



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 23rd April 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you all had a restful break and are refreshed for the return to education. We are hopeful for a more consistent time as the journey out of lockdown gathers pace. Children and staff have returned this week with excitement, energy and enthusiasm for learning and we have settled quickly back into routine.

Enrichment happens across the curriculum and provides opportunities to develop independent learning skills as well as celebrating specific curriculum focus areas. Next week classes across the school will be celebrating Families' Week to celebrate relationships, understand different family contexts and to continue discussing the theme of belonging all linked through the themes of love, respect and tolerance. Later this term we will also be holding our Science Day, rescheduled from the Spring Term and in June our Keeping Healthy Week with a focus on physical and mental health.

Pupil voice is a key feature of our school and, as you have seen from previous newsletters, we think it is very important that children are given a platform to know how to raise, discuss and act upon important issues both in the school community and beyond. A particular success has been joining up our pupil teams for meetings across our three school sites and three Hackney post codes including our school councils, peer mediators, digital leaders and eco teams. Despite the current restrictions, these opportunities are still prioritised through remote meetings via video link. Do have a look at our pupil voice pages and social media to see what has been talked about.

During this term children are being assessed to inform end of year expected standards including priority teaching in grammar, spelling / punctuation, reading, writing and maths. We will use these checks to inform and to help close gaps in learning which may have been impacted by the partial closures in the last twelve months. We will of course let you know how children are progressing later in the year and do everything we can to make sure that children feel confident, happy and ready to move to their new year groups in September. Individual achievements will be reported back to you in July at our final parents evening of the academic year which is on **Thursday 8th July 2021**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 3 SCIENCE



The children in Year 3 started their new Science Topic 'Plants' by investigating plants and recording their thoughts on a mind map. The children were looking at the different parts of the plants and thinking about what the function of each part might be. Next the children will investigate the affect of water and light on a plant's growth.

EYFS ROLEPLAY



The children in Reception came back to a fabulous garden centre role play area. The children have been labelling the flowers for sale, arranging the flowers into bouquets based on their colours, planting seeds that will grow into plants and practising finding the correct amount of coins!

YEAR 4 SPORT



This week Year 4 took part in a multi-sports workshop. The children had the opportunity to take part in a variety of sports including: football, volleyball, cricket and athletics. Taking part in sport helps you to sleep better, makes your heart stronger, reduces stress and triggers chemicals in the brain that can make you feel happier.



PE DAYS CAN BE FOUND IN THE YEAR GROUP CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN HAVE THE CORRECT PE KIT IN ORDER THAT THEY CAN COMFORTABLY PARTICIPATE IN ALL ACTIVITIES



EASTER BONNETS



A big thank you and well done to everyone who got into the spirit of the season and made an Easter bonnet. Did you know that Easter bonnets date back to the 16th century and were worn to symbolise the coming of Spring? Here is a selection of just some of the Easter bonnets that children wore on the last day of term.



COFFEE MORNINGS

We have planned a new series of coffee morning workshops on various themes for the Summer Term. These will continue to run via recorded video link and uploaded on Fridays. We have listened to feedback to ensure our planned programme covers a range of areas of interest!

Date	Focus
Friday 7 th May	Literacy: Strategies to help your child learn and apply their spellings including handwriting
Friday 21 st May	ICT: How to support your child with home learning using Google Classroom
Friday 11 th June	Reading: How to support your child to develop their comprehension skills
Friday 25 th June	Keeping Healthy: Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 th July	Maths: Strategies to support your child with their timestables
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Holiday activities: Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

Key Dates

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

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was **95.9%**
Well done to Magpie Class the weekly winners with **98.3%**

