



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,
I hope you are well and full of festive cheer! I have already sampled far too many mince pies!
I can hardly believe that next week, we will be breaking up for the school holidays. Time flies! We wish you all a restful and peaceful time.

The school will be closed in the main, however, if you are concerned about a child that attends the school, you can contact us while we are on holiday using the email cp@selwyn.waltham.sch.uk. This is monitored and we will respond to messages where children are at risk.

Next week, we will be having the last of our productions and the class Christmas parties. Can I remind you that safety is our priority and therefore no chocolates or foods with nuts can be brought into the school. Unfortunately that means many of the popular brands (Roses, Celebrations, Quality Street, Ferrero Rocher- all my favourites) cannot be brought to school to be shared. Please be extra vigilant about what you are sending in to school.

We love when parents come to school to watch their children's performances and inevitably, they want to take photos or videos. Can I please remind you that these videos and photos are for personal use. They must not be shared publicly or put on social media sites without the permission of those in the photograph. Many schools have stopped parents from taking photographs however; we rely on our parents' commitment to keeping our children safe to allow this practice to continue. Please ensure you are adhering to our safety rules.

Reading continues to be a priority for our school. Next week, the children will be bringing their class novels home for pre-reading. Please ensure they are cared for and returned after the break.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Lisa Bogle
Head teacher



Diary Dates



- 18 Dec Nativity Assembly - Nursery & Reception - 11 am & 2 pm
- 19 Dec Class parties - information to follow
- 20 Dec Carols round the Christmas tree & music concert
4 – 5 pm All welcome
(See below for more details)
- 21 Dec Last day of term – 2 pm finish

Christmas Holidays

- 7/8 Jan Inset days – staff only
- 9 Jan Children return to school



SEND Coffee Mornings

Please note, we will be running the following SEND Parent coffee mornings next term:

Session 3	Language at home	Speech Therapist - Aoife	22.1.2019
Session 4	Autism Awareness	SENDSuccess/Whitefield Outreach	8.2.2019
Session 5	Sensory difficulties	SENDSuccess/Whitefield Outreach	1.3.2019
Session 6	Behaviour	Dr Anna Griffiths EP	TBC

The sessions will start at 9 am and are open to all Selwyn parents and carers.

Carols Round the Tree



We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us after school next Thursday (4 – 5 pm) for our annual 'Carols Round the Tree', and end-of-term concert.

We will be serving mince pies and mulled wine, so why not come and join the festive fun!

Choir Sings in Mall

Yesterday, Years 5 and 6 choir members went to Selbourne Walk and joined with other school choirs from the local area to sing Christmas songs and carols to entertain members of the public.



It was lovely – and quite moving - to listen to the children sing so beautifully and they were applauded enthusiastically by the shoppers.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Next term, we will be teaching the children about the Holocaust, with a variety of different activities taking place during the week leading up to Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 January. If you, or any of your friends or relatives, have any items which you feel might enhance their learning and understanding of this sensitive topic, and are prepared to loan them to us, we would be very grateful.

Pantomime

Today, there has been much excitement and merriment in school as we were all treated to a performance of our annual Christmas pantomime. This year's show was entitled 'Santa Claus and the Night he saved Christmas', the magical festive story of a young girl called Emily and her quest to rescue her father who has been taken and is now the new Jack Frost.



Once again, FOSS has kindly funded this with money raised at their various events throughout the year and our thanks go to them.

Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:
Lower Phase – Hooriya, Cherry Class
Upper Phase – Rania, Beech Class



Micro-Musical

This morning, we had our second micro-musical of the year when Year 2 staged 'The Great Fire of London'. Although the children are still young, they performed with a confidence beyond their years.



Many had learnt long and challenging lines, and all spoke and sang without scripts.

Congratulations to all!



Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 7.12.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Olive	100%
Hazel	99.6%
Cherry	99.3
Lowest	Percentage
Hornbeam	94.0%
Mulberry	93.3%
Cypress	93.1%

Congratulations to Olive Class for their great attendance!

Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:
Lower Phase – Buddy, Cherry Class
Upper Phase – Ruby, Cedar Class

