

Friday Flyer

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term with some rest and relaxation. We have had a super start to the half term with a real focus on our new value for the half term: collaboration. We have seen some great teamwork and support, especially demonstrated in PE yesterday but also at lunchtimes and playtimes when we see children pushing each other on the swing, playing tag or throwing a ball to each other. Please let us know of any examples you see of your children showing their collaborative skills at home, with pictures if possible. We will be making a collaboration display in school.

Fox class

This week, in Foxes, we began our new maths unit on shape and realised that we knew lots of shape related words. We have listened to stories from other countries and realised that it's not just the UK that have fairy tales. We have also been starting to think about why people are wearing poppies at the moment as we head towards Remembrance Day. We will be making poppies in preparation for our assembly on this, next Friday. On this theme, we would like to watch the film *Stubby* in class. *Stubby* was an actual American dog in World War One. He was a companion and unofficial mascot of the 102nd infantry regiment and was assigned to the 26th division in WW1. He served for 18 months and participated in 17 battles on the western front. He warned people when gas was coming and won the Humanae society gold medal. Please let me know if you would prefer your child not to watch this film, by next Monday 6th November. Mrs Angell

Vulture class

What a first week back it has been for Vultures, with some exciting new topics already under way. We begin our study of the Mayan Civilisation in history and this has crossed over into our art project for the term, where students are learning about the different Mayan Masks and will have the opportunity to design their own; I am excited to see the results. In English, we are exploring the components of play scripts and how to go about writing one. We have learnt about materials and their properties in science, and students can confidently justify why certain materials are used, using Key Vocabulary, such as absorbent, translucent, flexible, insulator. I also have to mention PE and the fun we all had playing Twister. Wishing you all a relaxing weekend. Mrs Bentley

Crocodile class

I am so proud of my crocodiles this week coming back from their half term break so positively and excited to learn. We began our week by making a poster with interesting facts about ourselves on and learnt a lot about each other. I found I have quite the artist in my class. I was so impressed with the shopping list we made for personal hygiene in PSHE and cutlery skills during lunch. We have a new topic in maths, shape, and have been starting to name and find different 2D shapes. 😊 Miss McInnes



Reporting absence

There have been lots of children [and staff] this week with the usual seasonal colds. Please can I remind parents and carers to call or email every day to inform us of a child's absence from school. If your child is unwell during the school day, we will call you to inform you.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held on Tuesday 21st November. Teachers will be in contact with you to make a 15-minute appointment, which can be done online for convenience.

Final Thought

We have had some ideas about doing our first school outing, to visit the war memorial in Foxton, after Remembrance Sunday. Doing this, as a school, following our assembly next week will be very important and the children we have spoken to about it seem very interested. Please let me know if you have any questions about it next week.

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

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Summer Half Term

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May 2024

Last Day of Summer Term

Friday 19th July 2024

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 22nd July 2024