



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 25th March 2022

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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

We hope that you were able to meet with your child's class teacher at parents evening yesterday and enjoyed looking through your child's books. If you were not able to attend, please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher, so that we can arrange a new meeting time for you. If you did not collect your child's termly report, this will be posted to you. Each child's report contains targets and areas to work on in the coming term. Please help us to help your child by encouraging them to learn their times tables (or if younger, counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10), practise spellings and read at home either with you, or on their own. Children achieve so much more if they are encouraged to learn these key skills at home as well as at school.

Last week we undertook our annual pupil survey which all children in Year 1 to 6 were asked to take part in. Children had the opportunity to share their opinions about learning, personal development, wellbeing and behaviour. We will be sharing the headlines of the survey in the new term.

The Spring Term ends at **2pm on Friday 1st April 2022** and children will have a two week break. We will be following our full timetable up to this point, with learning every day. Please help us make sure that children receive their full 189 days of schooling this year by not asking for absences outside of the holiday period. Year 6 pupils return on the mornings of 12th, 13th and 14th April 2022 for their special booster camp and we re-open to **all pupils** on **Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 8.55am**.

We will be setting holiday homework, including a research projects for the topics that classes will be studying in the Summer term after the Easter holidays. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about. When children are using the internet, either through phones, games or on a computer or tablet please make sure that you monitor and observe that this is being done safely. Whilst the internet is a wonderful resource it also holds risks to children. There are some very useful resources for parents about how to protect children from online dangers at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

DIGITAL LEADERS



Earlier this term our digital leaders gave an assembly to their peers on how to stay safe online. Some key things they shared with other children were: don't share personal information with other people, be careful who you chat to, don't share your passwords. And, if in doubt tell a known grown up who can help you!

APOLLO MUSIC



Each year pupils in Year 5 get to take part in the 'Apollo Music Project'. Children went to Shoreditch Town Hall to see the Apollo Chamber Orchestra perform. They played a variety of orchestral music and each section introduced their instruments. Children could ask questions to find out more about instruments.

FIELD WORK



This half term Year 1 are learning about 'Plants' in Science. Swan Class went on a nature walk this week to see plants and trees in their local environment. The children spotted different types of plants including deciduous trees and evergreen trees. Next time you are in the park, see which plants and trees you can spot!



SPRING TERM ENDS ON FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 2022 AT 2PM

SUMMER TERM STARTS: TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2022 AT 8:55AM



IT'S A BUG'S LIFE



This week Year 4 had the opportunity to look for and study 'mini-beasts' in the school garden during their gardening lesson. The children safely captured a range of different invertebrates such as worms, wood lice, ladybirds, ants and slugs, observing their behaviour and analysing them under magnifying glasses. They were very excited to be in contact with these tiny life forms and later drew them and wrote about what they observed to consolidate their knowledge. A nice time with bugs in the sun!



COFFEE MORNINGS AND EVENTS

We have lined up new coffee morning themes for the Summer Term. These run in Raven Room at 9:15am on Friday mornings. We hope that you can make time to drop in and join us. Tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided!

Date	Focus
Friday 22 nd April	Earth Day: How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?
Friday 29 th April	PSHCE: How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families Week)
Wednesday 4 th May	EYFS SALT: How can I support my child's communication skills?
Friday 6 th May	Humanities: What key themes taught and revisited throughout the Humanities curriculum?
Friday 13 th May	Reading: How do we teach comprehension skills?
Friday 20 th May	Science: How best can I support my child to develop their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

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 **96%**

Well done to **Magpie Class**, the weekly winners with **100%**

