

Friday 21st May 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As children rebuild their stamina for school after the interruptions to routine across the last twelve months, it is important to keep a spotlight on mental health and wellbeing. To support us, please make sure that children are well rested for school each day and ready for learning. Make sure that they go to bed early enough to have a good night's sleep and don't have the temptation of televisions, tablets, phones or games consoles to keep them awake at night. We teach children the risks of being online and being safe but it is important that you monitor your children's use of the internet and how they are connecting with the outside world to make sure that they are engaging safely. The website: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/) holds lots of useful information about the social networks children and young people use.

During this half term we have continued to have a focus on learning timetables and recalling them quickly. All children are expected to confidently know their times tables by the end of Year 4. Timestable Rockstars and Mathletics are both programmes the school buy into to support home learning. You will find the log in details in home reading diaries. Saying tables aloud and practising them at home either with a grown up or with an older sibling or cousin is also a great help. Times tables have links to many other areas of mathematics and knowing them confidently makes a big difference!

We still have spaces in Nursery from September 2021 for 3 and 4 year olds. Both part time or full-time applications are welcome and application forms can be collected from the school office. Many studies have shown that children who have the opportunity to attend nursery develop good communication and social skills shown through confidence, self-assurance and demonstrating good interpersonal skills!

Thank you to all parents for voting in the parent governor election. We are pleased to announce that Ms Aya Haidar a parent at Southwold will be joining from September 2021.

This half term ends on **Friday 28th May** and children return on **Monday 7th June**. During the next half term we have a number of exciting enrichment and events planned as we begin to plan for more face to face contact over time. Events and dates will be shared with you in our half termly parent dates after the half term holiday.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## MARINE DAY!

This term, the School Council promoted one of their charities, *The Marine Conservation Society* through a Marine Day. Children across the school were invited to dress in marine colours, assemblies were run by councillors and children had the opportunity to learn more about the impact of plastics on our environment by visiting the School Council's table top activities in the playground.



## EYFS GARDENING

The children in Cherry Class took part in a group activity with our school gardener, who taught the children about plants and the necessary steps to take when planting sunflower seeds. After they had finished, the children could confidently explain the process of planting seeds.



## YEAR 2 PE

Last week, Olive Class practised their running technique during short distances. The class learned how to use the correct form when running, by standing tall whilst leaning slightly forward with their elbows bent to increase their speed.

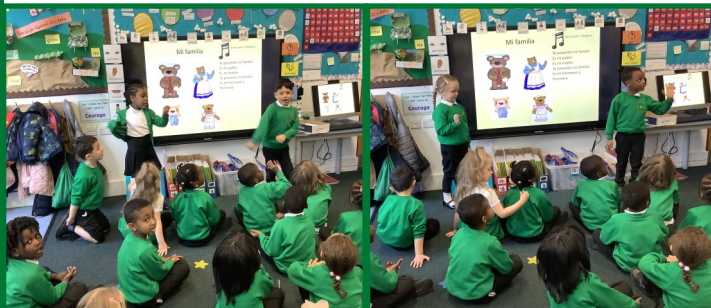


**SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!**



## MFL IN RECEPTION

Children in Reception have started learning about a new Spanish topic, La Familia - The Family. Each week during their Spanish lesson, they will be learning through repetition, actions, songs and partner activities in order to develop their understanding and confidence of the Spanish language.



## YEAR 4 POETRY

Year 4 have been reading and analysing poems by Grace Nichols from her anthology 'Cosmic disco'. They have learned about various poetic devices including: personification, imagery and alliteration. The children worked collaboratively to identify poetic devices and making connections with their prior learning.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

We continue to provide video coffee mornings for you to view at home. These focus on ways in which children can be best supported in their learning and cover a range of topics. Each Friday the link to the coffee morning is sent out by text message so you can access the content easily from your mobile phone!

Date	Focus
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Reading:</b> How to support your child to develop their comprehension skills
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Keeping Healthy:</b> Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Maths:</b> Strategies to support your child with their timestables
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Summer Holiday activities:</b> Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

## KEY DATES

### Summer Term 2021

#### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 31 May 2021 - Friday 4 June 2021

#### Children Start Date:

Monday 7th June 2021

#### Staff Training Day:

Friday 25th June 2021

#### Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):

Starts Monday 28th June 2021

#### Parents Evening:

Thursday 8th July 2021

#### End of Term Finish Date:

Thursday 22nd July at 2pm

**Staff Training Day:** Friday 23rd July 2021

### Autumn Term 2021

**Staff Training Days:** Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 6th September 2021

**Meet the Teacher:** Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th September 2021

**Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day:** Wednesday 29th September 2021

**World Week & Democracy Day:** Monday 11th October 2021 – Friday 15th October 2021

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021

**Children Start Date:** Monday 1st November 2021

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 9th December 2021

**End of Term Finish Date:** Friday 17th December 2021 at 2pm

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## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was **90.4%**

**Well done to Sapling FT Class** the overall weekly winners with **96.00%**

