



# Friday Flyer

Selwyn Hall  
school

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we have seen a number of new faces join our school in the last few weeks, both children and staff, we have been able to share what we have learnt over this academic year so far and it is, as always, a joy to get new thoughts and ideas. One person it has been sad to say 'au revoir' to as they take on a new and exciting role within Polaris is Mrs Beard. For many of you, Mrs Beard will have been the first person you were in contact with at Selwyn, as she was our Executive Headteacher. She supported us, as a school, through our opening and developing as well as at Ofsted; I am hugely grateful to her for her personal and professional support too. Mrs Beard is now moving, within Polaris, to be Senior Quality Assurance Lead for Education, which means we are fortunate to keep her expertise and knowledge at school. From all of us at Selwyn, I know you will join me in saying a huge thank you to Mrs Beard for her time as our Executive Headteacher.

## **Crocodile Class**

It has been a glorious week in crocodile class; we have enjoyed creating non-fiction books, weighing in g and kg, matching animals to their habitats and learning about human and physical features in geography. I have been so impressed by the children's attitude to learning, their thirst for knowledge and how they are working as a class team, in everything that they do. This brings me much joy! There have been three stand out moments from this week: firstly, the visit from the lambs and chickens on Monday bought a buzz of excitement to Selwyn and the children had a whale of a time feeding them, holding them, stroking them and finding out all about them. Secondly, in technology when we prepared fruits and learnt how to cut safely – children listened well to instructions and carried out the task with safety and it was lovely to see them tucking into their fruit salads. The third was a joyous music lesson when we had to find the pulse – tapping along to Dolly Parton's 9-5 bought a smile to everyone's faces and then using the new drum kit to play pulse and rhythms bought much excitement...I'm just glad that Mrs Pine was not in her office below at that point! This week has seen the crocodiles and the foxes join up for golden time each afternoon; some have learnt to perfect the pogo stick, some have taught others the skill, some have learnt table tennis skills and have enjoyed playing mini tournaments against the staff and today, we all enjoyed some science with balloon powered vehicles; the children were thrilled when the space man shot, quite literally, into the vast space of the atrium! As Selwyn Hall school grows, it is lovely to witness new relationships being formed and secure bonds being made; new staff this week have settled well into crocodile class and the children have adapted to new faces and have enjoyed having more and more people (staff and children) to play with and socialise with at lunchtimes and playtimes. Enjoy a relaxing weekend. Miss Chandler

## **Fox News**

We have had a very busy week in fox class this week. Thanks to my super-intelligent watch, your children and I have a daily average of going up and down the school stairs 23 times. Our first German lesson led to a very interesting discussion about the fall of the Berlin wall, it felt strange being one of the few people in school who could remember that momentous event happening. Fox class decided that although they didn't like the sound of life in East Germany, it was cool that they can now count to ten in German! Foxes wrote some super sentences in one of their English lessons about prepositions; and in line with our feedback policy; used a brilliant blue pen to edit their work. This important skill teaches our children that there is always room for improvement, we are never a finished article, there is always a lesson to be learned. Have a restful long weekend foxes – your legs must be tired! Mrs Angell

### Iguana Class

Another week is done here in Iguana class, and once again it has been a wonderful week with your children. This week we have completed our reading assessments where amazing progress has been made by each child, as well as the continued positive attitude towards reading in general. Every day we have reading time as a class and we are currently on our 8th story book, as well as our own independent reading books that we read every Tuesday. Our big class focus in Summer Term is our Iguana Garden, where we have now planted carrots, corn, onions, potatoes and pumpkins and continue to maintain and monitor their progress outside while inside we are still focusing on our strawberries, tomatoes, chillies, herbs and cuca melons. I cannot wait to see what we are able to make with our homegrown produce! To round off this week's flyer I wanted to say how impressed I am at the basketball skills shown in our PE lessons this week- it has been a joy to watch these new skills grow and see the joy PE brings you all! I hope you all have a well rested weekend and bank holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday! Miss Hunko

### Monkey Class

SUMMER IS HERE! This week, in Monkey Class we have been embracing the summer with open arms and making the most of the warm weather. We walked around the school field to see what wildlife we could find - from Herb Roberts and Birds Eye Speedwells to Orange Tip butterflies and a Muntjac deer. We have been doing all sorts of sports activities, rounders, volleyball, tennis, rugby and generally frolicking about. Let's not forget about the incredible visitors we had on Monday - lambs and chickens. Alongside all of these amazing activities, we have also been doing a lot of hard work in the classroom. In English, we have been exploring what a non - chronological report is, the features and purpose. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing decimals, rounding up to 1,000,000 and converting units of measurement. We have been continuing circuit exploration in science, making even more annoying noises with the different sound connections. To wrap up the week, we cooked a delicious curry! I wonder how we will top all of this next week! Miss Borgeson

### Final Thought

This week has flown by and it started in the best way possible with a flurry of animals. On Monday, we were visited by a friend of the school, who brought in two beautiful lambs and some of her chickens. The children were entranced by the animals and learnt a lot of facts; I even learnt that sheep only have teeth on the bottom of their mouth and just gums at the top. The week continued on from this wonderful vibe and the sun continued to shine...until the very wet Friday of today – wet play all day is no fun for anyone. That said, we head into the bank holiday weekend with much to look forward to next week, including a class trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park on Tuesday.



Have a good, long 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 2024–2025

#### 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 3rd June 2024

Last Day of Summer Term

Friday 19th July 2024

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 22nd July 2024

#### Autumn Term 2024

School Closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

School Closed for Staff Training

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Autumn Term begins

Thursday 5th September 2024

Autumn Half Term

Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov 2024

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 18th November 2024

End of Autumn Term

Friday 20th December 2024

#### Spring Term 2024

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 6th January 2025

Spring Term begins

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Spring Half Term

Monday 17th Feb to Friday 21st Feb 2025

End of Spring Term

Friday 4th April 2025