



## SOUTH WOOTTON INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter 8– Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Half Term Review

What a busy start to the year we have had here at SWIS.

We have welcomed a new cohort of Reception children who are very settled and hardworking. They enjoyed a morning visit to Sandringham this week to look for signs of Autumn and had a lovely time on the play park.



Year One children can now all ride a bicycle without stabilisers thanks to their Balanceability sessions. It has been so lovely to see their beaming faces as they have improved each week.

Year Two have worked hard both in and out of the classroom. I have learnt some new vocabulary linked to lighthouses as they have discussed their models with me and I have been pleased to see the number of children who have taken part in the two sporting events held this half term.

I attended a conference earlier in the week about children's physical development and it is recommended that children should spend at least 3 hours outside a day. What shocked me more is that some prison inmates are actually spending more time outside than some of our children! Being outside is something we do well at SWIS as children can be heard outside for most of the school day. Building up their core strength and co-ordination is a precursor to writing so during this half term week we would love to see some photographs on Tapestry of the children out and about. Why not take them to splash in puddles, climb up trees, ride their bicycles, dig in the garden or play at the park? Not only will they be building up those all important muscles but it will also be good for their mental health. Have a happy half term.



### Poppies

The student council will be coming round to classes during the week of **4<sup>th</sup> November** collecting money for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. Suggested donations for poppies 50p.

### Lunches

Please note the new lunch menu begins when we return to school after the half term holiday. If you haven't yet completed your child's lunch preference form please do so and return asap. Don't forget **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** will be a special Bonfire Lunch of hot dog, chips and beans with a toffee apple cake. Yummy!



## PTFA

Our next exciting event will be a family Bingo evening on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**, eyes down for 6.30pm. We are also going all out for Christmas this year and have BIG plans for a Christmas Fayre. We will be meeting again on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7pm** to discuss our plans and would love to see more people there who would like to be part of the fun!

## Reading

Well done to all those children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge as part of the local library. We all know how important reading and sharing stories is for young children so Mrs Chimes has set everyone a special Reading Challenge to begin during the half term holiday. Everyone should have brought home the challenge in their bookbags but you can print another copy from Tapestry if you need to. Good Luck!

## Parking

Please can you be mindful when parking cars outside school. Parking is available at the Village Hall and the Swan Pub. Please avoid parking outside people's houses in St Mary's close and walk or cycle when you can. When dropping children at Breakfast club please do not park over the school entrance and take care not to park on the pavements. Thank you.



- 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Finish for half term
- 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Back to school
- 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Nursery Rhyme Dress up day (YR only)
- 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – PTFA Family Bingo Night (6 for 6.30pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas Fayre
- 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Y2 Christmas Performance 2pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Y1 Christmas Performance 2pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> December** – YR Christmas Performance 2pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Y1 Visit to Holkham
- 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of the Autumn Term

## Birthdays; 19.10.24 – 25.10.24

In **Reception**, **Arthur O** is now 5 years old

In **Year 1**, **Savannah** and **Aurelia** are now 6 years old

In **Year 2**, **Joey** is now 7 years old.



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# READING SUPPORTS

*children to...*

1

*Overcome  
disadvantage*

2

*Develop  
better mental  
wellbeing,  
social skills  
and strong  
relationships*

3

*Meet speech  
and language  
milestones  
and do better  
at school*

4

*Develop  
imagination,  
empathy and  
creativity*