



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 26th November 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week children across the school joined in with a number of key events to shine a spot light on anti bullying with an 'odd socks' day marking the end of the week. Children took part in different learning opportunities including assemblies and class PSHE lessons. Our school takes any allegations of bullying very seriously and we have a zero tolerance approach. Staff ensure that allegations are dealt with quickly. We are proud to be a Stonewall champion school and adopt the "no bystanders" approach of "if you hear it, stop it" to tackle any language or actions used in a derogatory way.

We hope you will now have booked your parent consultation appointment in order to discuss your child's first term of the new academic year. You will have received a letter home with instructions explaining how to book online or alternatively, please call the school office who will be able to support you. Learning at home continues to be of high importance and ways in which you can ensure your child is maximising their learning opportunities in school include making sure there is time for reading every day, practising times tables (counting in steps for younger children) and the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6 are learned.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. As the weather gets colder please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are uncomfortable when sitting on the carpet and can compromise safety when playing on equipment outside. Please also ensure children are bringing a book bag to school rather than a large rucksack as space in classrooms for storage is limited. Book bags can be purchased through our uniform supplier: [https:// www.mapac.com/](https://www.mapac.com/).

Children have accessed a range of trips and workshops across this term to enhance their learning experiences. If you have not already done so, please follow us on Twitter and Facebook to see weekly updates of all the exciting things going on in our school!

Thank you for your on-going support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

SOUND WORKSHOP



Last week children in Year 2 took part in a Science workshop. Children learnt all about how sound is made. Sounds are made when objects vibrate. The vibration makes the air around the object vibrate and the air vibrations enter your ear!

BREAD MAKING



Last week children in Year 3 took part in a bread making workshop. The children got to see wheat grown in our school garden ground into flour. The children then made dough and then a loaf of bread each which they took home to share with their families.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS



Year 6 were surgeons for the day, taking part in a heart dissection workshop. They learned all about the functions of a heart, the different anatomy of the heart and roles each part plays. They were also taught how to safely dissect a lamb's heart and identify the main structures.



**Please book your parent consultation appointment
online or by calling the school office**



HARVEST COLLECTION

Just before the half term we had our annual harvest collection. In total Southwold families provided 443 meals for Hackney residents in need! That's almost 100 more than we provided last year. Thank you again to everyone for their kind generosity.



Southwold Primary School collected 186.20 kg of food for our Distribution Centres, during our Harvest season. This has provided 443 meals for local people in crisis. Thank you for all your efforts in supporting Hackney Foodbank!



D&T DAY

Parents and carers were invited into school to help children make their outcomes during Design and Technology Day. This was an opportunity for adults to see how we teach D&T and to see the process from plan to final product!



COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all of the Nursery and Reception parents who have stayed to read with their children on Friday mornings. 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 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 1 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 **94.9%**. **Well done to Year 6 Hawk Class**, the weekly winners with **100%**

