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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the first half term, we can reflect on a positive and busy start to the academic year. Our pupils have worked hard to reflect our core values and positive school ethos.

Thank you and Farewell

Firstly, it is with great sadness that Miss Allen, will leave us today. We wish her every happiness in the new chapter of her journey and thank her for her dedication and commitment over the past few years.

Mr Campbell will also be leaving us at the end of this half term and we thank him for his support this term. We wish him for the all the best for the future.

Wider Opportunities

Our children have enjoyed many wider opportunities to support their learning journey and deepen their knowledge. Reception and Year 1 have enjoyed magical musical sessions as they travel around the world to learn songs from different cultures and learn to play the drums.

Year 3 and 4 visited Perlethorpe as they travelled back through history to Viking times and Year 5 and 6 Newark Air Museum to learn about aircraft that cover the history of aviation during World War Two.

EYFS and Year 6 have enjoyed Forest Schools this term; Year 4 and 5 swimming every Friday.

Year 6 have also enjoyed a week at Into University, during which they learnt about higher education and experienced 'University'. It was lovely to see so many parents attend and celebrate their Graduation.

PE Club

Children in Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed learning a new sport called 'Tri-Golf'. They showed great coordination and ball control as they mastered various skills. Our Year 5 and 6 Mini Progressive Sports Leaders have also enjoyed leading lunchtime sporting games, alongside our Sports Coach Mr Doyle. They have displayed strong leadership skills and are helping to promote pupil wellbeing and fitness.

World Mental Health Day - Workplace Mental Health

Mrs Stone and our Pupil Wellbeing Ambassadors brought a smile and feeling of immense joy and happiness to every member of staff at Southwold on 10.10.24. They presented everyone with a thank you card, treats and a personalised bookmark. This gesture made us all feel so proud and happy to be part of the Southwold team and local community.

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Harvest Festival

Thank you for your donations as part of our Harvest Festival celebration. Our Community Rangers will help to deliver the food to our local foodbank. Children have enjoyed learning and performing a Harvest Festival song during singing assembly.

Black History Month

The theme this year is 'Reclaiming Narratives'. Mrs Kerrison and Our No Outsiders Leadership team, chose books for their classes to read and activities to complete. All of our children enjoyed a Black History themed dance workshop, led by special guest author Bemba Akyeampong.

National Poetry Day

Local poet Manjit Shahota, shared his love of poetry during a special assembly to celebrate National Poetry Day. Manjit inspired children to perform their own poetry recitals. They spoke with clarity, confidence and displayed unique creativity. Children in Years 3-6, also participated in a National Literacy Trust Remembrance Day poetry workshop with poet Nikita Gill.

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, will not be authorised and be referred to the Local Authority.

Homework Books

A huge thank you for supporting your child with their home learning. The quality of and presentation of work being produced is amazing. Your support enables your child to make more progress in school and achieve greater outcomes. Reading daily is important and statistics prove that those who read, achieve higher outcomes at school. Please sign reading journals whenever your child reads to help them complete their reading bookmarks.

PE Uniform – Awesome Appearance

This term, wearing of the correct uniform has improved. Thank you – it really helps our children to instil pride and belonging to our school community.

This term, we have been monitoring PE uniform. Unfortunately, many pupils continue to wear inappropriate clothing and footwear. Reminder letters have been sent home if your child does not have the correct PE kit. If your child continues to wear incorrect clothing, they may not be permitted to take part in the lesson. All jewellery must be removed and hair tied back for health and safety. Children must wear plain black trainers and not their school shoes; plain black jogging bottoms/shorts, plain white/blue t-shirt – to enable them to perform movements etc. comfortably and safely. Striped/patterned items, flared leggings, football kits, logo items for example are not permitted.

Lost Property

Our school property bin is already full to the brim. Please claim any lost items by Thursday 16th October. Any unclaimed items will be disposed. Please ensure your child's name is written on labels so items can be returned if lost.

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

Be Ready: Please ensure that your child arrives on time. School gates open at 8:40am, classrooms at 8:45am. School gates close at 8:55am. Any arrivals after 9am are registered as late.

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Be Safe: To ensure all visitors on site are safe, please do not ride electric scooters/bikes, scooters/bikes once you arrive at the school gates. There have been many near misses, and we would like to avoid any accidents or serious injuries.

Core Values

Our Behaviour Policy, supports our core Values: Aspirations, Collaboration, Perseverance, Creativity, Exploration and Respect. Each one is a very important part of school life and our pupil's personal development. Next term we will focus on Creativity. Pupils will be recognised and rewarded with Dojo points for displaying our Core Values.

Diary Dates:

08.11.24	KS1 Perlethorpe Trip – Victorian Workshop
11.11.24	Parents Meetings'
13.11.24	Parents Meetings'
15.11.24	Children in Need (more information to follow)
10.12.24	Festive Songs from Around the World – School performance 3:45pm
11.12.24	Festive Songs from Around the World – School performance 2:15pm
11.12.24	Christmas Fair 3:20pm
12.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.24	Always Award
18.12.24	House Team Award
19.12.24	Year 5 and 6 Theatre Royal Pantomime trip
20.12.24	Last day of term

Please note the remaining INSET days for the academic year 2024-25:

Friday 27th June 2025

Friday 25th July 2025

We wish you a lovely half term break, with your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 4th November at 8:40am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Salmeron
Head Teacher