



# Southwold Primary School

## HIGHLIGHTS

31st March 2023

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance at school continues to be a national focus, a Hackney focus and a focus for our schools. Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is the understanding that pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. A big thank you to all parents who are supporting children to attend school every day and are punctual each morning. This has a positive impact on confidence, engagement in learning and progress. Top tips shared by parents to help children take responsibility for good timekeeping include giving children their own alarm clock, having a set morning routine and preparing things needed for the next day the night before.

Our coffee mornings have been well attended this term and on the back of this newsletter are the dates and themes of the first half of the Summer Term coffee morning sessions for parents. The second half of the Summer Term will include a trial of a class-based coffee morning as feedback from parents has suggested that the most enjoyable content is when children participate too. Themes for coffee mornings are based on your feedback and those that will support home learning.

Physical Education is a requirement for all children and they should have the correct PE kit to participate safely. We have deliberately chosen a cheap and easy option for this with plain black shorts or black jogging bottoms (no logos please) and a plain white t-shirt. If you are not sure which day is the PE day please check the year group newsletters sent home this week. Managing a PE kit has the additional benefit of teaching children organisational skills which become more and more necessary as children get older.

Spring term ends today, Friday 31st March 2023. We have set holiday homework projects including research projects for the topics classes will be studying in the first half of the Summer term. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about and, of course, continue to encourage them to read, write and count every day.

When children are using the internet, either through phones, games or on a computer or tablet please make sure that you monitor and observe that this is being done safely. Whilst the internet is a wonderful resource it also holds risks to children. There are some very useful resources for parents about how to protect children from online dangers at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

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### Reminder

**Our parent comment box is located in the main office and we welcome suggestions and ideas from our school community. If there is something you would like us to consider, please fill in the parent comment slip and post it in the box!**

**Spring term ends on  
FRIDAY 31st March 2023.  
Summer term begins on  
MONDAY 17th APRIL 2023  
at 8.55am for all pupils.**

### Jack and the Beanstalk

To support their literacy learning, the children in EYFS have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. They have planted and watered their own bean to help it grow. They have also made their own version of the giant's castle in the clouds using their art table.



### Primary Colours and Portraits

Year 1 have been busy finishing their self-portraits. To create realistic skin tones, they have mixed a range of primary colours to paint their primary layer before moving on to create tints of primary colours to paint the facial features.



### Studying Earthquakes

Year 3 enjoyed learning more about earthquakes at the Natural History Museum. They explored why earthquakes happen, how they are measured and the damage they can cause. They also had the opportunity to experience what an earthquake feels like in the simulator.



## Cycling League Winners

Well done to our cyclists who took home bronze and gold at the Young Hackney Primary School Cycling League Race Day 7. The event took place at Lee Valley VeloPark against other schools in the borough.



## Eco-Schools Cross Site Visit

Our Eco Team enjoyed their Federation best practice visit at Orchard Primary School. They shared ideas of future projects and had fun hearing what the other schools were up to, in preparation for their Green Flag award renewal.



## Key Dates

### SUMMER TERM (1) 2023

Earth Day:  
Friday 21st April 2023 (Children can wear the colours green and blue)

Families Week:  
Monday 24th April - Friday 28th April 2023

Bring a Significant Female to School Day:  
Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 8:55am to 10:00am

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (1):  
Thursday 27th April 2023 from 2pm onwards

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (2):  
Friday 28th April 2023 from 2pm onwards

Early May Bank Holiday:  
Monday 1st May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

King's Coronation Bank Holiday:  
Monday 8th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Class Photos:  
Friday 5th May 2023

KS1 SATs:  
May 2023

KS2 SATs (Year 6 only):  
Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May 2023

Science & Technology Day / Science Fayre:  
Thursday 25th May 2023

INSET DAY:  
Friday 26th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

May Half Term Break:  
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

### Friends of Southwold (FOS) Events

Event Planning Meeting:  
Friday 21st April 2023 at 10:00am - Raven Room

Event Planning Meeting:  
Friday 12th May 2023 at 2:00pm - Raven Room

Bake Sale:  
Friday 12th May 2023 at 3:30pm to 4:00pm - Playground

Family Quiz:  
Thursday 18th May 2023 at 3:30pm - 4:45pm - Middle Hall

## 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.

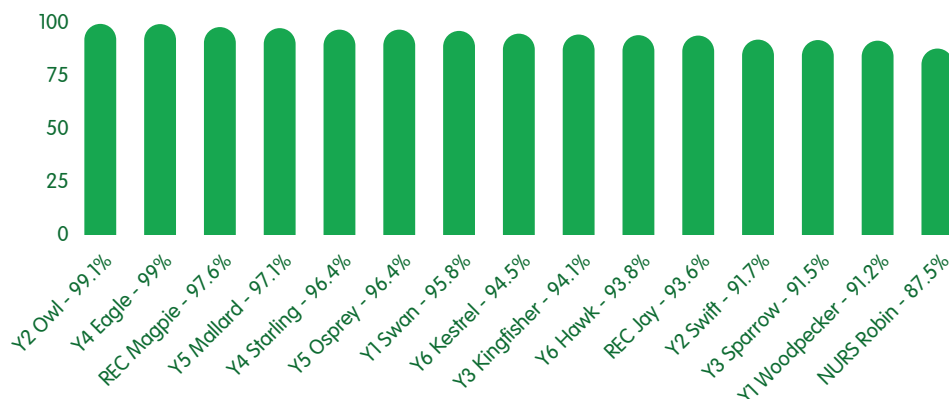
Date	Focus
Friday 21st April	<u>Earth Day</u> : How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?
Friday 28th April	<u>PSHCE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families Week)
Friday 5th May	<u>Humanities</u> : How can I encourage my child to ask questions about the world around them?
Friday 12th May	<u>Reading</u> : How do we develop children's understanding of what they are reading?
Friday 19th May	<u>Art</u> : What artistic skills does my child develop in school? (children can attend this coffee morning)
<b>EYFS Coffee Mornings</b>	
Wednesday 3rd May	<u>Speech and Language</u> : Using technology to support language development

## Attendance

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school every day makes a real difference!

The whole school attendance for the last week was 94.4%.

Well done to Year 2 Owl class, the weekly winner with 99.1%.



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