all about the functions of a heart, the different anatomy of the heart and roles each part plays. They were also taught how to safely dissect a lamb's heart and identify the main structures.



COFFEE MORNINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

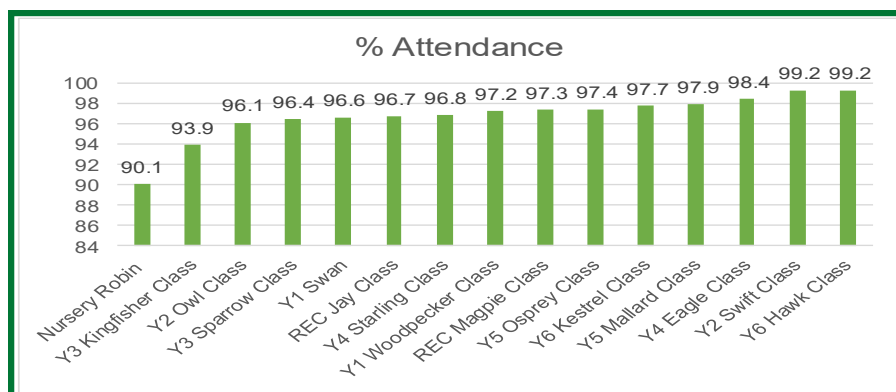
There are now two coffee mornings left this academic year. Content can be accessed online at: <https://www.southwold.hackney.sch.uk/parents-guide/parent-and-school/coffee-mornings/>

| Date | Focus |
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| 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 |

Our Autumn Term parent consultation meetings will take place between the 7th December and the 17th December 2020. **Each class have been allocated a day within this timeframe.** Appointments this term will be **telephone consultations** and appointments will be available between **8:45am and 5.45pm**. Please check the letter sent to you with information on how to book online. If you need to make an appointment to speak to one of the inclusion or curriculum team as well as the classteacher, please call the school office who will arrange this.

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 **96.7%**
Well done to **Year 2 Swift** and **Year 6 Hawk**, the weekly winners with **99.2%**



Key Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Children Start Date:
Monday 2nd November

Reports Date:
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 31st May 2021 – Friday 4th 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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