



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a fantastic week.

Thank you for your support over the very long Spring term. It has been a very positive term and much has been achieved. A high percentage of children have already reached end-of-term expectations and children overall have made good progress. Children and staff have demonstrated many successes and we continue to move towards outstanding.

Our greatest challenge remains attendance and ensuring all members of the school community understand the importance of children coming to school everyday.

Our attendance for the autumn term was: 96.2%

Our attendance for the Spring term was: 95%

Several Fixed Penalty Notices were issued, and a significant number of parents met with senior leaders or members of the Welfare Team to discuss poor attendance.

On a positive note, 195 pupils achieved 100% attendance awards for this term and Rowan Class won the class attendance trip to Pizza Express. We will continue to challenge poor attendance as we all know the difference missing just one day of education makes.

With that in mind, please note that I cannot authorise any requested leave due to travel tickets being booked accidentally or otherwise. It is important that you check the term dates for 2018/19. The last day of the summer term is Thursday 19 July 2018. Any family who chooses to take a holiday before this date will receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per parent for each child. Please ensure that your child attends everyday.

Have a fantastic Easter break!

Lisa Bogle
Headteacher



Diary Dates

Summer Term

- 16 Apr Inset Day – staff only
- 17 Apr Children return to school
(No swimming – Yr 4)
- 18 Apr Enabling Enterprise Challenge Day – whole school
- 20 Apr Class Photos
- 24 Apr Swimming restarts – Yr 4
- 26 Apr Southend Aquarium Trip – Yr 1
- 4 May Coffee Morning



Ex-Pupils Success

We are extremely proud to report that two of our ex-pupils have been nominated to receive a Jack Petchy Award. This award recognises the positive contributions to society made by young people aged 11-25 in London and Essex. Knowing the two girls nominated, we would say they are richly deserved.



Well done, girls!



Mental Health First Aid Training for Parents



Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an internationally recognised training course, designed to teach people how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health and provide help on a first aid basis.

They will be running a half-day Mental Health First Aid training session for parents (and others working with young people) in Hale End Library on 28 April, from 9 am - 1pm.

For more information visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-first-aid-training-to-support-young-people-tickets-44370562547>

Easter Bonnet Parade

As you all know, unfortunately yesterday the British weather does what it does best – spoiling the best-laid plans of mice and men – which meant that we were unable to hold our eagerly-awaited Easter Bonnet Parade. However, all were able to wear them for the afternoon session in class and KS1 held a mini parade in Haldan Hall.



As you can see, the children once again showed how creative they can be.



Rowan Class Attendance Trip

Rowan Class had a fantastic time on their attendance award trip for Spring Term. They behaved exceptionally well and continued to show their 5Cs whilst walking to the train station, on the train (we had a quietest group competition so we didn't disturb other travellers) and at Pizza Express. I'm a very proud class teacher.



Here are some photos of the children tucking into their yummy three-course lunch!



Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 23.3.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Olive	100%
Mulberry Hawthorn Hazel	99.2%
Lowest	Percentage
Hornbeam	90.7%
Juniper	88.5%
Palm	80.8%

***Congratulations to Olive for their 100% attendance.
What a great way to end the term!***

Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Jason Vijayendran, Olive Class

Upper Phase – Dariana Tomsa, Hazel Class



Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Stefani Constantinidou, Olive Class

Upper Phase – Glenda Ziebell, Hazel Class