



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 12th November 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You should now have received the curriculum newsletter for the second half of the Autumn Term. These detail the learning for the year group including PE days. Physical Education (PE) is a statutory part of the curriculum and essential for both physical and mental well-being. Please ensure your child has their full kit each week to enable them to access the learning comfortably and safely.

As we move towards the month of December, we have a range of seasonal events and sing-alongs lined up. We have listed some of these on the back of this newsletter but please also look out for posters on gates and information on our website and social media. We will of course be teaching a full timetable until the holidays and children are expected to attend school every day until then. In recognition of the Platinum Jubilee an additional bank holiday has been included in the 2021/22 academic year. The Government have acknowledged that the identified date for this (3rd June 2022) falls in half term and leaves school staff and pupils without the benefit of the extra day holiday. Legislation has now been changed for this year only to reduce the normal teaching requirement to 189 days (instead of 190). Schools can opt to select the chosen day and our school have opted for the additional bank holiday on the 17th December 2021. This means the term for all pupils will finish on **Thursday 16th December at 2pm**.

A letter inviting you to parents evening on **Thursday 9th December**, along with details of the online booking system, will be sent home to you next week. We are keen to make sure that all parents meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress as well as take up the opportunity to look through their workbooks and celebrate their hard work, so if you haven't seen the letter, or are finding it difficult to make an appointment please call the school office so that we can help.

Reception school places are allocated in a cross London scheme which is organised by our local authority, Hackney Education, not the school. If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 then you will need to make an application for a Reception place regardless of whether your child attends our Nursery or has a sibling already in the school. Our Reception classes are very popular so don't miss the deadline for these applications which is Saturday 15th January 2022. You can access the application form at www.eadmissions.org.uk and Hackney Education will also be able to support you on 020 8820 7000.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

RAF MUSEUM TRIP



Year 6 went on a trip to the RAF Museum where they took part in a W2 classroom workshop. The children experienced what it would have been like to be at school during the war. Discipline was

very strict and children even had to hide under the desks when the air raid siren started! Children also got to see some of the aeroplanes that would have flown in the war.

FLAX WORKSHOP



Last week children in Year 4 took part in a Flax workshop with Cassie our gardener. The children learned the different processes involved in turning flax into usable fibre. They then learnt how to spin the flax into linen yarn using a drop spindle, just as the Ancient Egyptians did!

DEBATE MATE TRIP

The children attended the launch of Debate Mate 2021– 2022 at the Emmanuel Centre on 3rd November along with many other primary schools across London. The children were able to watch a live debate and ask questions to the panel. The children were inspired by the debate and are ready to start our after school debating club with their Debate Mate mentor!



SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We are holding a number of special end of term events to which parents and carers are invited. Please make sure that you add dates to your diaries and arrive on time to performances as all events are very popular!

Year Group	Date	Location	Time
Nursery & Reception	Monday 13th December	Middle Hall	9:20am
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Year 1	Tuesday 14th December	Middle Hall	2:45pm
Year 2	Tuesday 7th December	Middle Hall	2:45pm
Year 3	Monday 6th December	Middle Hall	2:45pm
Year 4	Wednesday 8th December	Middle Hall	2:45pm
Year 5	Wednesday 15th December	Middle Hall	2:45pm
Year 6	Friday 10th December	Middle Hall	2:45pm

In addition to the above, our **Winter Fayre** will be held on **Friday 3rd December** between 3.30pm and 5.00pm.

Our Christmas lunch and jumper day for children will be on **Friday 10th December**.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all parents who attended our 'restart' Friday morning reading sessions in Nursery and Reception last week. We hope to see you every Friday morning from now on!

Date	Focus
Friday 5 th November	Phonics: How can I help my child to learn to read?
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? <i>(Children will be attending this morning with their parents)</i>
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? <i>(Children will be attending this morning with their parents.)</i>
Friday 10 th December	Parent Reading & Coffee Morning Celebration Event (EYFS, Year and Year 2)

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Children's Start Date:
Monday 1st November 2021
Parents Evening: Thursday 9th December 2021
End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 16th December 2021 at 2pm

Spring Term 2022

Children's Start Date: Tuesday 4th January 2022
Work and Enterprise Week: 24th January 2022
Safer Internet Day: Wednesday 9th February 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Children's Start date:
Monday 21st February 2022
World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March 2022
Parents Evening: Thursday 24th March 2022
End of Term Finish Date: Friday 1st April 2022 at 2pm

Summer Term 2022

Easter Monday: Monday 18th April 2022
Children's Start Date: Tuesday 19th April 2022
Families' Week: Starts Monday 25th April 2022
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022
Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair): Monday 23rd May 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th June 2022
Staff Training Day: Friday 24th June 2022
Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022
Parents Evening: Thursday 7th July 2022
End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm
Staff Training Day: Friday 22nd July 2022

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **95.2%**. Well done to Year 1 Woodpecker Class, the weekly winners with **98.5%**!

