

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of an exciting new school year. I hope that you have had a happy holiday. It has been lovely to see our pupils return to school. A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families, we hope that they all settle quickly into school life and enjoy their time at Southwold.

Please remember that the school day **starts at 8.45am** and **finishes at 3:15pm**; ensure that your child is brought to and collected on time. Please remember Reception and Nursery children remain on a reduced timetable for the rest of this week.

Bank Holiday - The Queen's Funeral

We, along with the nation have been saddened to hear of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts are with Her Majesty's family. She was an inspiration to many and we held a special assembly last week in her memory. We have been informed that The Queen's funeral will be held on **Monday 19th September**. This has been declared as a Bank Holiday, thus school will be closed to enable the nation to pay their respects.

Premises works over the holidays

The premises work has been successfully completed over the holidays. Asbestos has been removed from areas of the school. I would like to thank Mr Williams (Site Manager) for overseeing the works and ensuring that they were completed on time. He has worked incredibly hard to ensure that the school re-opened on time. A huge thank you also to the teaching staff; they have also worked extremely hard to ensure that your child's classrooms were ready to welcome them back for the start of the year.

Our Early Years setting has now relocated into the old hub. The Early Years staff have created an exciting and engaging environment for our children to start their education. Again, a huge thank you to the team, who have worked tirelessly, to create an amazing environment for children to learn and develop.

Southwold's Core Values

Throughout the academic year, we will focus on the development of our school's Core Values. These are Aspirations, Collaboration, Perseverance, Creativity, Exploration and Respect. Each one is a very important part of school life and our pupil's personal development. We will start the term with **Respect**. Pupils will be awarded additional Class Dojo points for displaying Respect in school.

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School Uniform:

Parents/carers are reminded that pupils must wear the correct school uniform and PE kit. (See school website and parent handbook) The weather is very unpredictable at present; please send an outdoor coat in case of rain and suitable school shoes.

PE days:

After the success of the children wearing full PE kit on the day they have PE at school we have decided to keep this system in place. Please can we remind you that PE kit is a white T-shirt, black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms in cold weather and black trainers.

Jewellery

Children may wear one pair of stud earrings only. For Health and Safety reasons, hoops/dangling earrings, necklaces, bracelets are not permitted. Please do not send your child wearing these items to school. If so, we will ask your child to remove them and return at the end of the day.

Addresses/Telephone Numbers

Please remember to inform the school office if you have changed your address and/or phone number (including mobiles).

Inhalers/EpiPen's

If your child uses an inhaler or EpiPen, please ensure that they have brought it to school. Any prescribed medicines must be taken to the school office and relevant forms completed.

Absence/Holidays

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school office. May I remind you that holidays should not be taken during term time.

A reminder of this year's INSET DAYS/School closures:

- Monday 19th September 2022 (additional Bank Holiday)
- Monday 26th September 2022
- Friday 14th October 2022
- Friday 30th June 2023
- Friday 28th July 2023

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

All of the staff at Southwold and I, wish everyone a happy and successful new school year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Salmeron

Head Teacher

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