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Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy and exciting term we have had at Southwold Primary School! There have been so much to celebrate.

### Staffing Updates

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Bukhari, who will be leaving us to embark on the next phase of her career. We thank her for her commitment and contributions to our school community and wish her every success for the future. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Reader, who will be joining our EYFS team.

### Festive Fun!

Our *Festive Songs from Around the World* performance was a joy, with pupils singing beautifully from different cultures. The Christmas Fair was a huge success, raising over £650 for our school—thank you for your support!

### Enrichment Opportunities

Pupils have loved taking part in Archery, Glow Ball, drumming, dance and creative arts this term. These activities boost confidence, wellbeing and engagement, and ensures all pupils can access free activities. Pupils have also loved exploring and learning on their school trips this term, enhancing their learning and classroom experiences. Year 3 and 4 pupils – please sign up for new activities next term.

### Team Spirit!

Congratulations to our Southwold football team on a fantastic term! They are excellent role models on and off the pitch, displaying our core values in abundance. Next stop: Spring tournaments—we cannot wait to cheer them on!

### Parental Engagement

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for Class Project Exhibitions and Stay and Read events. Your support makes an enormous difference, helping pupils feel proud of their learning and encouraging a love of reading and creativity.

### Ready for Spring

**Parental Workshops** - Based on your feedback, we will be running workshops next term to help parents support learning at home and explore fun, hands-on activities with their children.

- **Stay and Play with Maths**

We are excited to invite parents and carers to our Stay and Play Maths workshops in the Spring term. These sessions are a great opportunity to explore fun, hands-on maths activities with your child and see how we make learning engaging in the classroom.

- **Parent Home Learning Support Workshops**

Parents will have the chance to explore online learning tools suited to their child's age, including TTRS, Purple Mash, Oxford Owl and much more.

- **E-Safety Workshop**

As part of E-Safety Week, we will be running a workshop for parents to provide tips and guidance on keeping children safe online. Further details and how to sign up will be shared soon.

### Be an Attendance Super H.E.R.O Here Everyday Ready on Time

Thank for ensuring that your child comes to school every day. This helps your child learn, achieve, build friendships, and take part in all activities.

# Southwold Newsletter

Did you know that missing just 10 days of school in a year can affect progress and attainment? Regular attendance supports progress, confidence, and future success—let us work together to keep attendance high!

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.

## Opal Play and Outdoor Clothing

We are excited to continue developing our Opal Play outdoor provision and would appreciate any donations of play equipment or resources to support our pupils' learning and fun. Please also send a pair of wellies and a warm, waterproof coat to stay in school so children can enjoy the grass and outdoor play safely, even in cold or wet weather.

## Core Values

Next term we will focus on Exploration. Exploration means encouraging curiosity and a love of learning. Pupils are supported to ask questions, try new experiences, and learn from their successes and mistakes.

## Homework

Thank you for supporting your child at home! Please complete weekly activities and read daily, signing reading journals. Home support helps pupils make better progress and achieve more.

## PE Uniform – Awesome Appearance

Well done to pupils who have been wearing the correct PE uniform! Next term, we will continue to monitor standards. Children must wear plain black trainers, black jogging bottoms/shorts, and a plain white/blue t-shirt. No jewellery, patterned items, flares, football kits or logos. Incorrect clothing may mean your child cannot take part. Please tie back hair for safety.

## 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.

## Diary Dates:

05.01	School re-opens
09.01	Class 3 and 4 trip to Weston Park Museum
18.01	Class 1 and 2 trip to Conquers
19.01	TTRS Battle
02.02	Story telling week
05.02	Year 5/6 Cadbury World trip
05.02	E-Safety Parent workshop 2pm
09.02	Children's Mental Health Week
10.02	E-safety Day
10.02	Class 3 and 4 Nottingham Library Visit am
11.02	Parent SEND meetings
11.02	Class 4,5 and 6 Spring School Disco
12.02	Class 1,2 and 3 Spring School Disco
13.02	Chinese New Year
13.02	Last Day of half term – school ends normal time of 3:15pm

We wish you a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8:40am.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Salmeron  
Head Teacher