



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 24th September 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children to school. A warm welcome to our new families as well as siblings of existing Southwold pupils.

Children have received a new reading and homework diary and are already showing their pride and dedication to home reading through the careful completion of these. Thank you for supporting learning by making sure that children read at home for 15 minutes every evening. Younger children and less confident older children really benefit from reading aloud to an adult regularly and there are some questions and tips to help with this in the diary. We ask that an adult at home signs the diary once a week to show that they have checked on their child's reading. Also in the diary are spellings, times tables and guidance on bullying and safety. We hope that this is all useful when supporting learning from home.

We aim to enrich our curriculum with a range of opportunities for children including clubs for all ages, chess in Year 3, swimming and a music project in Year 4, a residential visit in Year 5 and university visits in Year 6. As well as this, children across Key Stage 2 take cycling lessons and all children participate in gardening workshops with our resident gardener Cassie. Follow us on our social media sites to keep up to date!

Thank you for your support in ensuring community understanding of the current context relating to COVID 19. We are working hard to ensure safe school access for all our pupils and staff by following both the Government and the Hackney Education Health and Safety Team guidance. Children no longer need to isolate due to contact with a positive case of COVID 19 meaning that we do not have to close year groups or classes if there is a confirmed cases. We continue to ask children to wash their hands at regular points throughout the day and continue to provide hand sanitiser. We have an increased cleaning programme across the school to ensure classrooms are thoroughly cleaned each evening and a risk assessment in place to ensure continued good practise related to hygiene and mindful distance which can be found on our website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 6 ART



This half term Year 6 are studying the British artist Henry Moore in their Art lessons. Henry Moore is known for his abstract sculptures. Having researched his work the children experimented using the medium of clay and water to create their own abstract sculptures similar to his.

SETTLING INTO EARLY YEARS

The children in Nursery and Reception have had a great start to the year and are settling in well. They have been busy learning their new routines, how to share and making lots of new friends. This half term their topic is 'All About Me' so they've also been talking lots about their families and relationships.



INTERNATIONAL AWARD



It is testament to our school commitment to embedding a rich and creative range of international work that we have successfully been re-accredited the International Schools Award. By embedding an international dimension in children's education, we

prepare children for successful lives in the UK or further afield, empowering them to be global citizens. Well done to Ms Dawn Alexander Joseph, our languages lead who has led the project.



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HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Each holiday period we send home a homework project, so that children can start their new topics already knowing something about the themes they are going to study. Children created many excellent holiday homework projects during the Summer reflecting their up-coming topics. As well as some fantastic research, they worked very hard creating models using recycled materials from around the house. Well done to all our homework winners and to all the children in the school that spent time over the Summer break researching their new topics!



SCHOOL STREET

Detmold Road is a designated 'School Street', this means that the road is closed to traffic between 8:30am-9:15am and 3:15pm-4:00pm. The aim of a School Street is to offer a proactive solution for school communities to tackle air pollution, poor health and road danger. There are currently mobile enforcement cameras and parking wardens operating in the area issuing fines to those who do not abide by the school street.



PARENT DATES

Upcoming coffee mornings for parents take place on **Friday's from 9am** with the next event focussing on online safety. These dates, along with other key events during the year are also included in our school website calendar. Class assemblies will be restarting this term with all classes having the opportunity to present to parents about their learning across the year. Year 6 will be undertaking their assemblies this half term and dates have been published on the half termly 'parent dates' sent home this week.

Date	Focus
Friday 1 st October	Online-Safety: How can I keep my child safe when they are using technology?
Friday 8 th October	Homework Support: How can I set a routine and help my child with their homework?
Friday 15 th October	Spelling and Vocabulary: How do I help my child to learn their spellings and learn new words?
Friday 22 nd October	Science: 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 makes a real difference!

Whole school attendance for last week was **96.5%**
Well done to Nursery Robin and Year 4 Starling Classes, the weekly winners with **100%**.

