



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! May 2018 bring you, your families and loved ones, joy and happiness.

I want to share with you some of the new developments to the curriculum that we will be focusing on this term. This week your children have been reminded of their school house colours. All children from Reception to Year 6 have been allocated a house: Green, Blue, Red or Yellow. Each house colour represents a continent: Green - Asia, Blue - North America, Red - Africa, and Yellow - Europe. Historically, our house teams have been used for sports day activities and been very much redundant for the rest of the year. This year, I have decided to link the house teams to our charitable giving, fundraising and other areas of school life. This has been done by allocating each house a local charity and a member of SLT to lead them. Details are shown in the box to the right.

The Shooting Star Hospice will be our school charity. This is a charity that provides respite and end-of-life care for children who are terminally ill. Over the year, we will be raising money for these charities in a variety of ways, in line with our school values that encourage children to care, co-operate, commit, consider others, and be courteous.

In addition to the above, we will be continuing to develop our Personal, Social, Citizenship & Health Curriculum (PSCHE); as part of these, and as a British school, we will be focusing more on the values of the society that we live in, such as tolerance, the rule of law, equality, democracy, individual liberty, mutual respect for, and tolerance of, those of different faiths and beliefs, and those without faith. These will be taught through the curriculum and our collective worship times. We will also be reflecting on the protected characteristics of our country and how we respond to differences within our school community. Our curriculum is designed to ensure children achieve at the highest possible level and have the skills, commitment and drive to contribute to society positively. Exciting times!

This term, we will also be focusing on ensuring that our children continue to develop skills in geography, computing, history and science. This means that children will no longer be taught topic lessons that are based in these subjects but have discrete lessons on a weekly basis. It has always been our aim to have a curriculum that has depth and, this term, we will be focusing on ensuring that there is further depth in these subject areas.

Kind regards
Lisa Bogle
Head of School

Diary Dates

9 Jan	Maths Day
9/16/ 23/30 Jan	Craig, story-teller, in Rec/Yr 1
13 Jan	Story-Telling Session with Craig 10 – 11 am All welcome (See over for more information)
16 Jan	Swimming restarts – Yr 4 Maths Games Afternoon 2 pm – parents welcome
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
20 Jan	Story-Telling Session with Craig 10 – 11 am All welcome – see over
22/26 Jan	Houses of Parliament Trip – Yr 6
26 Jan	Art Gallery 3.15 – 4 pm All welcome

School Houses

Colour	Continent	Local Charity	Leader Representative
Red	Africa	Barnado's	Ms Fryer
Yellow	Europe	Cancer Research	Mr Noonan
Green	Asia	North Enfield Food Bank	Mrs Amankwah
Blue	North America	Guide Dogs for the Blind	Mrs Vincent

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, clearing stating your child's name and class, on: **0208 527 3814**

After-School Collection

If your child is to be collected after school by another adult, please make sure that you have informed the office of this. In addition to giving this adult's name and contact details, please also provide a password which your child's class teacher will then use as confirmation when they pick up your child.

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

Craig Returns!

We are delighted to be able to tell you that our story-teller, Craig, is returning to Selwyn this month. As well as working with children in the lower years, he will also be running two of his popular, family story-telling sessions. They will take place on the following dates and are free of charge:

Saturday, 13 January: 10 – 11 am

Saturday, 20 January: 10 – 11 am

Why not pop in with your children and try one or both of these fun, family sessions?



Writer/Mathematician of the Week

These will return next week.

Reminders

With a view to starting as we mean to go on, here are a few polite reminders:

PE Kits

Unfortunately, there is still a small number of children who have not yet brought in a PE kit. Please ensure that all children bring in a kit as a matter of urgency, as taking part in PE lessons is a non-negotiable part of the national curriculum.

Footwear

We have noticed that some children are still wearing trainers, boots or other inappropriate footwear to school. Please note that all children should wear proper black school shoes, as laid out in our School Uniform Policy.

Children without the appropriate footwear will not be allowed to take part in any trips or other off-site school activities.

Nuts

May we remind you that we are a **nut-free school**. This is something we take very seriously as we have children with severe health issues in our school. Please check that any food you give your child, whether in their packed lunch, for a school trip, or after-school snack, does not contain any nuts or traces of nuts.

Swimming

Swimming for Year 4 does not restart until 16 January.

Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the period ending 20.12.17 were:

Highest	Percentage
Hornbeam	98.8%
Olive	97.5%
Beech	96.4%
Lowest	Percentage
Teak	88.0%
Cedar	85.3%
Aspen	78.8%