



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 10th December 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents who have attended end of term events including the Winter Fayre and sing-alongs. Our three school choir has been performing at various events both in person and through video recordings. We are very proud of the commitment to music in our school and the many talented musicians we have. A huge thank you to our music teacher, Ms Eskulics for her preparation and hard work. Instrumental lessons start again in the Spring Term and if you would like your child to gain from the many benefits of learning a musical instrument then please ask at our reception desk for an application form. Learning an instrument not only brings a lot of pleasure, it helps develop concentration, listening skills, patience, social skills and memory. We subsidise all lessons with an even cheaper rate for those eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and loan instruments to allow practise at home.

Despite the many sweet treats around at this time of the year, we continue to ask that if children bring a packed lunch to school their lunch boxes contain a healthy and nutritious meal that will help them retain concentration in the afternoon. We do not allow children to have fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or crisps in our dinner hall and ask that you provide healthy alternatives such as low sugar juice, chopped vegetables and dried fruit. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit our school office and the admin team will support you in checking this.

The end of the term is drawing near but before the school closes at **2pm on Thursday 16th December 2021** we still have learning time and lessons to complete. Please make sure that your child attends every day until the Christmas break. Children return to school for the Spring term on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Please make sure that children continue to read and practise key maths and writing skills over the holidays, whether it is writing a letter to Santa or playing card games and adding up the scores. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 6 FIELDWORK



Last week Year 6 went on a fieldtrip to Millfields Park during their geography lesson. The children practised their compass reading skills. They had to use lots of geographical vocabulary such as 'horizontal' and 'orientate' to describe where different landmarks were in to them!

YEAR 1 BUG HUNT

Year 1 Swan class went on a bug hunt in the school garden. The children looked very carefully and were lucky enough to find creatures such as worms, ladybirds and caterpillars. The children used magnifying glasses to look carefully at the features of the creatures which they then sketched.



YEAR 5 RE TRIP



Last week Year 5 children visited the London Buddhist Centre to learn more around their R.E Topic. The children had the opportunity to meet with a practising Buddhist; asking questions about Buddhism, what she does as a Buddhist and why she chose to become a Buddhist.



**ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS BREAK WHICH STARTS AT 2PM ON THE 16TH DECEMBER
THE SPRING TERM STARTS ON TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022!**



RECYCLING WORKSHOPS



Last week all classes in the school had a recycling workshop. They learned what recycling is, and discussed what items can and can't be Recycled. Children had fun sorting different objects into the correct bins. By recycling at school and at home we can all contribute to a cleaner planet!

PEN LICENCES

Here at Southwold we expect all children to have been awarded their pen licence for using neat joined up handwriting by the end of Year 5. There are many reasons why we want children to have the very best presentation. First of all, because we want children to take pride in what they write. But also because it actually supports creativity. Research has found that being able to write effortlessly enables the mind to focus more fully on a topic or subject.



SPRING TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

We have organised a series of coffee mornings for parents based on your feedback. The face to face sessions have been very well received and we are keen that as many parents as possible take up the opportunity to join us. They run from 9:15am on Friday mornings and are open to all.

Date	Focus
Friday 7 th January	Maths: How can I support my child with their Maths homework?
Friday 14 th January	Music: What does the music curriculum look like at our school?
Friday 21 st January	Communications: How can I find my way around the school website?
Friday 28 th January	Wellbeing: What will my child learn during the Children's Mental Health Week?
Friday 4 th February	Writing: How can I engage my child to write creatively at home?
Friday 11 th February	Online safety: How to support my child to use digital technologies safely, positively and responsibly? (Safer Internet Day parent workshop for KS2 parents only)

Key Dates

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 **92.8%**. **Well done to Reception Jay Class**, the weekly winners with **99.2%**

