



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

**Friday 9th July 2021**

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was Keeping Healthy Week and the children had lots of exciting sporting activities to take part in including archery, taekwondo, new age kurling and disability sports. All three schools in the Federation participated in competitive sports activities, please check our school website and social media to see who won! It is a busy time of year, and we will be celebrating Hispanic day and all things Spanish on **Monday 12th July** with children invited to wear traditional Spanish dress or wear red and yellow on the day, our theme this year is **Hispanic traditional dances!**

We hope that you found your child's end of term report useful and enjoyed looking at the learning in their books during parent's evening. If you were unable to attend the appointment in school, please call the school office to arrange a time for a telephone consultation meeting with the teacher. Our children continue to achieve very well in our schools and this is down to the hard work of children, their teachers and of course yourselves in supporting children on their learning journey, particularly across the last 18 months!

Our School Council, our Anti Bullying Steering Group and our Eco Schools Team have all held meetings with their cross site partners this half term. They have discussed their own school site and federation actions and impact they have had including Earth Day, pen recycling and reviewing our school half termly values. A next step for all pupil voice groups is the importance of opportunity for parent engagement and to rebuild our historic success of community events. We hope very much to be operating much more closely to pre-COVID systems when we return for the new academic year.

Children will meet their new class teacher on **Wednesday 21st July**, this is a date change from the originally published date due to Eid celebrations for some of our community at the start of the week. You will receive a letter on this day with the name of the class and class teacher. There will be details of all of the staffing for 2021/2022 in the first newsletter of the Autumn Term for your information.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## SOUNDS OF THE SEA



This week the children in Reception have been learning about the seaside and things that can be found on the beach. The children enjoyed listening to the seashells and were amazed that the sound that the shell creates when you hold it to your ear sounds like the noise of the sea!

## YEAR 6 KAYAKING



This half term Year 6 are learning to kayak. After the safety briefing, the children worked in pairs to carry their kayaks to the water and helped one another to get in. They then paddled up and down the River Lea practising turning and stopping. The children had to work in pairs to steer and turn their Kayaks.

## MUSIC FESTIVAL



Although the Hackney Music Festival was not able to take place in person this year, a small selection of children who have peripatetic music lessons took part in a digital music festival. Children in Year 2 also took part in a digital singing event, along with other schools from across Hackney!

Our last day of school is **Thursday 22nd July**. Children return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (Year 1 - 6)**. Pupils in Reception and Nursery will receive notice of their nominated staggered start day by letter.

## HEALTHY LIVING WEEK GALLERY



## PTA EVENTS

Every parent at the school is automatically a member of our parent and teacher association and there are lots of ways to get involved. Everybody is welcome to attend the PTA meetings which are held once a term on a Friday morning. The main aim of the PTA is to raise additional funds for the school. The money is partly used to support the school in funding certain everyday items such as reading books and educational materials, as well as enrichment opportunities such as workshops and educational trips. The school will outline the annual funding focus for 2021- 2022 in the Autumn recruitment coffee morning!

### Autumn Term Calendar of PTA Events

#### Autumn 1

Week 2	PTA Recruitment Coffee Morning
Week 3	International Evening Planning Meeting
October 2021 (Date TBC)	International Evening

#### Autumn2

Week 2	Winter Fayre Planning Meeting
December 2021 (Date TBC)	Winter Fayre

## Key Dates

### Summer Term 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 **95.7%**

Well done to **Hawk and Kestrel Classes** the overall weekly winners with **99.2%**

