

Friday Flyer

16th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a few weeks we have had: Polaris quality assurance, Ofsted and the local authority monitoring this week. What an opportunity it has been to showcase your children's incredible progress and learning to different people. We haven't even been open, as a school, for six months and they have achieved so much. Sometimes just walking through the door is a massive step forward and we recognise how much it is taking for them to trust us enough to start their learning journey. It has been a wonderful half term for so many of our children – well done and thank you all for your incredible support and emails of kindness. It has meant a lot.

Iguana class

What a wonderful final week we have had! I am so proud of the Iguanas for their brilliant work ethic, motivation to round up the term, and commitment to earning a trip to the park today. I, and the wonderful support staff we have in the room, could not be happier with the continued progress being made by learners, and we hope this continues into next term. This week, we have waved goodbye to The Plague in history, we have said a final farewell to poems and we have said adios to the human skeleton, all to make way for new and exciting topics after half term! I hope you all have a wonderful half term! Miss Hunko

Monkey Class

We have had a great end to this half term! We have done some brilliant learning and fun activities to support our learning. We found out how the Chinese New Year is celebrated, why we have a whole day dedicated to pancakes and how three brave orphans continue to have a series of unfortunate events! In science, we explored our digestive systems (YUK!) and even created our own digestive system so see how our stomach and intestines work together to squeeze out the nutrients and water from our food. To celebrate our fantastic half term, we had a movie afternoon with some tasty popcorn and skittles! Monkey Class wishes you a brilliant half term and we hope you have a much-deserved rest and recuperation- see you in a week! Miss Borgeson



Crocodile Class

It's almost half term! We have had such a busy term and the children have powered on through and done some amazing learning. This week has been so much fun, celebrating both Pancake Day and Valentines Day. We made bubble art and had a lovely time experimenting with the textures and printing cool patterns. We have learnt how to do 3 digit column addition and subtraction and I was amazed at the maths skills of my class. We wrote acrostic pancake poems, learnt about similes, metaphors, and onomatopoeia in English, we talked about being kind and what makes a good friend in PSHE and learnt about Otzi the 5000-year Iceman in history. Have a lovely half term everyone. Miss McInnes



Fox Class

Fox class have, this week, been all about teamwork and togetherness. All foxes have all been in school full time for the first time this week; showing togetherness. We had so many elements of teamwork this week, with each child working with different children at different times. Included in this was another fantastic PE lesson where the children were using balance skills, guided by Mrs Lienau, who has worked in a variety of teaching roles in her career; we were using her specialist gym teacher hat on this occasion. The children have collaborated in writing poetry and then written personal ones about themselves. The picture of the week on the swing was the first of many swing togetherness moments with expert pushing from Mr Martin and Mr Wollaston. Foxes, I hope you have a restful half term – I look forward to more teamwork and togetherness after the break. Mrs Angell



Final Thought

We are only mid-February and yet 2024 has already given us so much; children's mental health week, internet safety day and our recognition treats in school today. In school, we have gained new children, new staff and our community is growing. I am looking forward to Kate Carter joining us at the beginning of March as our new Office Administrator. I know she is hugely looking forward to becoming part of Selwyn Hall School and can offer not only administration skills but also a vast knowledge of how to support children with SEND. As our school grows, it is about finding the right adults who can make connections with others and are ready to be part of our exciting journey. I hope you have a great half term and I look forward to seeing you and your children soon, as the days get lighter for longer and spring starts to show its face.

Have a good half term.

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