



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 20th May 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of our Year 5 pupils are looking forward to their trip to the Kench Hill activity centre in Kent next month. This will give them the opportunity to experience the great outdoors and try out new adventure activities. Year 6 will also be undertaking a residential experience at a PGL activity centre to make up for their missed experience last year due to COVID 19. We look forward to sharing news of their activities with you through regular noticeboard and website/Twitter updates as well as in the newsletter.

Making sure our school sites are safe and secure is a constant priority for us. The end of the school day is a very busy time when the school gates are necessarily open. We have members of the senior team stationed at exits but please make sure you keep young children with you incase they get lost on school grounds. Children should be collected from the line in the playground, letting the adults know that they have been collected. We also ask that you leave the school site promptly in order that school clubs can safely access the playground for their activities. We are fortunate that there are many public green spaces and parks near our school to enjoy the sunshine after school and continue socialising with other members of the community.

We still have spaces in Nursery from September 2022 for 3 and 4 year olds. Both part time or full-time applications are welcome and application forms can be collected from the school office. Many studies have shown that children who have the opportunity to attend nursery develop good communication and social skills shown through confidence, self-assurance and demonstrating good interpersonal skills!

All children will be set homework tasks and projects for half term which will commence on Monday 30th June 2022. Please support children with this by making sure that tasks are completed and children have the opportunity to read and talk about their learning at home. Knowing times tables is particularly helpful, along with telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks, counting money and of course sharing a book.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

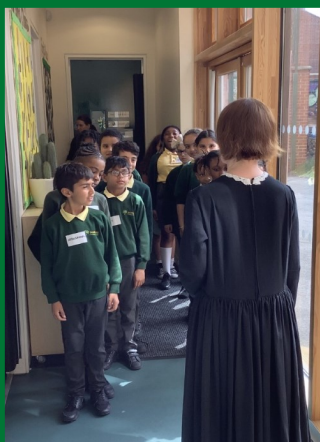
Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

WETLANDS TRIP



Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Walthamstow Wetlands where they were able to go on a mini-beast hunt! They learnt lots of fascinating information about different animals and their habitats. They even went on a nature walk and observed a range of animals in their different habitats.

VICTORIAN VISITOR



The children in Year 4 were visited by Miss Wilberforce, a teacher from Victorian England! She showed them the way in which Victorian children had to behave and conduct themselves in class, whilst also teaching Victorian style lessons in Maths, English and Science.

MOSQUE TRIP



Year 1 visited a mosque as part of their RE learning about 'Places of Worship'. The children were lucky enough to have a tour of the mosque and in doing so learned about some of the features. The children also learned about why Muslim people go to the Mosque to pray.



SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



DOWN ON THE FARM IN EYFS!



The children in Reception Jay and Magpie Classes enjoyed a trip to Brooks Farm in Leyton. The children learned about different types of animals which can be found both on the farm and in the wild, and about what they eat. The children had a chance to feed the animals and were especially excited when the little goats and sheep took food from their hands!

Last week the children in EYFS took delivery of eggs which they were eagerly watching until they hatch. Now that the chicks have hatched the children have been learning about how to look after them so that they grow big and strong before they leave Southwold to go and live on a farm. The children will also observe the changes as the chicks change from small hatchlings to fully grown chickens.



COFFEE MORNINGS

Date	Focus
Friday 27 th May	Maths: How can I support my child to learn times tables?
Friday 10 th June	Design Technology: What skills will my child be learning during DT Day?
Friday 17 th June	Literacy: What strategies can I use to help my child learn and apply their spellings including handwriting?
Friday 24 th June	Keeping Healthy: What does keeping healthy mean and what can we do at home to support this?
Friday 1 st July	Transitions: How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 8 th July	Summer Holiday activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 15 th July	Parent Reading Celebration Event for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

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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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
 Whole school attendance for last week was **95.8%**
 Well done to **Year 6 Hawk Class**, the weekly winners with **100%**

