

# Friday Flyer

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a happy new year and a huge thank you from all staff at Selwyn for all the cards, chocolates, biscuits and very thoughtful gifts at the end of term. How well you know us to bring us food 😊. I hope you all had a restful Christmas and New Year break.

The term has started in full swing, with all staff and children excited to see the chickens in school. They have been laying eggs every day and they are enjoying being stroked and looked after. We are looking forward to a productive and fun term ahead of us. Welcome back!

## Cat Class

The arrival of a New Year has thrown Cat class some new challenges, but they have handled them with aplomb. We have embraced having another class in 'our' building, the children have welcomed the Okapis into our classroom, enjoyed playing UNO together and other activities. In turn, the Okapis invited the Cats to look at their new classroom and have enjoyed seeing how Mr Noone has transformed our box creating room (formerly fox classroom!). The children have begun to form a lovely cohesive Key Stage 2 unit and it's a delight to see. In history, we have begun our Anglo-Saxons topic and there was interest in knowing that we are in the middle of very Anglo-Saxon countryside, with the name Foxtan originating from Anglo-Saxon times meaning fox farm. In Geography, the symbolism of flags was discussed, and the children designed their own flags that contained symbols that were relevant to them and their interests. In music, classical, historical composers were listened to, we spent time listening to modern composers, it is good for the children to understand and listen to music from hundreds of years ago. We then listened to modern musicians that used samples of the classical artists they found. What a great mix of experiences in just four days. Have a good weekend. Mrs Angell



## Marco Polo Class

What a wonderful first week back! It's been lovely to see everyone's smiling faces and hear all the fantastic stories from their winter break. In English, we've been exploring poetry through songs, sparking some great discussions and creativity. In maths, we focused on converting units, specifically time and length, with impressive progress made by everyone. In DT, we began an exciting project on shadow puppets, learning the basics before we start making our own puppets and theatres in the coming weeks. In history, we took a detailed dive into the Tudors, starting with the fascinating story of Lady Jane Grey. In geography, we explored how humans impact the environment in both positive and negative ways, whether intentional or accidental. It's been a fantastic week back, and we're excited for all the learning and fun still to come this term. Well done, Marco Polo class, have a great weekend. Miss Borgeson.

## Armstrong Class

We have had a lovely first week back after the Christmas break. We have enjoyed seeing all our friends again as well as getting to know some new friends - the chickens. We have been looking at rhyming poetry and started off by listening to as well as writing our own funny limericks. See what you think! We then put them to a musical beat

which was very cool. In maths, we have been looking at factors and multiples and solving some reasoning style problems using this knowledge. In PSHE, we have been thinking about positive mindsets and heard some top tips from a teenager on how to work on that. We have fitted so much in.

There was a dog from Selwyn Hall.  
Who loved to play with a ball.  
One day at the park.  
She started to bark.  
Then ran straight into the wall!

There was a young student from Selwyn Hall,  
Who loved to catch the ball.  
He fell on his nose,  
When he tried to pose,  
And now he can't smell at all!



### **Okapi Class**

Happy New Year, Okapi Class! We've started the New Year in our brand-new habitat—our new classroom! The children have been excited to explore the bigger space, and it's been wonderful to see them settle in. As neighbours to Cat Class, we've also enjoyed building positive peer relationships by playing games and sharing plenty of laughs together. This week, we began exploring the theme of belonging. The children have started creating papier-mâché animals that represent Okapi Class and it's been fantastic to see their creativity. The first few days back have been about getting back into our routines, which we know can be challenging after a break. However, the children have shown resilience, and we've ended the week feeling accomplished and excited for what's to come. Here's to a fantastic term ahead! Mr Noone.

### **Figge Class**

It has been lovely to welcome back Figge class young learners to school this week after the Christmas break and it has been great to see them ready and raring for the term ahead. They have enjoyed catching up with their peers after the holidays and have enjoyed using their Christmas gifts from Polaris...the inflatable sofa in class is the biggest winner for all and yesterday afternoon, we had fun using the karaoke machine and disco ball for a movement break! This week, they have enjoyed visiting the chickens, picking them up, feeding them and collecting warm eggs – they certainly are a welcome addition to Selwyn school and enjoyed the holidays to settle into their new coop fully. The class have been working on learning about the European Union in geography, angles and measures in maths and in English, they have read and listened to Aesop's fables and then they worked together to write their own version using a tiger and a mosquito as their main characters! In PSHE, they tackled the theme of stereotypes and learnt that the quote 'you can't judge a book by its cover' really rings true when you learn to see beyond what you see at first. Have a wonderful weekend all. Miss Chandler

### **Final Thought**

On Monday, all staff went to Easthorpe School, near Nottingham, for our INSET day. We had hoped the snow would be behind us but, sadly, it caught up with many of us on the M1. That said, we arrived in time for our training from Catherine Beard, who many of you know was our Executive Headteacher at the beginning of Selwyn. Our training was on the curriculum we deliver at Selwyn and Easthorpe, how we plan for our young people and what their learning journeys look like. The day was buzzing with enthusiasm and pride as staff from both schools collaborated and shared their ideas - all staff were talking about it on the journey home. It made the start to term a really positive time for everyone as we came in on Tuesday ready to continue what had been started in the autumn term and put into place some new ideas we had generated. We hope you see this, as the term progresses, in the learning your children do. We look forward to working with you as well, this term.

Have a great weekend.

*Yours faithfully*

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

#### 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

#### Summer Term 2025

Summer Term begins

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Summer Half Term

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 2nd June 2025

End of Summer Term

Wednesday 23rd July 2025