



**Southwold
Primary School**

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 8th October 2021

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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

Thank you to all of the dads, uncles, granddads and significant male family members who came to spend a morning in school. We had an amazing 141 family members attending. The children were very proud to show off their learning and the feedback was very positive.

Reading at home is very important and we regularly restock our home reading books to make sure that there is good choice for children. Please help us to stock enough books in the school by making sure that home readers are returned and by looking under beds, sofas and in bedrooms to check that none are left behind. After the half term holiday we will be restarting our Friday morning 'stay and read' sessions for Nursery and Reception Classes. Look out for more information about this in the coming weeks.

Next week we are celebrating World Week with a range of activities for children on the theme of 'movement'. Children will explore the causes and consequences of human movement around the planet and make links to themselves and their families. At a time where movement around the globe has been greatly limited, resulting in, for many, challenges and separation, the week will celebrate how movement of people has allowed the school community to be as rich and diverse as it is today. We will also be undertaking Democracy Day during this week and children will elect new school council representatives. Children's work from World Week will be displayed during our International Evening which takes place in the **playground** from **3:30pm on Wednesday 13th October**. Please come and join us!

If you are a Hackney resident and your child is in Year 6, born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, please apply for a secondary school place by 31st October 2021. To ensure that your child gets a Secondary place make sure you don't miss the deadline. Please ask at the school office if you require further information or support with the application.

Thank you for your on-going support!

Mr Stephen O'Brien
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 2 SCIENCE



This half term Year 2 are learning about electricity in their science lessons. The children worked in pairs this week to make their own circuits. Through trial and error they explored what they had to do to make sure that the circuit worked so that the bulbs lit up.

YEAR 3 CHESS



Each academic year, our Year 3 pupils participate in weekly chess sessions. The children have been learning the basic rules of chess. They were introduced to the different chess pieces and learned how to set up their board. They will now develop their strategy skills.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING



Children in Year 4 have started their weekly swimming lessons. The children really enjoyed their first lesson during which they learned to tread water in the shallow end of the pool. By the end of the year all children in Year 4 should be able to swim 25 meters by independently!



**WE ASK CHILDREN TO READ AT HOME EVERY NIGHT.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK AND SIGN THEIR HOME SCHOOL DIARIES.**

BRING A SIGNIFICANT MALE GALLERY



PUPIL VOICE FAYRE



Last week Southwold hosted the annual pupil voice fair to explore the responsibilities children might like to lead on this year. Children visited different stalls in the hall to talk to the current pupil voice leaders and to learn more about what they would have to do if they took on a role. At Southwold there are a range of different responsibilities for children to undertake including: school councillors, class councillors, digital leaders, sports ambassadors, head gardeners, peer mediators, junior road safety officers, language captains, and art ambassadors to name a few!



PARENT DATES

We have organised a series of drop in sessions for parents based around curriculum, safety, wellbeing and relationships. They run from **9:15am** on Friday mornings and are open to all. Coffee mornings are a great opportunity to meet other parents and school staff, as well as an opportunity to understand how we approach learning with children in school.

Date	Focus
Friday 15 th October	Spelling and Vocabulary: How do I help my child to learn their spellings and learn new words?
Friday 22 nd October	Science: What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?
Friday 5 th November	Phonics and handwriting: How can I help my child to learn to read? How can improve my child's handwriting?
Friday 12 th November	Wellbeing: What does mental wellbeing mean and how do I speak to my child about this?
Friday 19 th November	Art: How do I find inspiration for creative art projects at home on a budget?
Friday 26 th November	ICT: What apps does my child use in school?
Friday 3 rd December	Christmas Holiday Activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Training Days:

Wednesday 1st, Thursday
2nd and Friday 3rd
September 2021

Children's Start Date:

Monday 6th September 2021

Meet the Teacher: Monday

13th, Tuesday 14th and
Thursday 16th September
2021

Bring a Dad/Significant Male

to School Day: Wednesday
29th September 2021

World Week & Democracy

Day: Monday 11th October
2021 – Friday 15th October
2021

Half Term Holiday: Monday

25th October 2021 - Friday
29th October 2021

Children Start Date: Monday

1st November 2021

Parents Evening: Thursday

9th December 2021

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 17th December 2021 at
2pm

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school
everyday makes a
real difference!
Whole school
attendance for last
week was **96.1%**
Well done to
Magpie Class, the
weekly winners with
99.1%.

