

Southwold Primary & Nursery School

"Be all you can be and together we will shine"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I truly hope you had a fantastic summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead and all the challenges and adventures that will bring.

I am very excited to be taking on the role of Principal at Southwold and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ballance for all her support in ensuring a smooth transition for staff, children and parents.

The staff have all been working hard to ensure they have planned some exciting topics for your children to get stuck in to and develop their knowledge and learning skills. We have planned a new topic for each term; each one starting with a 'hook day' to motivate and inspire the children to engage in the new topic. We are looking forward to our 'Day in History' on Monday 10th September where children are invited to come to school dressed as a historical figure from the past.

At the end of each topic there will be a 'Thrilling Thursday' where you will be invited in to share the learning the children have been completing and celebrate their achievements. The first Thrilling Thursday will be on 18th October from 2-3pm, look out for more details coming home nearer the time.

Attached to this newsletter, there is a calendar of events for the whole school year. I hope you will find this useful to plan what is going on and enable you to take part in as many school activities as possible. In addition to this calendar, your child will bring home a class newsletter which will give you information that is specific to what is happening in their class. Please bear in mind that sometimes dates do need to be added or changed, we will do our best to give you as much notice of any changes as soon as possible.

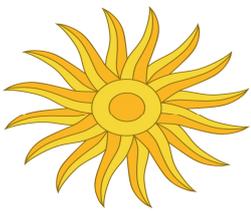
On Thursday 13th September, we will be holding an open evening where you are welcome to come in to school to meet your child's new class teacher and see where they will be spending their school day. Please also pop along to see me and say hello! I will be out on the playground at the start and end of the school day so please come and see me then too.

Within school we have an open door policy; if you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. The beginning of the school day is usually quite busy for teachers so if possibly, then please try and see them at the end of school. My door is also always open if you wish to discuss anything with me.

You speak – we listen; please also look out for a parent survey coming home soon. I am very keen to work together with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child as they complete their learning journey through Southwold school. Your time, openness and honesty in completing this survey would be greatly appreciated so that I can work with the team to ensure we deliver the quality of education that your child deserves.

Our value for September is RESPECT. We will be talking to the children about how they have to show respect in order to receive respect from others. We will emphasis that you should treat people in the way you wish to be treated. Part of showing our school community respect is by wearing the correct school uniform and arriving to school on time. Please refer to the school uniform policy if you have any queries. If you need any assistance with uniform or getting to school on time then please come and speak to a member of staff who will be more than happy to help you.





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Please may I remind you that for health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn to school. Children are permitted to wear a watch and small stud earrings only. If wearing earrings, they need to either be removed or covered for PE lessons.

Thank you for all the ways in which you support the school and your child's education, by working together we really can ensure the best education possible enabling your child to be 'the best they can be'. I am looking forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks and working together in the future.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Wollington
Principal

