



# Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

Over the next few days, you will be receiving your termly trips and visits contributions letter. I have written to the school community a number of times to explain our position regarding trips and visits. As a school, we believe that our children benefit from having visitors here in school, and visiting places, to broaden their understanding of what they are learning in the classroom. We heavily subsidise these activities; however, in addition to this, we also rely on contributions towards the cost from our parents. We provide a lot of enrichment to our curriculum free of charge, including after-school clubs and other activities, and keep your contributions to a minimum.

Unfortunately, recent cuts mean we are no longer in the position to top up trips and visits for certain year groups where parents are not contributing at all and, therefore, if we do not receive contributions towards these, we will be forced to cancel them and make alternative provision. This is not something we want to do but regrettably the current situation is unsustainable.

The letter states clearly what you are contributing to and the minimum contribution required from each family to enable the trip to go ahead. This is minimum contribution and anything above this amount would be greatly welcomed. In response to parental feedback, any cost above £10 for a term can now be paid in 3 instalments.

I hope you find this helpful and understand the reasons. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us,

Kind regards  
Lisa Bogle  
Head of School

## Diary Dates

- 16/23/30 Jan Craig, story-teller, in Rec/Yr 1
- 13/20 Jan Story-Telling Sessions with Craig  
10 am and 11 am All welcome  
(See over for more information)
- 16 Jan **Swimming restarts – Yr 4**  
  
Maths Games Afternoon -  
All welcome – see letter for time of  
your child’s games session
- 17 Jan Suntrap Trip – Yr 5
- 18 Jan Motivation Workshops – Yr 6  
  
Nurse Drop-In Session  
2.30 – 3.30 pm
- 19 Jan Coffee Morning 9 – 10 am  
  
Art Day
- 22/26 Jan Houses of Parliament Trip – Yr 6
- 24 Jan Growing Against Violence  
Workshop – Yr 6
- 26 Jan Art Gallery 3.15 – 4 pm  
All welcome
- 29 Jan Young Voices performance at O2
- 31 Jan Chinese New Year Assembly  
All welcome: 9.30 – 9.45 am  
10.30 – 10.45 am

## **Urgent Reminder**

If you have a child born between:

**1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014**

they are due to start school this September.

**Please note that the closing date for applications for a place in Selwyn Reception 2018 is 15 January 2018 – ie this coming Monday.**

All applications for places must be made online at: [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk). If you have any questions or need help or advice with this, please speak to Gina Millan.

## **Suntrap Education Centre**

We have received an email from Suntrap outlining many of the exciting activities and workshops they have planned for the year. These include monthly clubs, like Squirrels Club (for pre-school children) and Be Wild Saturday (for 5 – 12 year olds). They also run sessions during the school holidays, with Family Animal Adventure being an example of one being held during February half-term.

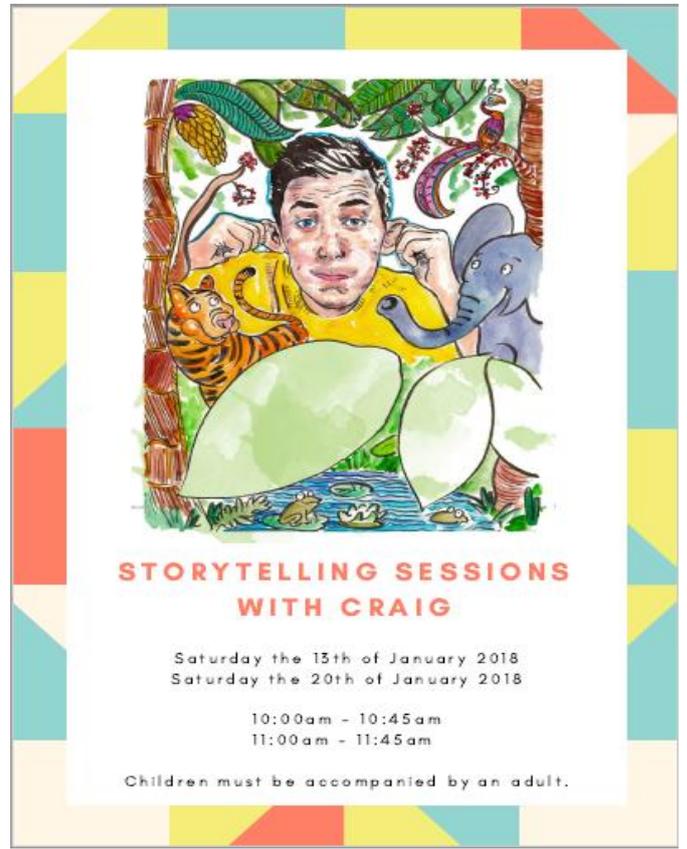
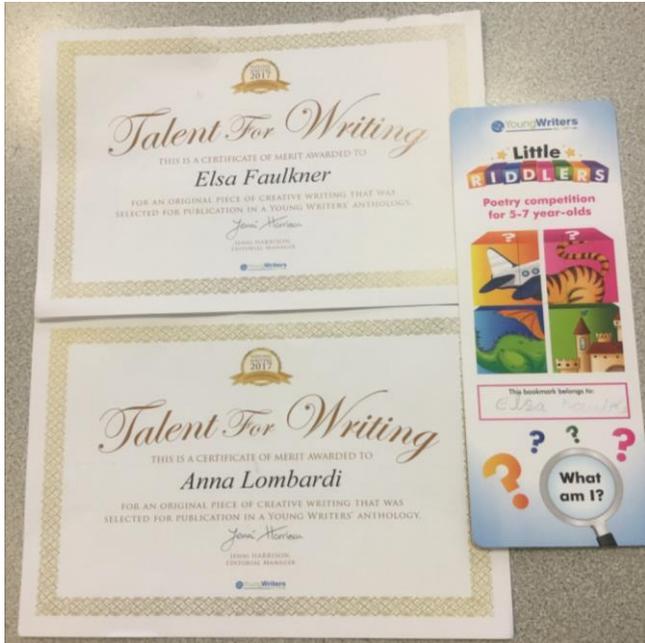
For further information, visit their website at:

[suntrapcentre.weebly.com](http://suntrapcentre.weebly.com)



## Young Writers Poetry Competition

Huge congratulations to Anna Lombardi and Elsa Faulkner in Rowan Class (Year 2) who took part in 'Little Riddlers', a Young Writers poetry competition for 5 – 7 year-olds. Both their riddles will appear in the Young Writers published book.



## English Conversation Club

A four-week conversation club is being held every Friday (starting today) at Hale End Library in Highams Park. It will take place from 1.45 – 3 pm and is free of charge.

## Safeguarding Notices

### Reporting Absences

In the event that your child is unable to attend school, please call to notify us as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in their absence being recorded as unauthorised.

Outside of school office hours, please leave a message, clearly stating your child's name and class, on: **0208 527 3814**.

### After-School Collection

As mentioned last week, if someone else is collecting your child from school, please make sure the office has all their details, together with a password.

***These measures are vital for ensuring the safety of all our children.***

## Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the period ending 5.1.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Maple	100%
Mulberry	99.0%
Rowan	98.2%
Lowest	Percentage
Hawthorn	90.4%
Teak	88.8%
Cedar	86.5%

***Congratulations to Maple Class for 100% attendance!***

## Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Kayla Chaikin, Mulberry Class

Upper Phase – Tara Shakya-Lopez, Hawthorn Class



## Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Eli Carey, Mulberry Class

Upper Phase – Joao Macedo Veiga, Hazel Class