



Southwold
Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 6th May 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we celebrated Families' Week and children learnt about the different family structures in our modern society. Children had the opportunity to discuss how some families have a mum and a dad, some live-in single parent families, some have foster parents, some live with their grandparents and some have same-sex parents. The focus of the week was to show the children that as long as the family environment is a loving one it does not matter how it is structured. A huge thank you to our wonderful community for attending the grandparent afternoon tea this Friday.

Next week Year 6 pupils undertake their important Key Stage 2 tests. Parents of Year 6 children can help during this week by making sure that children get a good sleep and that they get to school in good time. We are offering all Year 6 children a breakfast so that they can meet with their friends and relax before the tests start. They have worked hard to be ready and this is an opportunity to show all that they have learned during their primary education. Good luck and do your best Year 6! In the week before half term we also take the opportunity to undertake termly assessments of all children in Years 1 to 5 in reading, writing and maths to see the progress that has been made and organise any additional support that might be needed. You will receive an update on this in the termly report that you receive at parents evening in July.

As the weather warms up children take off their jumpers and they sometimes get lost or left behind. Whilst we cannot take responsibility for lost uniform we will always do our best to remind children to pick up their jumpers and to help find lost items. To support us in this please make sure that all uniform is labelled with both a first name and surname. Our schools continue to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. Please ensure that they are wearing the correct uniform including black shoes and by wearing trousers not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t-shirt and black shorts.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

INTO-UNIVERSITY



Last week Year 5 had workshops at Into-University. The children learnt about inspiring individuals who overcame the odds to achieve success, one such person being Mae Jemison who was first black woman to travel into space when she served aboard the space shuttle 'Endeavour'.

GROWING PROJECT



Year 3 are taking part in a gardening enterprise project, where the pupils learn how to grow food which they will then sell. The project will culminate in a pop-up stall at school at the end of the summer term. Meanwhile, the Green Team members will ensure that the plants are watered regularly.

DEBATE-MATE



On the 21st April our Debate-Mate team took part in the Debate-Mate Cup at Goldsmiths University. This was their first opportunity to debate face to face with other primary school children from around London. We were all a little nervous, but excited as well. The 2 teams and each team won 1 debate but unfortunately lost the other.

ECO-TEAM MEETING



This week children from Southwold took part in a remote Eco-School meeting with our other federation schools. The Year 6 Green Team spoke to the other schools about the work that we have been doing, sharing best practices and we also made plans for future projects. It was great to hear what the other schools have been up to.

EARTH DAY



The school has enjoyed celebrating Earth Day. The children took part in a variety of activities including a workshops and an assembly from a Visitor from Greenpeace. The Year 6 Green Team also presented an assembly for Key Stage 1. During the day children learnt the importance of looking after our planet and the steps that we can take to make simple changes.

COFFEE MORNINGS

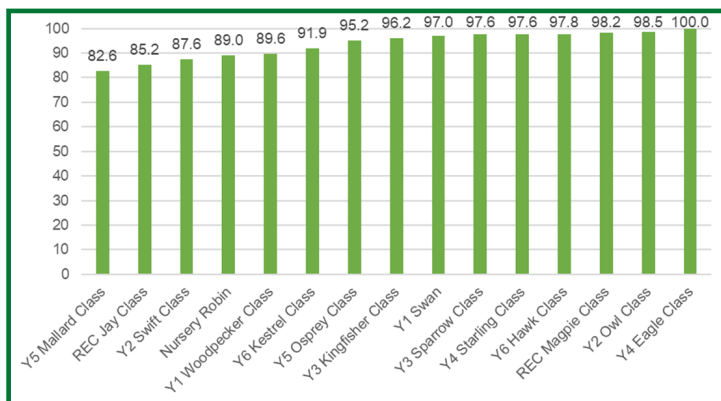
As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the hall on the ground floor at 9:15am.

Date	Focus
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)

We have a number of events lined up for later this term including a sports day, our Viridis Federation music concert at Hackney Round Chapel, class celebration assemblies and the Year 6 leavers production in the final week of term. Please look out for further announcements in this newsletter, on posters around the school as well as on our website and facebook/twitter.

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school attendance for last week was **93.8%**
Well done to Year 4 Eagle Class, the weekly winners with **100%**



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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