

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for making appointments to meet with teachers during parents evening. We hope that you had a good opportunity to look at books and talk about what children have been learning. If you were not able to come, please make an appointment to meet early next term by calling the school office or by catching the teacher in the playground. We hope that your child's termly report and termly targets are useful to you in knowing how you can support further from home. These will be posted home if you were not able to attend and collect yours in person.

We have set holiday homework projects in all year groups, so that children can prepare for their next curriculum themes. We have seen some fantastic projects coming back into school over the last few terms and look forward to celebrating these. Please make sure that tasks, projects and reading are completed during the break so that children are prepared when they return. Don't forget also that children in Years 3-6 can log into Times Tables Rock Stars from home and practise their times tables.

As always there are many exciting activities and events lined up for the Summer term, with families week, keeping healthy week including sports day, a visit from our Spanish partner school, celebration assemblies, residential journeys and trips all planned. We have also planned a series of workshops and coffee mornings of which are open to all parents to attend. The themes and dates for these are listed on the back of this newsletter.

We look forward to sharing more news with you in the Summer term, but in the meantime, enjoy a fantastic Easter break.

Best Wishes

Ms Rachel Davie
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY DAY

The children really enjoyed Design Technology Day. Across the school each year group undertook a different study focus including mechanisms, structures and food technology. The children applied the investigate, design, make and evaluate process. In the afternoon we were joined by a number of parents who gave up their time to support the children in their learning. Thank you so much to those that joined us!



SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT

The School Council representatives visited Southwold last week as part of their second Federation visit. The children visited classrooms to see the learning environments and work outcomes and then discussed cross site projects including a debate competition for the Summer Term!



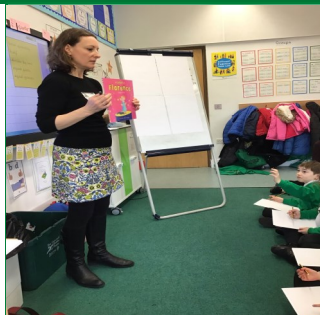
PEDDLE MY WHEELS

Last week Orchard hosted the Peddle My Wheels bike market. The event ran all day and a range of bikes were brought, sold and exchanged with many members of our local community stopping by.



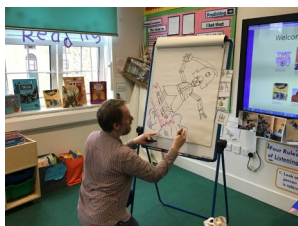
ENJOY THE EASTER BREAK!
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

POP-UP READING FESTIVAL



During the Pop-Up reading festival each class was visited by a published author. The authors included Claire Alexander and David Lucas. The authors shared how they turned their ideas into books. Children have studied their Pop-Up author and written a story

based on their work. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about them and have been inspired to find out more about their other favourite authors!



EASTER BONNETS

Thank you to everyone for the fantastic family efforts resulting in a wonderful range of Easter bonnets this year. The School Council were on hand to give out prizes and judge the winner. It was great to see so many of



you in attendance at our parades to celebrate alongside the children. The money raised is going to the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. We would like to thank Mrs Godley for her kind donation of the prizes for all who participated and we wish her luck in her upcoming marathon run!

SUMMER TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

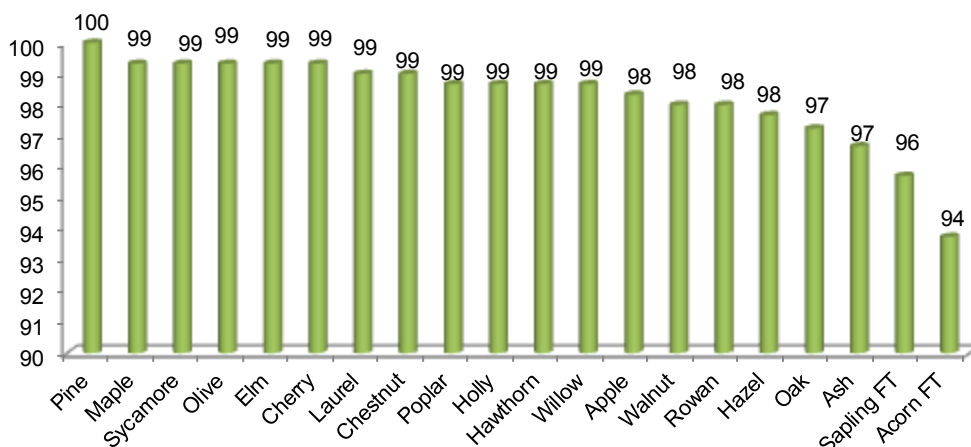
As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexi Space at 9:15am.

Date	Focus
Friday 26 th April	PSHCE: How we prepare children for the wider world and what it means to be a Stonewall school
Friday 3 rd May	Anti-bullying: Supporting and understanding social development in pupils
Friday 10 th May	Homework Support: Make a reward chart and develop strategies to manage and support at home
Friday 17 th May	Reading: How to support and engage reluctant readers
Friday 24 th May	Maths: How to access online Maths learning platforms (Mathletics and Timestables Rockstars)
Friday 5 th June	Speech and Language: How to use technology to support communication and language
Friday 14 th June	Safer Community: Including preventing gang violence
Friday 21 st June	Handwriting and Spellings: Strategies to support your child's handwriting and spelling
Friday 28 th June	No Coffee Morning – Sports Day
Friday 5 th July	Geography: Develop enquiry skills and learn how to be a geographer in the local area

ATTENDANCE

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **97.8%**

Well done to Pine Class, the weekly winners with 100%



Key dates

Summer Term 2019

Start Date:

Tuesday 23rd April

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 27th May (Bank Holiday) to Friday 31st May

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):

Starts Monday 24th June

Parents Evening:

Thursday 4th July

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 19th July at 2pm

Autumn Term 2019

Start Date:

Wednesday 4th September

Half Term Holiday: Monday 21st to Friday 25th October

Children Start Date: Monday 28th October

Parents Evening: Thursday 28th November

End of Term Finish Date:

Thursday 19th December

Spring Term 2020

Start Date:

Monday 6th January 2019

Work & Enterprise Week: Week beginning 20th January

Half Term Holiday: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Staff Training Day:

Monday 24th February

Parents Evening:

Thursday 26th March

Finish Date:

Friday 3rd April at 2pm

See our website for up to date events.

You can also follow us on Facebook & Twitter!

