



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

18th November 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will now have received the curriculum newsletter for the second half of the Autumn Term. These detail the learning for the year group including PE days. Physical Education (PE) is a statutory part of the curriculum and essential for both physical and mental well-being. Please ensure your child has their full kit each week to enable them to access the learning comfortably and safely.

As we move towards the month of December, we have a range of seasonal events and concerts lined up. Please look out for posters and information on our website and school gates. Each year group will be performing a selection of themed songs at a sing-a-long to which parents are invited. Nursery and Reception classes will undertake a traditional performance which is always very popular so please make sure you arrive in good time. We will of course be teaching a full timetable until the holidays to ensure no day is wasted and children are expected to attend school every day until we break up on Friday 16th December 2022 at 2pm.

Keeping safe is a theme which is constant in our curriculum, including staying safe online and knowing to speak up if there is something which is worrying or seems wrong. Online safety is something which many parents are concerned about. One of the best ways to help young people stay safe online is to talk to them about what they do. If you understand the situations they encounter you will be better placed to offer them advice on how to deal with them. There is some useful information to be found at saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers as well as www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents which has a number of resources to help parents navigate their way around the benefits and risks of the ever-changing technological world.

Reception places are allocated in a cross-London scheme which is organised by our local authority, Hackney Education, not the school. If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2018 to 31st August 2019 then you will need to make an application for a Reception place regardless of whether your child attends our Nursery or has a sibling already in the school. Our Reception classes are very popular so do not miss the deadline for these applications which is Tuesday 15th January 2023. You can access more information at <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/primary-before-you-apply?guidebook=188>.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Rachael Carr - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher



CHILDREN MUST COME TO SCHOOL IN FULL UNIFORM AND SMART BLACK SHOES!



SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM AND LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY. BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!

Hold and Cold Environments

To support EYFS' half-term topic of Hot and Cold, the children were visited by a member of Greenpeace who explained the impact of climate change on cold environments such as Antarctica. The children especially enjoyed being polar bears and jumping onto the icebergs before they melted.



2D and 3D Shapes

Year 1 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have memorised the different names and shape properties, which has allowed them to be able to sort them into different groups, based on the differences and similarities they share with other shapes.



Scientists for a Day

Year 3 had an amazing time at the Science Museum, where they had the opportunity to think like scientists during their immersive Wonderlab experience. They further explored the true beauty of science in additional workshops, allowing them to analyse how it shapes our everyday lives.



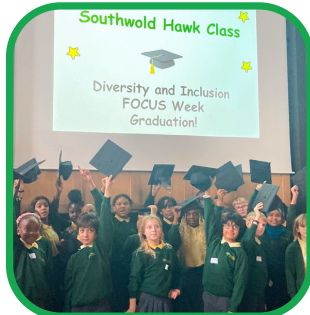
EYFS Remembrance Day

To commemorate Remembrance Day, Nursery class participated in a range of activities such as attending a special assembly, making poppies from the arts and crafts resources in their classroom and taking part in a two-minute silence as a sign of remembrance and respect.



IntoUniversity Experience

Year 6 had a wonderful week at IntoUniversity, learning about famous historic figures and visiting the British Museum to analyse a range of artefacts. They finished a week with a trip to Cambridge University, where they were taken on a tour of some of the buildings and had lunch in the college hall before their graduation ceremony.



Key Dates

AUTUMN (2) 2022

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 8th December

Last Day of Autumn Term:
Friday 16th December (SCHOOL CLOSSES 2PM)

Christmas Holiday:
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January 2023

Staff Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):
Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children's Start Date:
Wednesday 4th January 2023

SPRING TERM 2023

Staff Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):
Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children's Start Date:
Wednesday 4th January 2023

Work & Enterprise Week:
Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th January 2023

Safer Internet Day:
Thursday 9th February 2023

Half Term Holiday:
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

Children's Start Date:
Monday 20th February 2023

World Book Day:
Thursday 2nd March 2023

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 23rd March 2023

End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 31st March 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSSES at 2pm)

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Raven Room at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

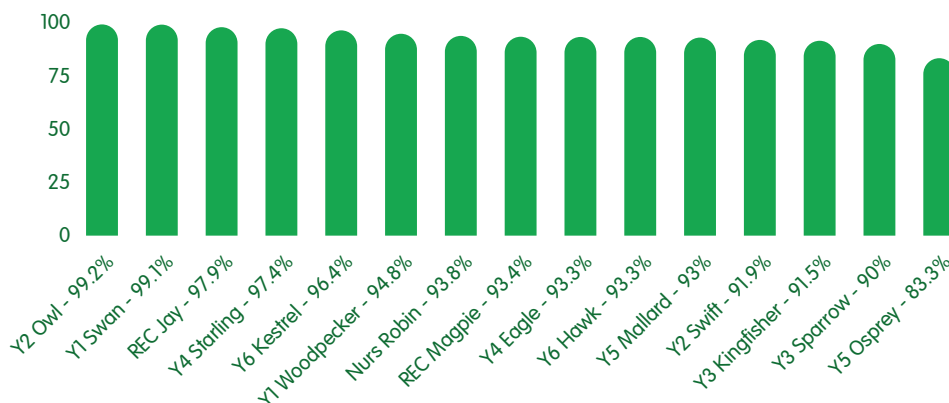
Date	Focus
Friday 25th November	<u>Wellbeing</u> : What does mental wellbeing mean and how do I speak to my child about this?
Friday 2nd December	<u>Eco</u> : How do we teach children about sustainability? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 9th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (children can attend this coffee morning)
EYFS Coffee Mornings	
Wednesday 23rd November	<u>Special Time Strategies</u> : How can I support my child with communication and language development?

Attendance

Regular attendance at school promotes pupils' well-being, maximises progress in learning and helps pupils reach their potential. We are very proud of the achievements and progress of our pupils and are passionate about a child's right to an education. Attendance for all children is monitored weekly with the school seeking to work in partnership with parents to achieve above 97%.

Whole school attendance for last week was 93.7%.

Well done to Year 2 Owl class, the weekly winners with 99.2%.



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