



**Southwold  
Primary School**

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 10th June 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed the half term break and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. We have a very busy schedule this half term including achievement assemblies, a music concert and productions. Key dates can be seen on the school website, on school gates and will be sent home separately with your child. The learning continues right up to the last day on Thursday 21st July and it is important that children attend every day until then. Children only have 189 school days this year and every one counts!

Sports Day is on Friday 1st July and we are hoping for good weather. On this day children need to bring their PE kits consisting of a plain white t shirt and black shorts/plain black jogging bottoms. This forms part of our keeping healthy week and during this week there will be a number of opportunities for children to take part in sports and activities as well as learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Please help us with this by making sure that packed lunches contain food which will help growing learners. We do not allow chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or crisps to be eaten in our lunch hall or playgrounds and encourage children to try out snacks such as carrot sticks and raisins which have less sugar and more vitamins.

Please make sure that you have made an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher for our Summer Term parents evening, which is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. You can book a time by either logging onto our booking system or by calling the school office. We encourage all parents to come and take advantage of this opportunity to talk about how your child has got on this year and find out what you can do to further support them at home.

Our school Governors held their termly meeting in the week before half term. They have agreed the Federation budget and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues such as recruitment. We hope that the Governors' newsletter sent out last term was useful in understanding more about who they are and what they do, there will be another newsletter later this term to update you.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## ECO NEWS

Last term some Key Stage 2 children took part in an anti-idling workshop where they learned about the importance of turning off the engine when you stop your car. The children made posters and a selection of those will appear on this banner which will be hung on the school gates as a reminder for parents not to idle in their cars.



This is also a good opportunity to remind families that Detmold Road is now a 'School Street', this means that it is closed to vehicles of non residents between 8:30am-9:15am and 3:15pm-4:00pm. Violation could result in a £120 fine!

## KAYAKING



Now that our children in Year 6 have finished their SATs they have started to enjoy their long list of post exam treats! The first activity that the Year 6 children got to take part in was kayaking. They learnt lots of new skills such as sitting up straight and using the forward stroke. The children had a great time!



**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.**



## SCIENCE DAY



As part of our recent Science Day the children in Year 1 Woodpecker completed a 'Dancing Raisins' experiment by putting raisins in to a glass full of fizzy drink and seeing what happened. They learnt that drinks with fizz or bubbles have carbon dioxide in which make the raisins move or appear to 'dance'.

## VISITING SCIENTIST



The children had assemblies led by an actual scientist! The children were able to learn about gravity hands-on by having a go on a hover board operated by a leaf blower! Gravity is a force that exists everywhere. It pulls all things with mass toward one another. We experience gravity by being pulled down to the earth's surface!

## 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 on the ground floor at 9:15am.

Date	Focus
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Literacy:</b> What strategies can I use to help my child learn and apply their spellings including handwriting?
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Keeping Healthy:</b> What does keeping healthy mean and what can we do at home to support this?
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Transitions:</b> How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Summer Holiday activities:</b> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Parent Reading Celebration Event for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2</b>

## 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 **95.4%**

**Well done to Year 5 Mallard Class, the weekly winners with 100%**

