



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 4th February 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots of exciting news and events to share with you from the last two weeks. Although reading, writing and counting will always be a central part of what we teach we are also keen that our pupils receive a wide and rich curriculum which inspires learning in other areas and teaches other life skills too. During Work Week, children found out about different aspects of the world of work. Some year groups found out what it's like to work in the community as a doctor or a fire fighter, while others were thinking about why people work at all – so they can earn money. The 'job' for all children was to find out as much as they could about the world of work. All children went on a visit related to their theme of the week or had a visitor from someone within their year group theme. Do look on our social media for news items!

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online' and the school has a spotlight day planned for Wednesday 9th February 2022.

We aim to change home reading books at least once a week (more often for younger children). Returning home readers to school will help us to do this and make sure that children have a wide selection of books to choose from. Please could you check at home for any school home reading books that have not been returned and pop them in your children's book bags or give them directly to any member of staff. As you know, children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables by the end of Year 4 and they benefit hugely from any help that you can give from home. We have given all children in Years 3 to 6 a password to access the online programme to help them learn their times tables called Times Table Rock Stars. Please encourage them to use this, as well as practise with you when you see the opportunity.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

WORK WEEK

As part of 'Work Week' children in Year 3 interviewed our school kitchen manager, Rachel. She explained what she does on a day-to-day basis; from ordering fresh vegetables every day



to how her and team plan and prepare the meals for all the children to eat at Southwold. The children learnt that being a school cook involves a lot of daily maths!

SCIENCE MUSEUM



Last week both Year 5 classes visited the Science Museum. Linked to their current 'Space' topic the children had the opportunity to visit the 'Exploring Space' gallery where they were amazed by all of the information to be found and to learn the history of Space!

ENTERPRISE FAYRE



Work Week culminated in our 'Enterprise Fayre' with each year group selling a product that they had made. Over the week children planned what they were going to sell and then used a variety of skills across lessons such as persuasive writing when making posters to advertise their product!

8:55

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM AND LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY. BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!

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PEOPLE WHO HELP US

Children in Early Years are learning about 'people who help us' this half term. Last week the children were focused on different transport vehicles that these people use.



The Reception classes went on a learning walk in the local area to see if they could spot some. The children were very lucky to see a variety of transport including: busses, a garbage truck, a builder's digger and a post person's cart!

SAFER CROSSING



A number of parents are currently petitioning to have a pedestrian crossing installed on Southwold Road. A crossing here

would provide a safe place to cross for families going to Millfields Park. Please show your support by completing the petition: <https://www.change.org/p/hackney-council-we-need-a-safe-crossing-from-millfields-park-to-southwold-primary>

COFFEE MORNINGS

Our coffee mornings take place each Friday at 9.15am in the Lower Hall. Please drop in for a coffee and a conversation!

Date	Focus
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)
Friday 25 th February	Family team building: What games can I play at home to develop resilience and confidence?
Friday 4 th March	Physical Education: How does sport benefit your child? How can you get involved with sports in school?
Friday 11 th March	Science: What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?
Friday 18 th March	Unconscious bias: How can I ensure I tackle unconscious bias in myself and others?
Friday 25 th March	Easter Holiday Activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 1 st April	Parent Coffee Morning & /Reading Celebration Event

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 **94.5%**.

Well done to Year 6 Hawk Class, the weekly winners with **100%**.

