



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2 February 2018

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well.

Thank you to all of the parents who continue to support the school by attending our school events. We are lucky to have such active parents and I want to take this opportunity to let you know it is appreciated! We have been discussing safeguarding and so it seems pertinent that we should discuss the use of social media to share photographs and information regarding school events. As a school we have no jurisdiction to police or enforce our parents' use of social media. We refer and support families of children who attend our school and are using social media inappropriately or unsupervised and refer parents, where children are directly at risk of harm or need protection as a result of unsafe social media use. Around the school and following all events, parents are reminded that no photographs or recorded images should appear on social media. While most of you understand the potential danger this poses and refrain from doing so, some of these photos still end up in the public domain. It would be easy to have a blanket ban on using phones and other devices to record or take images however, these provide a record of valuable memories that I am sure your children will cherish in years to come. We could mitigate against the potential dangers if we are mindful and sensible about their use. One of the ways in which you can do this is to ensure that recordings and images do not identify the school in anyway. Uniforms, school signs etc. should not be captured where possible. Photographs should not tag individuals or the location where it was taken. Any social media privacy setting should be checked regularly. By taking these simple precautions together we can make our school safer for all children.

Another issue that is affecting our school is the use of social media to discuss school events and quite often parental concerns. When things are discussed on social media, it makes it extremely difficult for the school to respond and to deal with any issues or concerns. It also leads to Chinese whispers and 'fake news' which is distracting and confusing for members of the school community, last week I received a number of birthday cards despite my birthday being in the Summer as a result of the rumour mill. If we have gotten something wrong, and inevitably we will, please talk to us! I personally monitor the Primary@selwyn.waltham.sch.uk email and we have a very clear complaints policy. Please give us the opportunity to work together and resolve things for the benefit of all of our children

Have a great weekend

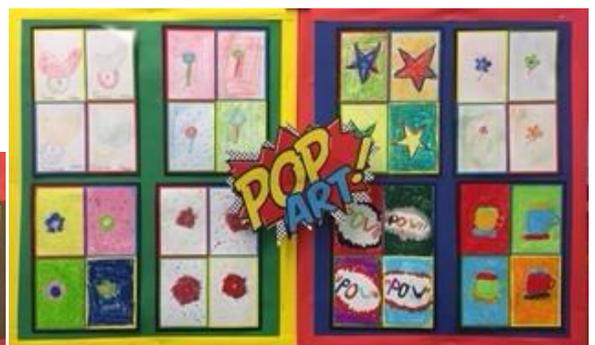
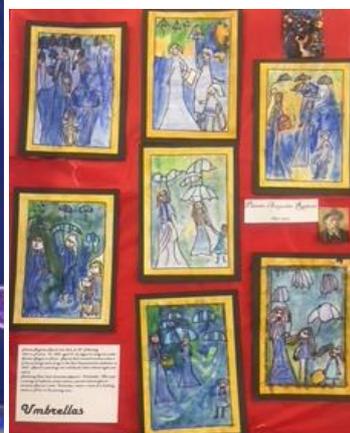
Kind regards

Lisa Bogle
Headteacher

Diary Dates

5/7/8 Feb	Science Museum Trip – Yr 4
5 Feb	Music Festival
7 Feb	Ambulance Service Visit Rec & Yr 1
8 Feb	Spring Disco
12 – 16 Feb	Half-term break
19 Feb	NSPCC Visit
20 Feb	School Nurse – Yr 2
21 Feb	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 8 pm
22 Feb	Special Assembly – KS2 'The History of Waltham Forest' Egyptian Workshop – Yr 3
23 Feb	Coffee Morning – 'e-safety' 9 – 10 am
27 Feb	Micro Musical – Yr 5
28 Feb	Natural History Museum - Rec

Selwyn Art Gallery



Chinese New Year

On Wednesday, pupils from Reception took part in a special assembly to mark the Chinese New Year. They sang Chinese songs and performed in Chinese costumes, using props they had made themselves.



Young Voices

On Monday, our school choir once again took part in the 'Young Voices' performance at the O2. They joined with more than 7,000 other pupils from schools across the London area to perform an eclectic mix of music, ranging from Beethoven to Ed Sheeran via Stevie Wonder. I am sure everyone who attended would agree that it was a truly amazing, heart-warming evening and we were very proud of all those who represented our school.



'Bring Your Parent' Morning

Yesterday morning, parents and carers of children in Years 1 and 3 were invited to join them for part of the morning session.



They were able to see how a typical morning session runs and were encouraged to join in a wide variety of activities - including a ukele lesson!



We hope all who were able to join us enjoyed this brief snapshot of a typical Selwyn morning.

Spring Disco



By now, your child should have brought home a letter regarding the Spring Disco which FOSS is holding next Thursday. This letter includes timings for each year group and where/when tickets can be bought.

As always, admission will be by ticket only.

Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 26.1.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Hazel	99.2%
Chestnut	99.0%
Maple	98.6%
Lowest	Percentage
Walnut	91.5%
Teak	88.8%
Hawthorn	87.6%

Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:
Lower Phase – Iris Wood, Palm Class
Upper Phase – Renee Ezé, Cedar Class



Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:
Lower Phase – Khalifa Mohamed, Palm Class
Upper Phase – Finley Chaikin, Hawthorn Class