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Dear Parent/Carers,

We have enjoyed a wonderful end to the term. On Tuesday, we celebrated the achievements of our pupils for their achievement, behaviour and kindness. What a true delight to listen to the positive comments shared by their teachers. We are so proud of the school's core values that were displayed in so many different parts of school life. Well done, we are incredibly proud of you.

EYFS children took their teddy bear to the visiting Teddy Bear Hospital. They took part in different activities such as talking about healthy food, the skeleton of our bears and ourselves, drawing emotions of how our bear might be feeling. They also put their bears through an X-ray and making them feel better with plasters.

Year 1 and 2 children visited Nottingham Castle to learn about the history of Nottingham and Robin Hood. They enjoyed handling artefacts and travelling and exploring the grounds and interactive learning stations. Year 3 and 4 children visited Westfield Museum in Sheffield. They learnt about Ancient Egypt, observed real artefacts and learnt about the people who were buried in the sarcophagus'. They were told that experts find this information from the hieroglyphs they were decorated with. Pupils also learnt about the mummification process and made their own artefacts from modelling clay. Year 5 and 6 children visited Cadbury's World to support their learning about Ancient Maya, the origins of chocolate over the centuries. Children discovered how bitter cocoa was slowly turned into the milk chocolate that we love these days. Obviously, lots of sampling of different chocolate was required!

Year 4 took part in the Great Orchestra performance at the Royal Albert Hall. They displayed great musical talent as part of a massed orchestra. Year 6 enjoyed their Forest School sessions with Miss Turner-Jones. They enjoyed a range of activities such as den-building, cloud hunting and making bows and arrows. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 developed their knowledge of history and geography through drama as part of the Creative Collaborative project. Pupils showed great collaboration, creativity and perseverance as they re-enacted parts of history.

Children throughout the school took part in British Science Week and completed activities linked to the theme of time. Our children and parents enjoyed reading their favourite texts as part of World Book Day. Our Reading Rangers and Mrs Salmeron launched a story writing competition. Many children took part and 3 winners have been chosen. As part of our continued drive to promote reading for pleasure in school, Years 3 -6 were all ecstatic to receive a surprise book, chosen specially for them, as part of the National Literacy Trust Young Readers Programme. This was the first of three events, where the children will receive a free book to support reading for pleasure. Next time, it's their turn to choose. It's been joyful to see everyone enjoying their books around school and sharing them with each other. Southwold loves reading! The Library Book Bus visited school and all of our pupils enjoyed visiting the bus, listening to a story and buying a book with their family or class.

Our Green Team and Mrs Taylor, led the school in joining the Eat Them to Defeat Them national campaign. Our children tried different vegetables and fruits to improve their healthy food choices. This was a huge success and they enjoyed defeating the evil peas and many others! Our Community Rangers and Mr McArthur planned a range of fund raising activities for Red Nose Day. They raised over £200 for Comic Relief. Well done!

Our No Outsiders Team and Mrs Kerrison, used the school library to choose a book that promotes inclusion. They chose 'All Are Welcome' by Alexandra Penfold. In class, the No Outsiders encouraged their peers to create a character that has unique features like them and decorate their reading corner with a

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display of people – inspired by the cover of All Are Welcome. Classes also created a poster or letter for new children and visitors to their classroom, welcoming them and explaining what makes their classroom special. Our House Captains visited the Council House to attend Primary Parliament. The day focused on how to stay safe online. They learnt about 2 step verification, complex passwords, digital footprints, personal data and hacking both good and bad. Our House Captains are keen to share this information with others in school to help them stay safe online too.

Thank you to parents and carers for visiting their child's class teacher at Parents' Meetings. It was lovely to see you and for you to have the opportunity to look at child's learning and to discuss their progress.

Always Award

Pupils have been rewarded for their good behaviour with a visit from Jungle Joe. They were so excited to learn about a number of exotic animals, such as frogs, tarantulas, millipedes and many more. They asked sensible questions and demonstrated a strong knowledge of nature.

Attendance

Well done to all of our pupils who achieved 100% this term. We were delighted to award so many bronze and silver medals during Achievement Assembly. Well done to all of you. Please remember that we expect all pupils to reach a **minimum attendance target of 97%**.

School Uniform:

Wearing the correct school uniform continues to be an issue for some children. Please ensure that your child wears:

- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with or without school logo
- White blouse/white shirt/white polo shirt
- Grey school skirt/pinafore/grey uniform trousers
- Sensible **PLAIN black** shoes (wellies must be changed for school shoes)
- Grey/white/black socks or grey tights in winter

PE Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct PE uniform on their allocated day: plain blue/black shorts or jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt/white polo shirt, plain black plimsolls/trainers. It is a **health and safety issue** for pupils to not wear the correct footwear.

We have a selection of second hand school uniform items for sale in the school's reception. All items are £1. Please remember to label your child's clothing. If it lost then it can be returned to your child.

Please make a note of the following dates:

15.04.24	School re-opens for the summer term
28.06.24	INSET Day
04.07.24	Sports Day am
15.07.24	Career and Money Week
24.07.24	Last day of the summer term

As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Enjoy the Easter holiday and have a wonderful time with your friends and family. We very much look forward to seeing you in the Summer term!

Kind regards,

Mrs Salmeron
Head Teacher

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