



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 22nd October 2021

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Dear **Parents and Carers**,

Last week at Southwold we celebrated World Week and Democracy Day. World Week celebrates the diversity within our partnership of schools and creates opportunities to explore relevant global issues and for children to gain an understanding of themselves as global citizens. We were very excited to welcome flag dancers, Capoeira dancers, Bengali musicians, Kente Cloth artists, African drummers and Balinese story tellers into school to run workshops with children. We also elected the new members of our school pupil council, who meet weekly. Thank you all for your support during our day of international dress and also for joining us for our international evening, when so many parents were kind enough to contribute dishes from across the globe. Please do look at our 'proud to be' community video on our website which was made during World Week and celebrates the many different cultures that make up our family of three schools!

As the weather changes across the next few weeks, children will be bringing more items to school including hats and gloves as well as coats and jumpers. Please make sure that your children's things, even distinctive items, are named to give us the best chance of your children being reunited with any lost property.

During the first few weeks of the school year we have continued to ensure a focus on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding as well as knowledge of key maths skills such as essential confidence in times tables recall. Please support us by making sure that children practise these at home by using Mathletics and Timestable Rockstars. You will also have received the half term holiday project information to support children in getting ready for the new half term of learning and we look forward to seeing the creative outcomes worked on at home when children return!

The first half term has gone by very quickly, with school breaking up for half term today, **Friday 22nd October**. Children return on **Monday 1st November 2021**. It is very important pupils arrive promptly to school at **8.55am** to ensure they do not miss the beginning of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

LONDON PLANETARIUM

Year 4 visited the planetarium as part of their 'Astronomy' topic. They took part in a workshop in which they learnt about the relative sizes of the sun, moon and earth and the time it takes for the earth to orbit,



before watching a show in which they looked at different constellations and how the surfaces of the planets in our solar systems differ.

HARVEST COLLECTION

A huge thank you to all those that contributed to our harvest collection. The picture shows just a small sample of your very generous donations. The Hackney Foodbank runs a voucher system.



Families in need can obtain food bank vouchers through either the Citizens Advice, Comberton Children's Centre or NHS health visitors.

PUPPET WORKSHOP

Children from Nursery and Reception joined their parents and family members for a special workshop delivered by our Speech and Language Therapist, Marie. During the workshop, families



made sock puppets and parents learned how their creations could be used at home to help their children with vocabulary development through roleplay.



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



WORLD WEEK



'World Week' is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity in our school community. The theme this year was 'Movement' and children looked at the various reasons why people move around the world, from life style choices to political unrest. They also enjoyed a variety of cultural workshops from African drumming to capoeira and Balinese story telling.



INTERNATIONAL EVENING



Our 'World Week' culminated in our International Evening which took place outside this year. We had an amazing array of national dress on the day, and lots of parents to share food from around the world. A big thank you to everyone who donated food, as well as those who came along and supported the event! The PTA managed to raise a fabulous £375!



PARENT DATES

All parents are also invited to drop into our workshop sessions which are held in the lower hall at 9:15am on Friday. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 5 th November	Phonics and handwriting: How can I help my child to learn to read? How can I improve my child's handwriting?
Friday 12 th November	Wellbeing: What does mental wellbeing mean and how do I speak to my child about this?
Friday 19 th November	Art: How do I find inspiration for creative art projects at home on a budget?
Friday 26 th November	ICT: What apps does my child use in school?
Friday 3 rd December	Christmas Holiday Activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?

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:

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 **97%**. **Well done to Owl, Sparrow, Osprey and Hawk Classes**, the weekly winners with **100%**.

