



Friday Flyer

Selwyn Hall
school

12th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe that this is the penultimate Friday Flyer of the first year here at Selwyn Hall. It has been wonderful, today, to sit with Ms Carter as we send out the school reports to families of children who have been with us since before May half term. Reading all the school reports has filled me with complete joy and I am feeling in total awe of what your children have achieved this year, in all areas of life. For some, it has been learning how to play together with other children. For some, it has been making up to 2.5 years worth of reading progress in the year. For others, it has been learning how to use a knife and fork at lunchtimes and being in a school setting for the first time ever. What journeys your children have been on this year; it has been incredible to be part of that with them. All the staff at Selwyn are hugely proud of your children and want to say a huge WELL DONE to each and every one of them 😊

Crocodile Class

This week has seen the Crocodiles go out on our first class trip to Wimpole; it was a glorious day out and one that I would repeat in a heartbeat...and the rain held off. The children and staff loved the whole day and it was lovely to be able to see Wimpole through the eyes of children...the awe and wonder. The piglets were the favourite for many – seeing them feed, run around, scratch themselves against each other and fight, as siblings do, was definitely a win. The children couldn't believe the size of the shire horses, especially when comparing themselves on a height chart...as the biggest horse Stanley was laying down snoozing in his stable. All of the Crocodiles showed the school rules in abundance throughout the day; not only with the members of Selwyn Hall school, but with members of the public too and it was lovely to receive compliments about them from two members of the public...well done Crocs. As we come to the end of term, the children are finishing off units of work started and, this week, have started to write letters to new students coming to welcome them, as well as writing to Mr Noone – their new teacher – to introduce themselves. The endings can always be a tricky time for many ...bringing emotions that sometimes can feel strange and add to that the tiredness of the end of a normal school term. I have enjoyed being part of the Selwyn team and look forward to completing the year with crocs next week and supporting them with transitions to their new classes and teachers. Happy weekend – enjoy the football! Miss Chandler

Fox Class

This week has been tiring for the children; they had the build up of our first coach trip and farm visit, then the trip itself, and then the tiredness from such a wonderful day. Oh, and many of us stayed up to watch the fantastic football win on Wednesday evening. On the trip, the children were marvellous. The excitement even just being on the coach gave for some was joyful. Little things were excitedly chatted about that one might take for granted on the journey to Wimpole: a look at the fields, the railway crossing, the horses seen and the thatched cottages. That evening, I heard that some of the children that we took fell asleep before dinner and dreamt of mansion houses and animals. I am so glad that we were able to give your children this opportunity. We finished the week with a letter writing exercise, introducing each other to the new students who will be joining them in their classes in September. The children were able to use laptops to do this activity; some chose a TA to type for them, while others did the typing themselves. It was heart-warming to

see that my foxes feel the same way about the school as we feel. They also have the same vision for the school's future; as one of the foxes wrote "we only have one swing at the moment, but we will hopefully have more soon." Have a good weekend. Mrs Angell

Iguana Class

The countdown to summer is well and truly on. Let's hope we have some sun before then so we can get outside and enjoy it. Can you believe we have nearly done a full school year here at Selwyn Hall? As I mark end of term work and assessments, I have been beaming with pride at just how far the class has come. Each child has made such amazing progress both academically and socially and I could not be prouder of them. I cannot wait for parents to read the end of year reports and get to see just how amazing this year has been! This week, in Iguana class, the focus has been on rounding up our topics across all subjects so we can have fun week next week as well as learning. We have finished our English assessments which has seen all learners complete amazing independent work that really showcases the huge progress made in this subject. We have completed an end of topic science quiz, rounded up our journey through history by looking out our final monarchs, made cornflake cakes in life skills and created "All About Me" fact files to hand over to new class teachers for next year. It has been such a lovely week in Iguana class, with lots of laughter and smiles. I also wanted to take the time now to say a HUGE thank you to my Iguanas but also Mrs Lienau, Mrs Revell and Mrs Bentley for being so amazing last week in my absence. You are all wonderful! I am so excited for our final week as a class. I hope you all have a well-deserved rest this weekend. Miss Hunko."

Monkey Class

Excitement bubbles as we are fast approaching the summer holidays in Monkey Class. This week, we've delved into persuasive letter writing in English, arguing why the village in our class story should not hunt the bear, Karadi. In maths, we combined practical measuring skills with creativity to sew accurate book covers/protectors while also working on decimals and fractions. Our science lessons were a hit as we created amazing posters explaining dinosaur evolution and extinction theories. We also explored balanced diets by cooking delicious recipes we designed ourselves. In history, we ventured into the Industrial Revolution and Queen Victoria's era, examining both the positives and negatives of this historic period. We had a blast playing GeoGuessr, using our knowledge of climate and terrain to guess locations based on street views. As we look forward to our final week, we are excited about the transition sessions in our new classes and rooms. Have a great weekend. Miss Borgeson.

Final Thought

I watched a brilliant sketch last night about a person, who was not that interested in football, then becoming obsessed with England in the Euros and I have to admit I am probably firmly in that camp (I'm sure it has nothing to do with the fact that I am a Portsmouth FC supporter who haven't been very successful since I was a teenager!). My son came and showed it to me (he is an Arsenal fan), as well as showing my daughter (a Tottenham Hotspur fan) and my husband (a Manchester United fan). Apart from the fact that we can never agree, as a family, about football it made me think how much one event can bring people together. I have heard children and adults all discussing the Euros this week and I am very much looking forward to Sunday night's final. Whatever your opinions on football, I hope we can all come in on Monday morning proud of what the England team have accomplished, both on and off the pitch and whatever the result (although fingers crossed for a win!).

Have a great weekend.

Rebecca Pine

Headteacher



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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 2025

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