

# Friday Flyer

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to so many of you for your incredibly kind words and emails, following the publication of our Ofsted report. We feel very lucky to be here at Selwyn with your children and we felt that Ofsted really understood the vision of the school and could see the wonderful progress your children have been making, academically and socially. We will continue to ensure this vision comes alive in what we do each day to enable your children to get the very best education they deserve.

## **Home Learning**

At parent consultations, a number of parents asked about how they can support children at home. Where possible, our one request is that you hear your child read as frequently as possible. Alongside that, there are lots of things you can do which won't look like learning: write the shopping lists, writing letters to send to relatives, writing notes to parents are all great fun activities to help writing seem less like a chore for the children at home. If you would like any other ideas, feel free to speak to class teachers.

## **Term dates for the academic year 2024-2025**

The dates below are for next academic year and are also on the school website [staff training days may change].

### **Autumn Term 2024**

Staff Training Day: Tuesday 3 September 2024

Staff Training Day: Wednesday 4 September 2024

Autumn Term Begins: Thursday 5 September 2024

Autumn Half Term: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November 2024

Staff Training Day: Monday 18 November 2024

End of Autumn Term: Friday 20 December 2024

### **Spring Term 2024**

Staff Training Day: Monday 6 January 2025

Spring Term Begins: Tuesday 7 January 2025

Spring Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2025

End of Spring Term: Friday 4 April 2025

### **Summer Term 2024**

Summer Term Begins: Tuesday 22 April 2025

Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May 2025

Summer Half Term: Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May 2025

Staff Training Day: Monday 2 June 2025

End of Summer Term: Wednesday 23 July 2025



## **Iguana class**

Another week at Selwyn Hall is over, and what a week it has been. The amazing iguanas continue to show me just how amazing they really are with the commitment to learning shown across all subjects. In science, we have been learning about forces and now, as we draw to the end of this term, we are starting to conduct practical experiments, our first one being slingshots...with pom poms; this went down a treat and we were able to show how forces work to shoot the pompom through the air. In life skills, we have been focusing on British Values and what they mean to us as individuals but also as students at Selwyn Hall- all learners have

participated in some fantastic debates and really thought about how these values are important to them. And the final subject I will comment on this week is British Sign Language, a topic that has been a firm favourite in the class. It has been so lovely to see the boys really engaging in something new and retaining this knowledge to implement in the classroom and around school. As always I am BLOWN away by how brilliant the Iguana class have been, how much progress we are continuing to make and how well children approach our lessons. Miss Hunko

### Monkey Class

Monkey class have had a lovely second week into March. Earlier this week, we started our DT project, making a cat toy - to do this we weaved pipe cleaners together, making a really cool pattern. In our English lessons, this week, we have been looking at traditional tales and even making our own versions of them; a personal favourite of mine was the modern adaptation of Three Billy Goat's Gruff our class came up with. Wednesday's science lesson looked into air resistance - we made boats out of junk modelling resources and then had a race by blowing them across water. We made some awesome garments in life skills, where we looked at different cultural dressing styles and made our own version of culturally inspired clothing. Also, of course, we cannot forget the hard work being put into the Matilda song rehearsals - this has been our music topic, which is beginning to have us singing 'Revolting Children' on repeat. Miss Borgeson



### Crocodile Class

We have all our Crocodiles back. This week has been filled with lots more learning and fun educational opportunities. We have been looking at the concept of money and its importance as well as how we earn money and what we can spend it on in PSHE. We have been reading more traditional tales in English – Rumpelstiltskin and The Gingerbread Man which provoked lots of interesting discussions around morals and making predictions about what will happen next. This tied in with our history, where we learnt about toys from the past and present and making predictions about what toys we may have in the future. We have been learning very difficult maths with mental methods for addition and subtraction with up to 3 digits, as well as two step equations which have really pushed our maths skills but I was amazed at how quickly we learnt this. We also learnt about Brazil and located it on the map, learning about its landmarks and even learnt to salsa. Miss McInnes.



### Fox Class

Fox class have enjoyed another first this week – a box of secondhand Lego. It reminded me of the Lego principles of play which the company devised when founded. In Fox class, we very much embrace play as a teaching/learning tool. Like Lego – we don't set limitations for imagination. I frequently tell the children that we do things differently at Selwyn, and that in their play they're learning all sorts of skills. We had all the year 3s and 4s playing a lovely game in the spring sunshine in an extended afternoon playtime on Thursday and as spring term turns into summer term, we look forward to more outside fun as the field dries out. A fine example of us doing things differently in our haven for children. Mrs Angell



## **Final Thought**

Spring has certainly sprung and the sun has been shining at Selwyn, this week. The field has nearly dried out and the children have, once again, started being outside more. Outdoor games are being played, laughter is being heard and energy is being run off; they really are having a brilliant time. This includes their learning time and, this week, I have seen amazingly creative learning across all the classes which are engaging the children and helping them understand that learning can happen in so many different ways. I am very grateful to the staff we have at Selwyn who truly care and want to see the children thriving, ready for a lifetime of learning 😊

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