



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 7th May 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather slowly warms up, children take off their jumpers and coats which can sometimes get lost or left behind. Whilst we cannot take responsibility for lost uniform we will always remind children to pick up their jumpers and coats at the end of playtime / lunchtime and help to find lost items. To support us in this please make sure that all uniform is labeled with both a first name and surname. Please also make regular checks to the jumper your child brings home to make sure it is theirs and return it if it has the wrong name! Our school continues to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. Please also ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform including black shoes and by wearing trousers not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t shirt and black shorts.

School Streets is the Council's programme to transform roads outside schools, so that only pedestrians and cyclists can use them at school start and finish times. The scheme tackles congestion and improves air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school which creates a more pleasant environment for everyone. Parents and carers are reminded cars are not to enter Detmold Road during school hours. 8:30am - 09:30am and 3:00pm - 4:00pm. The zones will operate Monday to Friday during school term-time only.

Today you will have received the Parent Governor nomination form and instructions on how to vote for your favourite candidate. As one of our current parent governors is from Orchard School, nominations have been accepted from Southwold and Hoxton Garden Schools to ensure equal representation. However, parents across all three schools have the opportunity to vote. Please follow the survey link on the election sheet to have your vote counted!

We are currently giving consideration to a number of summer events that would normally take place at school. The Government continue to move ahead with their 'roadmap out of lockdown' and we are planning how this will affect some of the events towards the latter part of the term including Celebration Assemblies and arrangements for Year 6. We will provide you with more information as soon as we can.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

EGYPTIAN ART



This half term Year 3 are learning about Ancient Egypt. In their Art Lesson this week the children were experimenting modelling techniques in preparation for creating Canopic jars. Canopic jars were used by the Ancient Egyptians during mummification to keep organs ready for the afterlife.

DR BIKE



It was another busy Dr Bike session last week. During the morning experienced bike mechanics checked everything on the bikes from wheels, brakes, gears and tyre pressure to lights, pedals, saddles and more. If you missed it, look out for the next session next half term! Thank you to the team for their hard work!

FAMILIES' WEEK



Last week was Families' Week at Southwold and so children talked about the range of different families which make up our school community. Children in Reception read 'The Family Book' by Todd Parr and then made collages of their favourite family members using tin foil, felt, string and a variety of paper types.

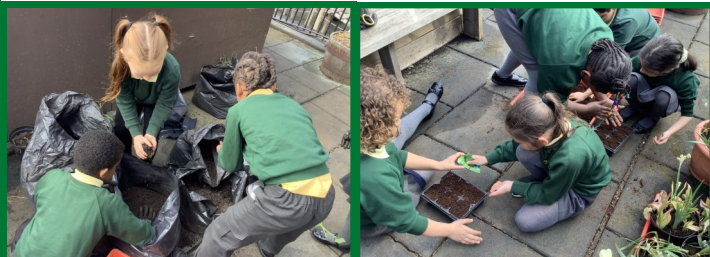


SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



GARDENING

Children having gardening work shops this half term have been focusing on planting seeds which they will then look after in their classrooms. Spring is the best time to plant seeds because the showery weather gives them the water they need, and the longer days mean they have more daylight and warmth from the sun.



APOLLO MUSIC

Children in Years 5 and 6 are participating in Apollo Music workshops this half term. Last week the children learnt about different wood wind instruments and their features. The musicians played a variety of instruments showing the children how different techniques create different sounds.



COFFEE MORNINGS

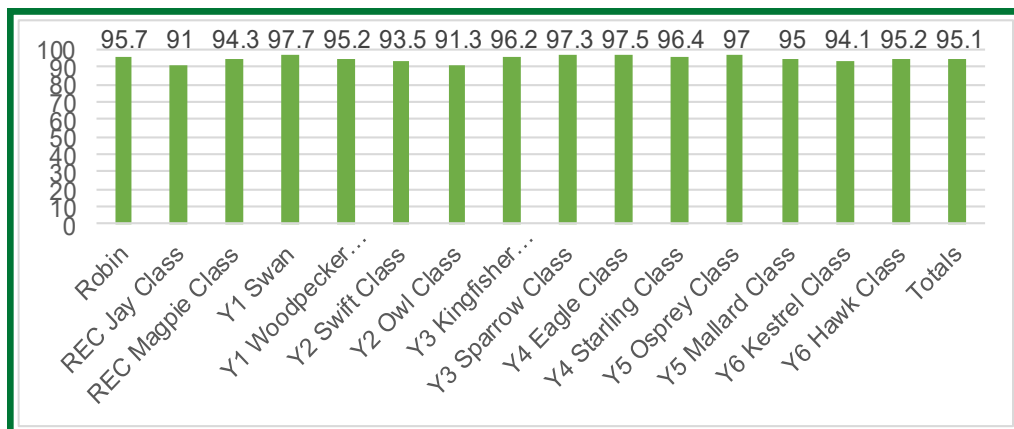
Thank you to everyone who has left feedback or made suggestions in the parent comment box, we use the feedback to inform the content of our coffee mornings. The Summer Term coffee mornings are now underway. If you have missed content, it is easy to catch up. Go to the coffee morning page in the parent section of our website and watch any of the coffee mornings from the Summer, Spring or Autumn. Watch to the end of the videos this term to see our new feature: three top takeaway tips from the session!

| Date | Focus |
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| 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 |

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was **95.1%**

Well done to Year 1 Swan Class the overall weekly winners with **97.7%**



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

23rd July 2021

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