



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 11th March 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents, children and staff who supported our World Book Day celebrations. We saw some fantastic book character costumes and the children took part in activities during the day to celebrate reading and share their favourite stories. Reading is not only important to learn new things and discover new ideas and ways of thinking but also to enjoy meeting new characters and travel without moving from your chair. We aim to ensure that all of our children are confident and fluent readers by the time they leave us so that they can fully access the secondary school curriculum. Although we teach reading skills at school, children need to also read regularly at home and we provide a wide range of home reading books for children to choose from. All of our home reading books are colour banded according to difficulty to make sure that children are accessing texts at the right level and continually improving their skills. Please help us with this by making sure that children read at home, ideally aloud with an adult or older brother or sister and that this is recorded in their home reading diaries. There are some tips for hearing children read and the kinds of questions that will help develop an better understanding of plot and character in the front of the diaries to help.

We are keen that all children have the opportunity to take part in weekly PE lessons and are also wearing the correct uniform for this. We have deliberately chosen a cheap and easy option for this with plain green shorts or black jogging bottoms (no logos please) and a plain white t shirt. If you are not sure which day is the PE day please check the year group newsletters on the website or ask the class teacher.

We know that you will all be shocked and upset by the dreadful situation in Ukraine at the moment. The older children have been talking about this in school and we are responding to their questions and worries in a sensitive and age appropriate way. There is a lot of information on social media, some of which is misleading and worrying for children so please do keep a watch on what they are able to see and access. If you would like any support with how to monitor your child's online activities and how to make sure they are safe online, please do let us know.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

ECO WORK



An Environmental Education Officer from Hackney Council came to help 'The Green Team' check to make sure everyone was putting waste into the correct bin. They sorted the items into food waste, recyclables and non-recyclables. They then weighed what they had found.

DEBATE MATE



The children enjoyed their virtual debate in the Urban Debate Mate League. They won their first debate as the Proposition team, which was a prepared motion 'all students should go to boarding school'. They also did well in their second debate which was 'parents evening should be banned!'

PERSONAL BEST



This half term Year 3 are taking part in 'Personal Best', which is a sports program that focuses on 24 specific, non-physical life skills such as self motivation, self discipline, cooperation, responsibility and communication. These skills are developed through physical activities.



REMEMBER SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM. PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS



Last Thursday Southwold celebrated 'World Book Day', which was again a huge success. With creative costumes from all year groups, pupils and staff really got into the spirit of the day. The peer reading afternoon enabled every child across the school to share their favourite book with a child from another class. In the afternoon classes took part in a teacher book dash where adults read their favourite text to a different class. The day culminated in a 'book swap' during which children could pass on a favourite book to one of their peers. A big thank you to everyone who dressed up on the day or came along and took part in the book swap!



COFFEE MORNINGS



Please see the list below of the rest of this terms coffee morning workshops and other key parent events. Our website and signs on the school gates will also announce up and coming events. Don't forget to check your child's book bag every day for information about events, class assemblies and trips!

Date	Focus
Friday 18 th March	Easter Holiday Activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 25 th March	Unconscious bias: How can I ensure I tackle unconscious bias in myself and others?
Friday 1 st April	Parent Coffee Morning & Reading Celebration Event

Key Dates

Spring Term 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 **96.1%**

Well done to Year 3 Sparrow Class, the weekly winners with 99.2%!

