



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 22nd April 2022

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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

It has been a busy week since we returned from the Easter break. This week classes across the school have celebrated the holiday homework projects which have been completed in preparation for new learning this half term. As part of our teaching pedagogy we regularly revisit prior learning in order to help children make connections and to know more and remember more over time, this includes reviewing the research children have done outside of school as well as revisiting learning covered in previous school years. Thank you for the time and support given to your child in undertaking the homework set!

Enrichment happens across the curriculum and provides opportunities to develop independent learning skills as well as celebrating specific curriculum focus areas. Next week we will be celebrating Families' Week and will be looking at the different types of family make up. We have linked the week with the key themes of love, respect, tolerance and belonging. In this week, we will be using some of the resources from Stonewall. Celebrating and acknowledging the different types of families is crucial to helping children develop empathy and value others. Later this term we will also be holding our Science Day, rescheduled from the Spring Term and in June our Keeping Healthy Week with a focus on physical and mental health.

Pupil voice is a key feature of our school and, as you have seen from previous newsletters, we think it is very important that children are given a platform to know how to raise their issues. A particular success has been joining up our pupil teams for meetings across our three school sites (and three Hackney post codes) including our School Councillors, Peer Mediators and Eco Team. Our Eco Team have recently hosted a sustainability event which 20 schools in Hackney attended. They were very impressed that Viridis Schools are the **ONLY** schools in Hackney to currently hold the Eco Schools Green Flag Award!

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

ECO-NEWS



Last half term we took part in The Great Big School Clean! The Eco-Team took to the streets with litter pickers and bin bags to ensure that our local area is kept clean. If every child in the UK pledged to pick up just one bag of litter we could remove 10.3 million bags of litter from our natural environment!

FOOD TECHNOLOGY



As part of their DT day last half term, Year 6 studied food technology. The children had to plan and then make a balanced meal using foods from all the different food groups. They then had to present their meals in creative and appetising ways so that potential customers might want it!

SCIENCE TRIP



As part of their 'Plants' topic in Science Year 1 went on a school trip to King Henry Walk Gardens. The children really enjoyed taking part in a workshop on 'How Plants Grow' which included digging up and exploring the roots of a plant, going on a plant hunt and planting seeds.



**WE ARE A SMART SCHOOL
BLACK SCHOOL SHOES NOT TRAINERS TO SCHOOL PLEASE!**



EASTER ACTIVITIES



In the last week of term we had a variety of activities to celebrate the Easter season. Many children took part in the annual 'Easter Bonnet' competition, with each child who made a bonnet receiving an egg. Children also gave each adult working in the school an egg, this is just a small way of thanking them for all the hard work that they do, day in and day out.



COFFEE MORNINGS AND EVENTS

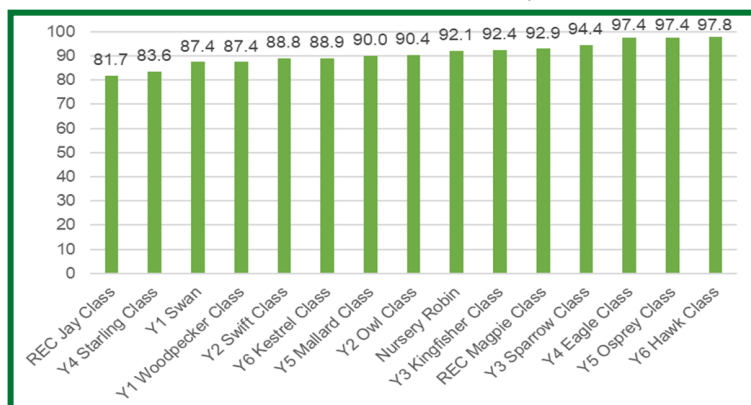
Coffee mornings run in the Lower Hall or Raven Room at 9:15am on Friday mornings. We hope that you can make time to drop in and join us.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are all provided!

Date	Focus
Friday 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)

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school attendance for last week was **91.0%**
Well done to Year 6 Hawk Class, the weekly winners with 97.8%



Key Dates

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

Autumn Term 2022

Staff Training Day: Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

Children's Start Date: Monday 5th September

Meet the Teacher: Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th September 2022

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day: Wednesday 28th September 2022

World Week & Democracy Day: Monday 17th October 2021 – Friday 21st October 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 24th October 2022 – Friday 28th October 2022

Children Start Date: Monday 31st October 2022

Parents Evening: Thursday 8th December 2022

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 16th December 2022 at 2pm

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