

## Southwood Infant School

Southwood Infant School's biweekly publication for  
Parents, Teachers, Governors and Friends.

Dear Parents,

What a great start to the new half term we have had this week. There is certainly lots of enjoyment and excellence being demonstrated at Southwood. The children have all begun their new topics with great enthusiasm and excitement. They have already made moon buggies and our youngest children turned up for school today as Super Heroes!

The curriculum this half term has been designed around the following themes and further information and topic overviews are available on the school website. Thank you to the staff who have created a space station and superhero headquarters in our role play areas.

Year R – Superheroes

Year 1 and 2 – Out of this World



### Upcoming Events

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day  
FSIS Film night 4.30pm – 6pm

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Parent evening  
3.30 - 7pm

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Parent evening  
3.30 – 5pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
Mother's Day Assemblies

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
Yellow Class Assembly

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Mufti Day

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
Orange Class Assembly

## Design Technology

Year 1 and 2 have been making moon buggies this week as part of the Design Technology curriculum.

The children all learnt how to assemble wheels and axles for their space vehicles.



A lot of concentration was needed to measure and saw their wood accurately! What a fantastic effort. They all look amazing and actually work! We certainly have some budding engineers in our school.



## Super Hero Day!



All the Year R children and teachers looked amazing in their super hero outfits. I'm not sure who was more excited this morning!

The day began with some super hero training; jumps and flying were practiced.

Later on the children received a letter from the evil Mr P who had stolen Ted and Fish.

The children enjoyed a super hero hunt around the school and spotted poor Ted and Fish stuck up a tree and hidden in a bush! Luckily our super heroes came to the rescue this time.



## New Library Appeal

The library as it currently stands is poorly utilised with outdated shelving and resources. As such we have taken the decision to embark on a new and exciting project to transform the library into an outstanding environment where children can relax and explore books. Our plans include a front reception desk to welcome visitors and an attractive open plan library area at the front of our school which will include a focused teaching area for speech, language and emotional support work and an IT resource space. We hope this will completely transform our school, giving visitors a lovely first impression which says we are a place of learning and we place high importance on a love of books and reading.

Our vision for our new library will be launched in April when we will hold our first ever sponsored fun run. At this event we will showcase our plans for the library and kick-start our library appeal. We will be inviting parents to run with their children if they wish or why not just simply come along to cheer everyone on.

## FSIS Supporting Major School Projects

I hope you can all support FSIS with their up and coming fund raising events. The committee work really hard to put on fun events for the children and all volunteer their own time.

Look out for the following coming soon.

- Children's Film Night Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Mother's Day gifts
- Mufti Day Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Sponsored Easter Fun Run Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Family Fun Day and barbeque Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June



## Playground Squad Spring 2020

Congratulations to Jessica, Leela, Elsie, Eva, Michael, Cole, Ethan, Devon and Oberon who are this half term's playground squad and will help support our Golden Rules.

As monitors, buddies or organisers they will help all children to:

- Play sensibly, safely and have fun
- Share with other children and encourage new friendships
- Escort children to the medical room for first aid treatment
- Check out our buddy stops
- Learn new games and organise the play equipment
- Encourage sensible lining up and escort Year R back to class at the end of lunchtime



## Mufti Day

There will be a mufti day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for chocolates and bottles for the FSIS Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The children can wear casual clothes but please remember that they must be able to work as normal and be warm at playtime and lunchtime so clothing must be appropriate for this.

## World Book Day

World Book Day 2020 is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and we would love the children to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character** (not a TV/film character) and be ready to talk about who they are and why they chose that character. If they have the book to go with their character please can they bring that in too. Each class has chosen a book for the day and have planned special tasks around it based on drama, reading, writing and art work.

Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and booksellers, World Book Day, in partnership with schools all over the country, will be distributing more than 15 million £1 World Book Day book tokens to children. We will send these home on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### HOW TO USE YOUR £1 BOOK TOKEN

When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local book shop and swap it for one of the TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) World Book Day books!



Visit [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) for more information

Please see below the details of the World Book Day special menu on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The menu is based on one of the books available for children to buy under the World Book Day scheme – Supertato

### Supertato skins

Ham and cheese potato skins with baked beans or vegetable of your choice

### Evil Pea pasta

Pea pesto served with pasta in a white sauce accompanied with carrots and sweetcorn

### Dessert

Pineapple sponge and custard

## Homework Policy

Please note that we have updated our homework policy which is available on our website under the policies tab.

**In Year 1 and 2:** Children are expected to read at least 5 times per week for 15 minutes in addition to reading in school. They should spend some time each week learning their spellings. They will have an extended homework task on the first Monday of each month related to learning in school. There will also be additional activities when needed to reinforce and support their learning. This may be on an individual or class basis.

**In Reception:** Children are expected to read daily at home for 10 minutes in addition to reading regularly in school. They should also spend some time through the week learning their key words and phonics. On the first Monday of each month children will be given tasks related to their topic or theme being studied. We ask parents to complete these tasks with their child and upload their child's homework to Tapestry (our on-line learning journal) so this can be shared in class.

## Mother's Day Assemblies

Don't forget all mummies are invited to a special Mother's Day assembly on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Early Years (Yellow and Orange classes) will hold their assembly at 9.15am and KS1 (Purple, Blue and Red classes) will hold their assembly at 10.15am. Please note that we are also asking mums to join us in class for a hands on Arts Morning where you are invited to help the children in some painting and craft activities. We know that for many of our working parents coming into school during school hours can be tricky, and we are very happy to welcome another family member instead or for children to partner up with a friend and 'borrow' a mum.



9.15am	Early Years Assembly
9.30 – 10.30am	Early Years Art morning
9.15 – 10.15am	KS1 Art morning
10.15am	KS1 Assembly

## Let's Get Recycling!

Just to remind everyone that we are a recycling school. Please remember we recycle clothing, batteries, toothpaste tubes and old stamps. Thank you for your contributions.



## **Class photos**

Class photos will be taken on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Cricket KS1**

We are delighted to once again be offering all the children in Year 1 and 2 expert cricket lessons this half term as part of their PE curriculum. These will take place on Thursday mornings and will be led by Simon from a Chance to Shine & Hampshire Cricket Board.

## **Schools Out for Fun**

Please look out for a separate letter today detailing potential changes to our holiday club. We would really appreciate your feedback with gauging interest to see if this would be something that parents would use in the holidays.

## **Thank You!**

Once again thank you to those parents who have ordered much needed basic resources for our school through our new Amazon wish list. We have received pencil sharpeners, wipe board pens and A4 paper, glue sticks, rulers, pencil sharpeners and laminating pouches. We are very grateful for your support – it is much appreciated by the staff, children and governors. Your donations help to alleviate the pressure on our very tight school budget.

If you would like to donate, just paste in the following link

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2STJ1M9QLK5XO?ref =wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2STJ1M9QLK5XO?ref =wl_share)

## **Parent Evenings**

If you have not already done so, please book your consultation slot via the on-line booking system which will close on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. If you are unable to book on line please phone the school office who will arrange an appointment for you. The on-line booking is available through Parentmail – there is also a link on our school website

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 - 7pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 - 5pm

## **Polite Reminders**

**Uniform:** Please can I ask that all clothing is named; this helps us return your child to you with his/her own clothes. Lost property will only be kept for a few weeks so those name labels are really important! Labels can be purchased through Stampastic. Please see our FSIS page on our website for the link.

**And Finally ...** Please remember we operate an open door policy at Southwood so if you have any concerns or questions about your child please contact us. All the teachers are at their doors in the mornings to welcome the children in and are available for a very quick chat then. For a longer discussion please telephone the office for an appointment and we will do our best to see you as quickly as we can.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Southgate

<b>March 2020</b>	
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Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Class focus assembly
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	FSIS Easter Egg Hunt & Fayre 10am – 12 noon
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Book Fair
<b>April 2020</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Red Class focus assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sponsored Fun Run 2pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Finishes at 1.15pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
<b>May 2020 SATS period for Year 2 runs throughout May</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – local elections - school closed
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	VE Day bank holiday
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Tea Party Yellow and Orange classes - 10.30am Purple/Red/Blue classes - 1.45pm
<b>June 2020</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day school closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonic Testing
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	New Parent Presentation 7pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fun Day & Summer BBQ
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day and Picnic Lunch
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
<b>July 2020</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Common Transfer day
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	FSIS Summer Fayre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FSIS Leavers Disco
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day School closes at 1.15pm

**Headteacher**

# Southwood Awards

28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Headteacher's Award for Good Work

**Robyn M** - For writing an amazing superhero story.

Deanna M - For putting super effort into making her super fish cape.

James D - For fantastic effort and achievement in Maths.

Everyone in Blue Class - For a fantastic class assembly.

Connor B - For working independently during multiplication lessons.

## Good Neighbour Award

**Finley H** - For being kind and helpful.

Jake H - For great attitude to joining in and listening during carpet time.

Ethan W - For being such a super friend and helper.

Cole F - For being a super role model and helpful in cricket.

Evie C - For following the Golden Rules, always showing respect and behaving excellently.

## Lunchtime Mega Stars

For super manners, eating well and good behaviour in the playground at lunchtime

James D

Tegan E B

Alex R

Eli P

**Ava G**

Fran D

**Isla H**

