



Southwold Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for coming to meet with your child's class teacher last week. It is so important that children get to share their learning with you. If you were unable to attend and have not managed to meet the class teacher since then, please contact the school office so that they can make a new appointment for you. We hope also that the termly report which was sent home was helpful in knowing how best to support your child at home. Don't forget that we run a number of themed drop-in sessions for parents to support knowledge of learning in school. Events planned for the Spring Term can be found at the back of this newsletter.

Thank you to all parents who attended end of term events including the Winter Fayre and Sing Alongs. Our three-school choir has performed at various events including a Hackney wide celebration at the Town Hall. We are very proud of the commitment to music in our school and the many talented musicians we have. A huge thank you to our music teachers, Ms Isik and Ms Eskulics for their preparation and hard work. Instrumental lessons start again in the Spring Term and if you would like your child to gain from the many benefits of learning a musical instrument, please ask at our reception desk for an application form. Some lessons have a waiting list but learning an instrument not only brings a lot of pleasure, but it also helps develop concentration, listening skills, patience, social skills and memory. We subsidise all lessons with an even cheaper rate for those eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and loan instruments to allow practise at home.

Children will be starting new topics in the Spring Term and we have sent home homework packs and activities to help preparation. We have seen some fantastic research and creative homework projects made in previous holidays and hope that some time can be made during this holiday also. Events in the Spring Term include our Work and Enterprise week and Safer Internet Day, as well as lots of planting and sowing in our school garden, lots to look forward to!

With the cost of living continuing to rise, these are extremely difficult and uncertain times for everyone. Trying to get the correct information about which support and services are available to you and what you can access or are entitled to is not always straightforward; this can make the process very confusing. Please visit our website which holds information about local services and support available.

Thank you for your support this term, we wish you a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new year. Children return to school for the Spring Term on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 8.55am.

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

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



**THE SPRING TERM STARTS ON
WED 4TH JANUARY 2023 AT
8:55AM AND LEARNING
STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY.
**BE ON TIME
AT FIVE TO NINE!****

'Snowy Chums' Performance

The children in EYFS did an amazing job of confidently performing 'Snowy Chums' to parents and carers for their Christmas performance. They rehearsed every day in preparation for the show and everybody said their lines and sang the songs perfectly. Well done EYFS!



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday the 9th of December, we had our Christmas Jumper Day and a lovely Christmas lunch to celebrate the festive season. The children in Year 1 really did enjoy coming together to pull some Christmas crackers with their peers, and to enjoy a wonderful Christmas themed lunch.



The Hackney Museum Trip

Year 5 visited The Hackney Museum, linked to their topic of 'Changes in Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century'. They learnt about the stories of people who have migrated to Hackney at different points in time, and also enjoyed being detectives by analysing objects as clues to figuring out the people's stories.



Core Value Award Winners

Each term, members of staff vote for children who have demonstrated the core values of friendship, kindness, empathy and respect. Congratulations and well done to all of our Value Award winners across the school. You will find their trophies in our trophy cabinet in the school office!



Christmas Crafts Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the family members who joined us at our very busy Christmas crafts coffee morning! A big thank you to our Learning Mentor, Ms Stacey as well for organising a wonderful festive event for our community. We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Spring Term sessions.



Key Dates

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 CLOSING 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.

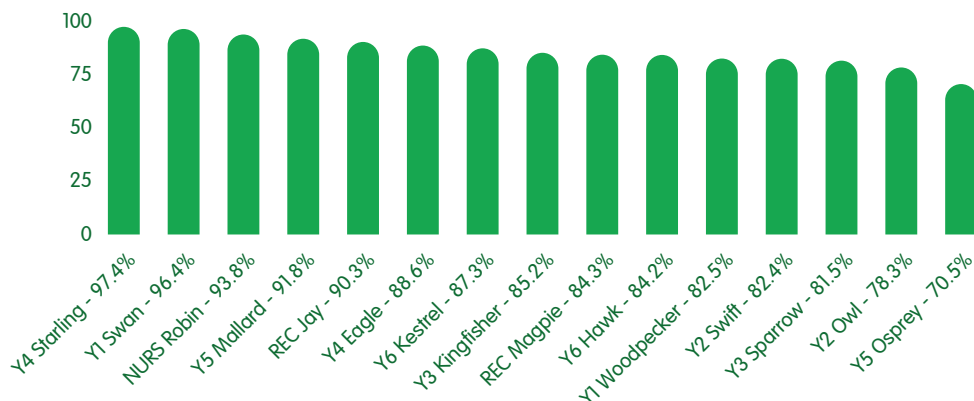
Date	Focus
Friday 6th January	<u>Maths</u> : How can I support my child with their Maths homework?
Friday 13th January	<u>Writing</u> : What can I do at home to help my child develop their writing?
Friday 20th January	<u>Music</u> : What does the music curriculum look like at our school?
Friday 27th January	<u>MFL</u> : What do children learn in Spanish and how can language learning be supported at home?
Friday 3rd February	<u>Physical Education</u> : What do the opportunities for Physical Education look like throughout my child's time at school?
Friday 10th February	<u>ICT</u> : What are children expected to know in ICT?
EYFS Parent/Carer Workshops	
Date	Focus
Wednesday 25th January	<u>Speech and Language</u> : How can I use stories to support my child's language?

Attendance

As a school we take punctuality very seriously and we are proud that our children are at school and in their class lines at 8.55am. This means children have a settled and uninterrupted transition into the school, and teachers are able to ensure the day starts promptly. Thank you for your continued support!

Whole school attendance for last week was 85.8%.

Well done to Year 4 Starling class, the weekly winners with 97.4%.



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