

# Friday Flyer

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful sight the school field is now that the frosts have set in. Each morning a blanket of crisp, white frost covers the grass as it glistens in the sunlight. Winter is finally here and the temperatures have plummeted. Thank you for ensuring the children have appropriate clothing; we encourage them to put them on before being outside, as we endeavour to spend time outdoors whatever the weather. Today marks the start of Advent and many children [and adults] came in having had their first advent calendar chocolate. We had our Christmas decoration afternoon today and, this morning, we had been visited by a rather mischievous elf. Who knows where he will be found in the coming days.

## Fox class

We have had another busy week in Fox class. In preparation for Christmas decorating, we have been making paper chains and learning how to make stained glass windows with tissue paper. In computing, the children have been shown how to send and receive emails using their school email address and we have discussed our online safety rules. We have enjoyed giving Mr Radford a final week to remember, using Star Wars toys to enhance our story writing. I know that I can write for him when I say that he has had great fun sharing his knowledge with your children. Although we will all miss him, we will move forward together in welcoming new members of staff to Fox class. Mrs Angell

## Vulture class

This week, Vultures have focused on completing Mayan Masks as part of our art and history lessons, as well as perfecting our den making skills for indoor play and social skills. In science, we have conducted experiments on separating materials which proved both fun and informative. We look forward to all our festive activities as Christmas creeps closer! Miss Hunko and Mrs Bentley

## Crocodile class

This week has been full of creativity. We made cute crocodiles for our classroom and have been listening to different musical instruments. We have been working hard on our new topic of fractions and continuing with our work on suffixes and reading comprehension, in English. I have enjoyed listening to all the children read and watching them draw and label pictures of good and bad hygiene. We have also been loving Mrs Lienau working in our class. Have a lovely weekend. Miss McInnes



### Change of INSET date

We have had a staff training opportunity arise so will be changing one of our INSET days. We will no longer have INSET day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May but we will have Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June instead. Thank you for your understanding in this change and if you have any questions, or concerns, please get in touch.

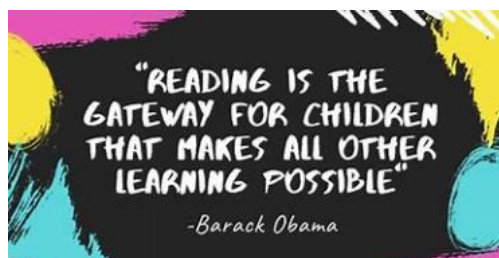
### Final Thought

Our curriculum is at the heart of everything we do at Selwyn; we want our children to be ambitious, have aspirations and to have had a broad and rich curriculum. I see this every day as I walk round the school and I love having conversations with the children about their future plans. Between the children there are budding police officers, artists and restaurateurs. It is our joy to support the children work towards whatever it is they want to achieve. Thank you for your support in this and it has been a joy to read so many comments in the children's reading books. In the words of Barack Obama, 'Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible.' I couldn't agree more 😊

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