

Friday Flyer

Dear Parents and Carers,

I had a meeting with a prospective parent this week, who said that the peace and quiet at Selwyn was incredibly calming. I couldn't agree more. Stood outside on the grass or being down in Forest School, you can hardly even notice the sound of the A10 (unless the sirens whizz past) and it really is very tranquil. For many of our children, this environment has supported them to find regulation by being outside: on the swing, playing tennis or just going for a dog walk with Fergie. We, as staff, are loving the grounds for the opportunities for learning and thoroughly enjoy exploring it with your children. You'll read more about the Scarecrow Competition in the Friday Flyer items to come but much of the accessories for the scarecrows were found on our brilliant grounds.

Fox class

Fox class have begun their second Selwyn month with great gusto; helping to build a scarecrow for the Foxtan Scarecrow festival - "a policeman to protect our school" we were told. In maths, we have been learning about greater than and less than; the lesson took an unexpected turn as it suddenly became a role play scenario involving a teacher, her TA and two children going on a fabulous, imaginative school trip to the zoo involving cuddly toys and a minibus in the classroom (they even included a sick bucket). Child-led learning at its best!
MrsAngell

Vulture class

Autumn is well and truly in the air at Selwyn, and along with the falling conkers it also brings a new member to Vultures Class, who we are thrilled to welcome. This week we have delved deep into history, and have begun our topic on Ancient Greece; we will be discovering more about them in the coming weeks. In keeping with the season, we have been thinking about the harvest, and this has been our inspiration for poetry writing in English, which some students may share at our Harvest Festival at the end of half term. It goes without saying the upcoming Scarecrow Festival in the village has caught the student's imagination, and we have been busy creating our masterpiece, which comes complete with its own vulture of course! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend! Mrs Bentley

Crocodile class

Hello from Crocodile Class! This week has been a very busy one. We have had a new member join our class who has already demonstrated his great time tables skills and are writing the beginnings of a fairy tale. Our other member has had his first day without his tutors and has adjusted really well and made new friends. We have been playing tag with the other classes and learning to play Ghostbusters and the Addams family on there keyboard. We have also attempted to make chocolate chip cookies using the microwave and learnt some new computer skills, creating a dream Amazon order. I am seeing such great progress already and am really proud of all the children. Miss McInnes



Scarecrow Festival

Tomorrow, Saturday 7th October, Foxton are holding a scarecrow festival between 12 and 7pm. Selwyn Hall School have entered this and created three class scarecrows. They will be on proud display for all to see. Pictures will follow next week.

Harvest and non-uniform day

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival in school on Friday 20th October and, as part of this, will be collecting donations of food for Jimmy's Shelter. Should you wish to contribute non-perishable food for our display and donations, please give your contribution to your child's class teacher, during the next few weeks. Friday 20th October will also be a non-uniform day for a donation of anything at all.

Final Thought

A highlight for me, this week, has been the support we have been given from many of you through email, phone calls and at drop off time. We want Selwyn Hall School to be a real community and it is starting to feel just that, as our numbers begin to increase. It is very strange not to be seeing parents and carers at drop off and pick up, so please know that if you have any questions for us, don't hesitate to get in touch. We may not see each other every day but we are always here for you and your families 😊

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Rebecca Pine
Headteacher

**Term dates for the academic year 2023-2024****Autumn Term 2023**

School Closed for Staff Training	Friday 1st September 2023
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 4th September 2023
Autumn term begins	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Autumn half term	Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023
Last Day of Autumn term	Wednesday 20th December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Spring term begins	Thursday 4th January 2024
Spring half term	Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February 2024
Last Day of Spring term	Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Summer term begins	Monday 15th April 2024
School Closed May Bank holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th May 2024
Summer half term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
Last Day of Summer term	Friday 19th July 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 22nd July 2024