



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 10th September 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back. We hope that you had a wonderful summer break. As usual during the summer closure we have been undertaking building works including painting classrooms, playground maintenance as part of our health and safety audit and the gardening. The school has also been deep cleaned in readiness for children returning.

During the summer break, the COVID 19 guidance to schools has changed and means that children are no longer restricted to year group bubbles and will be able to mix with other children in assemblies and in the playground as well as sitting at group tables again in their classrooms.

The children have settled quickly back into learning with their new teachers. The school staffing profile is included on the back of the newsletter and a full staffing list is available on the website. We are committed to ensuring that children receive a broad curriculum as well as ensuring pupils catch up quickly on the lost learning as a result of school closures earlier this year. Our Meet the Teacher sessions will take place next week on **Monday 13th September for Year 1 and 2, Tuesday 14th September for Years 3 and 4 and Thursday 16th September for Years 5 and 6**, all sessions will start at **3.40pm**. We ask that one family member attends only to hear about the upcoming half term from the teacher and receive a copy of the half termly curriculum newsletter.

Please make sure that children look smart in our uniform for school everyday. Our school uniform is available from the MAPAC website (<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/southwoldprimaryschool59n1>). If you are struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.

As well as reading our fortnightly newsletter, please also follow us on Twitter and Facebook and add our website to your 'favourites' to learn about all the exciting things taking place in school.

We look forward to working in partnership again with you this year.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

BACK TO SCHOOL!



The children have settled quickly back into their routines with our Destination and Daily Supported Reader lessons starting on day one. Teachers have introduced their classes to their new topics - Year 3 spent time looking at rocks as part of their 'Stone Age' topic. Chess lessons also started back up this week with children having the opportunity to show their problem solving and reasoning skills. Next week cycling will resume with Year 4 having their lessons this term.

HOME SCHOOL DIARIES

By now you should have received a new **home school diary**. Please make sure that comments and page numbers are recorded in this every day and that the diary is cared for and signed weekly. There is information inside to help in knowing what to ask and write after reading with your child, including some helpful questions. There is also a times tables square to help practise these. Knowing times tables off by heart makes maths much easier! **Homework** is sent home every **Thursday** and is due back early the following week so that it can be marked. Your help with making sure that tasks are completed is very much appreciated!



Key Stage 2
**HOME-SCHOOL
LEARNING DIARY**

NAME

CLASS



BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.

TEACHING PROFILE 2021 / 2022

Mr Stephen O'Brien (Headteacher)	Ms Rachel Davie (Executive Headteacher)
Ms Erin Gillham (KS2 Deputy Headteacher) Ms Jennifer Chiu (Assistant Headteacher)	Ms Rachael Carr EYFS /KS1 Deputy Headteacher) Ms Lauren Sutherland (Assistant Headteacher)
Ms Catherine Holley (SENCO)	
Y6 Kestrel Class Ms Esme Moira (Phase Leader)	Y6 Hawk Class Mr Peter Storey
Y5 Osprey Class Ms Simmy Moosa	Y5 Mallard Class Ms Meena Chowdhury
Y4 Eagle Class Ms Megan Lovett	Y4 Starling Class Mr Matthew Payne
Y3 Sparrow Class Mr Tony Modinos	Y3 Kingfisher Class Ms Catalina Silva
Y2 Swift Class Ms Rachael Warrington (Phase Leader)	Y2 Owl Class Ms Seda Mertdjan
Y1 Woodpecker Class Ms Natasha Fernandes	Y1 Swan Class Ms Amna Khalid
Reception Jay Class Ms Ivita Grodze (Phase Leader)	Reception Magpie Class Mr James Mulvany
Nursery Robin Class Ms Linda Hanley / Ms Lauren King (October onwards)	

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff who are fully committed to ensuring the best learning opportunities for our children. This term we welcome some new members to our teaching team and welcome back many familiar faces too.

Our senior leadership team are Mr O'Brien as Headteacher of our school, Ms Carr as EYFS and Key Stage One Deputy Headteacher and Ms Gillham as Key Stage 2 Deputy Headteacher.

Last week all staff attended three days of induction and training in order to prepare for the new academic year. As well as revisiting our vision, values, core routines and our curriculum, we also talked about mental health, well being and prepared class environments for pupil return.

Our staff will be in the playground each morning and afternoon however we are asking parents to enter and leave school site promptly to help keep our community safe. If you need to meet with the teacher, please support us by calling the school office who will organise an appointment for you.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the **Lower Hall at 9:15am on a Friday morning**. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 10 th September	Reading: How can I help my child to read? What books should children be reading at home?
Friday 17 th September	Anti-Bullying and behaviour: What does bullying mean? What do I do if I think bullying is happening?
Friday 24 th September	Maths: How do I use Timestables Rockstars and Mathletics at home?
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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