



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 7th January 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a very happy new year to everyone! The Spring Term sees children starting new topics, and you will receive news of these in class newsletters which outline each theme and the areas to be covered. Don't forget also to look at class pages on our website as well as our Twitter feed and Facebook page which are regularly updated with news and events. In two weeks time we will be celebrating Work and Enterprise week with a range of activities including trips and visits to places of work as well as meeting people from different professions and an entrepreneurs fair.

Thank you to all the parents who supported with holiday homework projects in preparation for the new term. Each week in Years 1 to 6 we send home a literacy and maths task as well as some tricky spellings. We encourage children to *look, say, cover, write, check* when practising spellings and there is a list of common words that children should know in their homework diaries.

We have listed key dates on the back of this newsletter including new coffee morning themes to which all parents are invited to drop in. Please make sure you take note of our holiday dates as we will not authorise absences outside of the 3 months that children have as holiday each year. We monitor attendance very closely with the aim that our pupils get their full 190 day educational entitlement each year. Please also note that our classes start with learning activities from the very start of the day, so lateness means that practise of key skills such as handwriting, number facts or spelling will be missed as well as being disruptive for the rest of the class.

We continue to have extended cleaning taking place on school sites, ventilation monitoring across the day and a focus on regular handwashing for all pupils. We update our risk assessment to reflect current government guidance for schools as the national picture changes, this can be found on the school website. While the spread of the new variant is prevalent, we would ask you to remain vigilant in following government guidance to reduce the risk of the virus in our community.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

SCIENCE WORKSHOP



Year 4 had Science workshop looking at human teeth. They learned about the different teeth and their function. They also learned about how to care for their teeth so that they stay strong and healthy e.g. brushing daily. Then they made moulds of their own teeth.

GEOGRAPHY LOCAL WALK

Last half term Year 1 were learning about their local environment in their Geography lessons. The children carried out a learning walk around



Clapton to look at the physical and man-made features. They spotted lots of man-made features such as roads, shops and homes.

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As part of their 'lessons in loaf' session the children in Year 2 ground wheat from our school garden into flour. Then they each made a loaf of bread, baked it and then took it home to share with family and friends. Soon the children will be sowing the next crop of wheat!

8:55

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM AND LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE ON TIME!**

POP ART

Last half term Year 5 were learning about Pop-art within their Art lessons. Pop-art is a style of modern art that emerged in the mid 20th century. The children learnt about the artist Andy Warhol who was famous for creating art with every day objects such as soup cans before having a go at marking their own art.



WEAVING

Year 6 were learning about textiles and tapestries before the holiday. They linked their learning I Art to their topic learning and made tapestries with eco messages on them. The children had to use a variety of skills including weaving in straight and curved lines to create different finishes.



SPRING TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

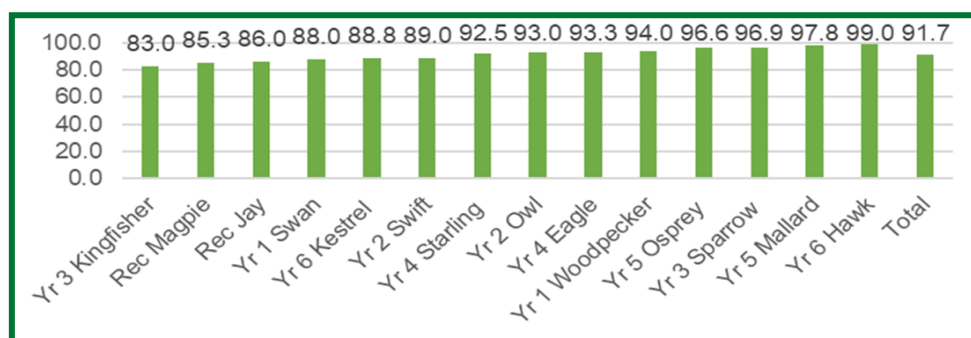
Our parent coffee morning sessions are held in the lower hall at 9.15am each Friday. Please do come and join us, even if you can't stay for the whole session. Tea, Coffee and biscuits are provided.

Date	Focus
Friday 14 th January	Writing: How can I engage my child to write creatively at home?
Friday 21 st January	Music: What does the music curriculum look like at our school?
Friday 28 th January	Communications: How can I find my way around the school website?
Friday 4 th February	Wellbeing: What will my child learn during the Children's Mental Health Week?
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)

If you have a child in Nursery or Reception, you are welcome to join them for a parent reading session on Friday mornings. These sessions are very popular and the children really enjoy them. We recently celebrated our regular readers at a special termly assembly.

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **91.7%**. **Well done to Year 6 Hawk Class**, the weekly winners with **99.0%**



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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