

# Friday Flyer

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter, filled with laughter, joy and much chocolate. My family and I said it felt like a very long holiday and concluded that it was because Easter was at the beginning and we had 3 weekends. We have all come back raring to go and this week has flown by in a flurry of non-fiction books and brand new topics. We have also welcome new staff and children to Selwyn, who are all enjoying being part of the Selwyn team. Over the next few weeks, we will have more people joining us too and we are really enjoying getting to know everyone 😊

## Iguana class

Yay! We are back at school and I will be first to admit I missed Selwyn over the Easter break. I hope you all had a well-rested two weeks off, and of course lots of Easter eggs! What a fantastic start to our final term here at Selwyn! Once again, all three Iguana's have come back with a fantastic attitude towards learning and have embraced our new topics for this term.

This term, we are going to be focusing on World War Two in history, mountain ranges around the world in Geography and (I am sure you have probably heard) we are also getting green fingered and starting our very own Iguana garden. I am very proud of how much work has been completed this week and the brilliant attitudes towards our new topics; I am very excited to see where things go over the next few weeks.

Please can I ask that children have a change of clothes in school at the start of each week for our gardening sessions; I will send this home on a Friday. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week. Miss Hunko

## Monkey Class

Welcome back, everyone; I hope you had a lovely Easter break. In Monkey Class, this week, we have been starting lots of new exciting topics. In English, we read about Bruce Lee and Muhammad Ali, who taught us about working hard and being brave. In maths, we practiced measuring with scales, jugs, and rulers. Art was all about making cool prints using potatoes. And in science, we learned about staying safe with electricity. It's



been great to see everyone behaving so well and communicating brilliantly all week, making our learning time enjoyable and productive. Miss Borgeson.

### **Crocodile Class**

It has been a lovely first week for me in Crocodile Class and the children have been fantastic with the transition to a new teacher; the children have loved telling me their favourite things about Selwyn Hall School. This week, we have looked at non-fiction books and have started with one all about crocodiles and alligators, so the children have enjoyed learning lots of new facts; already, they have labelled a diagram and have written facts in paragraphs. They have loved maths lessons and we have completed maths in lots of different ways – one being using different nature items to represent Th, H, T, O for place value. We have created a crocodile swamp in our breakout room and the children have used their art skills to paint self-portraits to hang on the walls; they focussed really hard for this. One of the highlights of the week, for me, was having a shared PE lesson with Fox and Monkey Class on Thursday; we all learnt different throwing skills and perfected our hand eye co-ordination, before embarking on a game of rounders in mixed teams...it was so much fun and the children showed excellent focus, determination and teamwork skills. Well done Croxes! Thank you Crocodiles for a wonderful week. Miss Chandler.

### **Fox Class**

As we come to the end of the first week back, in many ways it's almost as if we've never been away. In the two weeks we have all become used to sleeping late and eating what and when we feel like so the readjustment to our school routine has been tough, especially for the children; I hope they can rest this weekend. We have managed to have some lovely lessons in amongst some down-time in class. The introduction of our new maths topic - weights, money and data - saw Fox class becoming a cat toy shop for the afternoon with Crocodile Class as our customers; the foxes made the toys and the pretend money, they even had a tips jar on the counter! We are now in our Summer Term outdoor PE season and our indoor skills have transferred to outdoors, culminating in our first rounders lesson and the first ever rounders game for some. It was a really joyous time in the sunshine; both the children and staff enjoyed themselves a great deal. Mrs Angell

### **Final Thought**

As we enter our final term of our first year, I am looking forward to the summer weather approaching [hopefully] and more outside learning happening again. Yesterday, we had three classes join forces for a super PE lesson in the sunshine and there have been lots of trips down to the Forest School area. We have been talking about how to enhance our indoor learning spaces and the Crocodile Swamp and Foxes Den are being given makeovers. We are continually thinking about how to give your children the best learning experience here at Selwyn and that includes all aspects of the environment.

Have a good weekend, everyone.

*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