



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

**Thursday 22nd July 2021**

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and pupils for their continued hard work and dedication across the past school year. Our collective and continued high expectations of what can be achieved despite the challenges the pandemic has presented in the last 18 months is something we should all be proud of. Thank you to all of the parents who came to celebrate children's successes at parents evening and celebration assemblies over the past two weeks. We are delighted to have been able to hold some face to face events. Do take a look at the back of the newsletter to see the upcoming Autumn Term coffee mornings!

It is the time of year again where we wish farewell to our Year Six pupils. They have been a credit to the school and have risen to the challenges presented this year with resilience and determination. The children undertook SATs tests for internal assessment and our provisional results show that pupils at our schools are achieving comfortably above the national average for schools in England in reading, writing and mathematics, based on 2019 benchmarks. Well wish all pupils a fond farewell and a successful transition to secondary school.

As we approach the end of the school year, our assemblies and PSHE curriculum focus on themes of 'change'. We talk to the children about the new opportunities change presents; we also acknowledge that this can sometimes feel like a challenge too and ensure time is given to discussing feeling and strategies to support transitions to their new year groups.

We will be setting tasks to support children's learning during the long summer break so that children come back as ready as possible for a new academic year. Please support us by making sure that, as well as getting out and about and enjoying themselves, children also read regularly, learn their times tables and complete the homework projects as this will help make the Autumn Term successful!

Thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you all a safe summer break.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## EARLY HARVEST



We had an early harvest in the roof top playground last week as children in Year 3 dug out the potatoes and picked the kale and tender stem broccoli which was ready for eating. Children then took home a bag of home grown vegetables to enjoy with their families.

## THE CLASS OF 2021!

As the year draws to an end and the children prepare for secondary school they have enjoyed a variety of activities including: kayaking, performing in 'Class of Rock', a silent disco and BBQ, and a trip to Southend!



## INTO-UNIVERSITY



Last week Year 4 had their first Into-University workshop. The children learnt about different jobs including; palaeontology and civil engineering. They discussed all the different problem-solving skills you might need in order to do these jobs.



Children return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (Year 1 - 6)** at 8.55am. Pupils in Reception and Nursery will receive notice of their nominated staggered start day by letter.



## SPANISH READERS!

Well done to Señora Alexander-Joseph and Señorita Perez, our Federation Spanish teachers! They have co-written a simple Spanish reading book for Hackney pupils. The aim is to create a series of books based on locations around Hackney, to promote reading for pleasure in Spanish and to reinforce previous learning. In the new academic year we will have more news on our Erasmus projects and links with our partner schools. Watch this space!



## HISPANIC DAY

Last week we had our annual Hispanic Day. During the day children took part in a variety of workshops including folk dancing and flamenco workshops. Children also got to enjoy a special Spanish themed lunch including paella! Thank you to all the children who either dressed in the colours of Spain or in traditional wear.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

We have a range of coffee morning themes planned across the Autumn Term and we are looking forward to hosting these as face to face sessions.

Date	Focus
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Reading:</b> How can I help my child to read? What books should children be reading at home?
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Anti-Bullying and behaviour:</b> What does bullying mean? What do I do if I think bullying is happening?
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Maths:</b> How do I use Timestables Rockstars and Mathletics at home?
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Online-Safety:</b> How can I keep my child safe when they are using technology?
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Homework Support:</b> How can I set a routine and help my child with their homework?
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Spelling and Vocabulary:</b> How do I help my child to learn their spellings and learn new words?
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Science:</b> What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?

## Key Dates

### 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 **93.5%**

Well done to **Year 6 Hawk Class** the overall weekly winners with **100%**

