



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 21st May 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As children rebuild their stamina for school after the interruptions to routine across the last twelve months, it is important to keep a spotlight on mental health and wellbeing. Please support us by making sure that children are well rested for school each day and ready for learning. Make sure that they go to bed early enough to have a good night's sleep and don't have the temptation of televisions, tablets, phones or games consoles to keep them awake at night. We teach children the risks of being online and being safe but it is important that you monitor your children's use of the internet and how they are connecting with the outside world to make sure that they are engaging safely. The website: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ holds lots of useful information about the social networks children and young people use.

During this half term we have continued to have a focus on learning timestables and recalling them quickly. All children are expected to confidently know their times tables by the end of Year 4. Timestable Rockstars and Mathletics are both programmes the school buy into to support home learning. You will find the log in details in home reading diaries. Saying tables aloud and practising them at home either with a grown up or with an older sibling or cousin is also a great help. Times tables have links to many other areas of mathematics and knowing them confidently makes a big difference!

We still have spaces in Nursery from September 2021 for 3 and 4 year olds. Both part time or full-time applications are welcome and application forms can be collected from the school office. Many studies have shown that children who have the opportunity to attend nursery develop good communication and social skills shown through confidence, self-assurance and demonstrating good interpersonal skills!

Thank you to all parents for voting in the parent governor election. We are pleased to announce that Ms Aya Haidar a parent at Southwold will be joining from September 2021.

This half term ends on **Friday 28th May** and children return on **Monday 7th June**. During the next half term we have a number of exciting enrichment and events planned as we begin to plan for more face to face contact over time. Events and dates will be shared with you in our half termly parent dates after the half term holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 2 MUSIC

This half term Year 2 are studying 'Notation and Performance' in their weekly music lessons. Our music teacher Ms Eskulics, has been teaching the children to perform a simple tune on the xylophone whilst ensuring to keep a steady tempo.



EID MUBARAK

This half term Year 5 are learning about Islam and 'The Five Pillars' in their Religious Education (RE) lessons. As it was Eid last week the children made Eid cards. Eid commemorates the end of the dawn-to-sunset fasting month of Ramadan.



EDIBLE GARDENING

Last week Reception children have had their half term gardening workshop with our school gardener. The children learnt that some plants produce flowers that can be eaten such as nasturtiums. Then the children planted chive seeds which they will pick and eat when they are ready next half term.



SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



CYCLING CLUB



We are pleased to announce that we are now running an after-school cycling club for pupils and their families. The club takes place every Wednesday from 3:30pm. Our cycling instructors Nursen and Erika will be happy to advise you in choosing or fixing your bike, as well as giving lessons to those who would either like to ride a bike or become more confident cycling. Be sure to come along!

TILE MAKING

Last week children in Swift Class were using clay to make tiles with relief patterns. The children have learnt about the roles of tiles in history and are now making a relief tile using a pattern from our school garden. Did you know that the earliest use of decorative tiles was found in Egypt, dating from about 4000 BC?



COFFEE MORNINGS

We continue to provide videos coffee mornings for you to view at home. These focus on ways in which children can be best supported in their learning and cover a range of topics. Each Friday the link to the coffee morning is sent out by text message so you can access the content easily from your mobile phone!

Date	Focus
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

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

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Training Days: Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th September 2021

Meet the Teacher: Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th September 2021

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day: Wednesday 29th September 2021

World Week & Democracy Day:

Monday 11th October 2021 – Friday 15th October 2021

Half Term Holiday: Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021

Children Start Date: Monday 1st

November 2021

Parents Evening: Thursday 9th

December 2021

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 17th December 2021 at 2pm

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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 **89%**

Well done to Year 4 Starling Class the overall weekly winners with **94%**

