



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 24th June 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are holding our termly parents meetings on the afternoon of Thursday 8th July. Please make sure that you have booked an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and arrive on time in order to talk through children's learning with them. It makes such a difference to children to know that you share an interest in their learning at school. If you are unable to access our online booking system or unable to meet on this date, please call the school office as we will do all we can to facilitate a meeting with you. This year we are only able to have **one parent** attend and children must stay at home in order to ensure meetings are COVID safe for school staff and parents. School will close early on this day to allow for meetings to happen. Please see the parent evening letter for finish times.

Keeping Healthy Week is fast approaching and during this week there will be a number of opportunities for children to take part in sports and activities as well as learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and a healthy mind. Please help us with this by making sure that packed lunches contain food which will help growing learners. We do not allow chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or crisps to be eaten in our lunch hall or playgrounds and encourage children to try out snacks such as carrot sticks and raisins which have less sugar and more vitamins. For children eating school dinners, our catering company work in partnership with the school to exceed all nutritional standards, produce delicious freshly cooked meals that create a home from home experience. We regularly have 'executive chefs' quality assuring the school dinner offer.

During the next month we have a very busy schedule including assessment of pupil progress, achievement assemblies and end of year events for Year 6. The learning continues right up to the last day on **Thursday 22nd July** and it is important that children attend every day until then. Children only have 190 school days in a typical school year and this year more than ever, every one counts!

Thank you for all of your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

EYFS WORKSHOP



This half term children in Nursery and Reception are learning about water and the sea. Last week the children took part in an immersive theatre workshop where they got to pretend to be some of the creatures that live in this habitat e.g. seahorses. They made up movements and dance to accompany the sounds of the sea.

YEAR 3 GEOGRAPHY



This half term Year 3 are learning about their local area and physical geography within their Topic lessons. Last week children took part in a Geography Workshop where they learnt about different flags and landmarks in the UK. They really enjoyed 'travelling' around the different countries!

MATHS WORKSHOP



Last week children in Year 6 took part in a Maths workshop which was all about World War Two. The children had to pretend that they were code breakers during the second world war. The children had to use their mathematical problem solving skills as well as logical thinking to break the codes in the fastest time possible.

PARENTS EVENING IS ON THURSDAY 8TH JULY. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING!

YEAR 4 VOLCANOES



This half term year 4 are learning about 'Volcanoes' within their Geography topic. The children have learnt about tectonic plates and how volcanoes are formed. Volcanoes are formed when hot molten rock escapes from an opening in the Earth's surface. As the molten rock cools the cone volcano shape is formed. The children had a go at recreating this process!

YEAR 1 GARDENING



In Science the children in Year 1 have been learning about the different parts of a plant. During their gardening workshop the gardener showed the children the different flowers found in the garden and they discussed the parts of the plant. They then learnt about the different ways seeds are dispersed and took part in an activity making their own helicopter seeds.

COFFEE MORNINGS AND KEY DATES

There are three coffee mornings remaining this academic year. Please tune in to our coffee morning page to view the content.

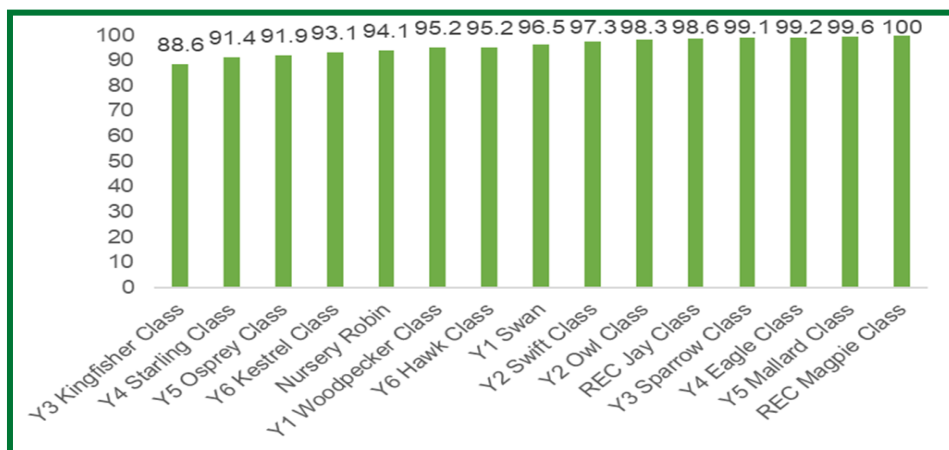
Date	Focus
Friday 25 th June	Keeping Healthy: Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 th July	Maths: Strategies to support your child with their timestables
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Holiday activities: Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

Celebration assemblies will be taking place to recognise pupil achievement, progress and contribution this academic year. For Years 1 to 5, please check out our website calendar or the 'parent event' posters displayed on playground notice boards for arrangements. Year 6 performance and assembly times can also be found there!

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was **96%**

Well done to Magpie Class the overall weekly winners with **100%**



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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