

Friday Flyer

Selwyn Hall
school

5th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful break and a huge thank you from all the staff at Selwyn for our wonderful cards, emails and gifts at the end of term. The children have come in these last two days and are learning to get back into the routine of school following two weeks away. We have already seen children starting their new curriculum area topics and it has been wonderful to see some real excitement about the weeks of learning ahead. We are also re-assessing the children's reading ages from when they joined; one of the children has made nearly two years of progress in one term – wow! Please keep reading with your children at home; it is having a hugely positive impact.



Iguanas class

Happy Friday and welcome back to a new term. I hope you have all had a wonderful festive period, I have heard lots of exciting stories from the children already and it sounds like you all had a wonderful time. I am so thrilled to be back in school with your children; another term to explore and learn. Firstly, we have completed our classroom move and are thrilled with our new room and learning space; children have loved having the area to spend time and of course they LOVE the interactive whiteboard! We come back to new topics and I, for one, am incredibly excited to see what our learners can do this term; if last term was anything to go by, I know they will excel. We will be exploring mountains in geography, poetry in English, and The Great Plague in history amongst other exciting topics. We continue to have a focus on reading this term and I am delighted that the first thing that was thrown into my arms on Thursday morning was a reading book brought in from home. Other exciting news is that spring term sees the arrival of our new classroom TA Mrs Revell who we are very excited to have with us, as well as the return of Mrs Bentley who has been on her travels and hugely missed by the learners. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Miss Hunko

Polar Bear class

Happy Friday; I hope you enjoyed your Christmas break and had lots of chance to relax and celebrate. It is so exciting to be writing my first Friday Flyer for Selwyn Hall. I have had such a lovely start to the new term and can't wait to see what this term holds. We have lots of exciting subjects coming up this term, like maps around Oceania in geography, World War 1 and 2 in history and lots of opportunities to experiment in science. I am really looking forward to seeing the amazing learning I'm sure is going to take place. To wrap up my first week here, I would like to introduce myself. I'm Miss Borgeson and am the teacher of our brand new class, Polar Bear. I have just joined from another SEN school and spend most of my weekends playing hockey. We also have a new TA, Miss Miller, who has also joined from another SEN school after finishing her

A levels in Psychology and Criminology. We are really excited about our new start and getting to know the school community! Miss Borgeson

Crocodile class

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had had a wonderful Christmas and a nice rest over the break. I was so excited to welcome some new staff members and to hear about everyone's breaks and sharing our experiences. I know it can be very hard coming back into a routine after some nice lie-ins; now, it is a new term, and we are moving onto some new learning. We are starting to learn to tell the time in maths and beginning my favourite topic in English – poetry and looking at some crocodile poems. We are also starting to create a background for a beach landscape we will be making over the coming weeks using different textures and tools. I am also looking forward to having more class circle times. Have a lovely weekend everyone and see you on Monday. Miss McInnes

Fox class

Fox class have begun the spring term with great gusto, achieving a super amount of learning in our first, short week; designing and making their own Roman mosaic coaster, exploring the alphabet for vowels and consonants as well as investigating symmetry in the alphabet. We have also begun a unit of work exploring British values and we discussed the rules that are learnt at a young age help shape us into adulthood and into old age. We also discovered that our school field has met with an extraordinary amount of rainwater causing fantastic splashing opportunity for all! A couple of sock changes were needed - if the school socks could be returned back to school please for our stocks - thank you. It is such a fun, if not a bit chilly, activity for outdoor time. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Angell

Final Thought

The new year is often a time for starting new things, changing things or 'giving things up'. As always after eating ALL the Christmas food, I will be trying to eat more healthily but I am also mindful of not always changing things that are working. For this reason, we are not focusing on resolutions in school but of carrying on what we have already started. Our new year at school has brought in some new adults and, over the coming weeks, new children will be starting. We have welcomed Miss Borgeson, Mrs Revell, Miss Miller, Mr Martin and Mrs Gooch in recent days and weeks. We have had classes re-inventing themselves to allow for new children to come in and we are excited to continue with the positive start to Selwyn we have had so far. You will see from the class news above that Miss Hunko is now teaching in the newly formed Iguana class and we have a new Polar Bear class; all names chosen by the children 😊 Mrs Bentley will continue to teach and will be doing so across the classes as she knows so many of the children and will be spreading her mathematical magic for teachers as they have the planning time. Whatever you have decided this new year, even if it is a decision to change nothing, I wish you a happy and healthy year ahead with your families.

As always, thank you for your support.

Have a good weekend.

Rebecca Pine

Headteacher

General School Information

Uniform

There is a school uniform for Selwyn Hall School which can be purchased from the school office. Prices are:

Polo Shirt: £8.25

Sweatshirt: £9.25

Cardigan: £10.25

T-shirt: £ 4.95

School Lunches

All children will be encouraged to have a school lunch and we will order them one every day.

School meals are free for all children at Selwyn Hall School. The menu can be requested from the school office; we are pleased to offer a choice of desserts as part of the meal options and salad and bread are also included as part of the daily meal options and are provided as standard.

There is also an allergen matrix for the menu choices per day.

Please talk to your children about the menu as we will be putting orders in every morning by 9.15am. Children will be eating their lunch with the adults in school at 12pm.

Thank you.

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 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

Friday 24th May 2024

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 4th June 2024

Last Day of Summer Term

Friday 19th July 2024

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 22nd July 2024