



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by congratulating the various teams that have taken part in sporting competitions across the borough and soon the region! Over the last year, nearly 100 children have had the opportunity to take part in competitive sport ranging from table tennis to football and our teams have been very successful. Selwyn has always had a strong culture of competitive sports and I am pleased to see that under the leadership of Mrs Curtis and Mr Kuprewicz we are seeing this culture revived. Go Team Selwyn! In order that more children can develop a love of sport, and have the opportunity to prepare and develop their skills, it is essential that all children bring their PE kit to school. It is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and therefore all children must take part. In order to support this, we have purchased some additional PE kits for children to still participate in lessons when they have forgotten their kit, and your child will be given one to wear if they have not brought their own.

The countdown has begun to the BIG move! Over the next week or so the children will have the opportunity to visit their new classrooms in our new school. We have not taken possession of the building yet so are relying on the contractor's good will in allowing us to visit. Although safe, it is still classed as a building site and this means we have limited access. Nonetheless, we will be arranging an opportunity for parents to look around the new school. You have supported us through challenging times and we want you to see what you have helped to achieve. If you wish to have a final look around the old buildings, there will be an opportunity on either the 17th or 18th May between 5-6.30pm. I will write to you and send text message alerts when dates for parent to visit the new building have been agreed.

Our attendance this term has not been great. It has been particularly noticeable the number of parents who do not call the school to notify us when their children are sick and unable to attend school. Much of Dawn's time is spent calling parents to find out if children are safe as a result of them not calling in. Please can I remind you that in the event of your child's absence you must call the school no later than 9:15am. I hope you all enjoy the promised Bank holiday sunshine and we will see you on Tuesday 8th May.

Have a great weekend,
Lisa Bogle
Head Teacher

Class Photos

Please remember that all orders for class photos must be returned to school by **next Wednesday morning, 9 May**.

If you wish to make orders after this time, you will have to do so yourself which may incur postage costs.

Diary Dates

7 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
8 May	KS1 Assessments
9 May	Tennis Competition Regional Finals
11 May	Debate – Yr 4 9.30 am - Parents welcome
14 May	KS2 SATs week (see over) Healthy School Week Walk to School Week
14/21 May	Leyton Orient – Yr 4
18 May	Coffee Morning – Phonics Suntrap – Reception
21/22/23 May	L'Oréal Young Scientist – Yr 3
23 May	Victoria & Albert Museum – Yr 5
24/25 May	Building Days - School & Acorn Club closed
28 May – 1 June Half-term	
4/5 Jun	Building Days - School & Acorn Club closed
6 Jun	Children return to school
7 Jun	Cambridge University Trip – Yr 5
8 Jun	L'Oréal Young Scientist Cedar Class (rescheduled visit)

Selwyn Stay & Play

Play, learn and grow together!

Thursdays 1.30 - 3 pm (Nursery)



Parents and carers, come and join Nas for fun activities and messy play. All activities are perfect for children aged 0 - 4 years.

Only 50p per family per session.

Supporting your child during SATs Weeks

At Selwyn, we are fortunate to have supportive and committed parents and carers. This is particularly appreciated during SATs week. With this in mind, we have some tips for supporting your child this time. We know you are probably already doing most, if not all, of these things, but it never hurts to remind ourselves!

1. Sleep is always important, but especially during extended periods of concentration. Try to ensure your child is not overstimulated in the run-up to bed time, perhaps by limiting time on iPads, phones, etc.
2. A relaxing bedtime routine (warm bath, favourite bedtime story, soothing music) should help send them to sleep.
3. Ensure your child has a nutritious breakfast to help them stay focused until lunch time.
4. It should not all be about studying. Allow time for your child to do activities they enjoy - if outdoors in fresh air, even better.
5. Ensure your child arrives at school in plenty of time so they remain calm and don't panic about being late.
6. Encourage your child not to panic. Discuss and reassure them about any worries they may have.
7. Send your child to school every day with a positive comment being the last thing they hear before heading in!

Above all, don't worry and encourage your child not to either!

Volunteer Readers

If you have a bit of spare time and would like to spend it fruitfully, we always welcome volunteer readers to support us by listening to children read, either on a one-to-one basis or in small groups.

If this would interest you, please speak to Gina or Ms Amankwah.



Writer of the Week

This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Alex, Palm Class

Upper Phase – Calvin, Beech Class



Mini Tour de Waltham Forest

On Monday, some of our pupils took part in the Schools Tennis Competition at Lee Valley Tennis Centre. After some tough matches, we are proud to be able to report that Selwyn were the triumphant winners of the competition and have qualified for the regional finals, to be played next Wednesday. Go Team Selwyn!



Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 27.4.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Beech	100%
Palm	100%
Holly	99.3%
Lowest	Percentage
Hornbeam	93.9%
Juniper	93.8%
Teak	86.7%

Congratulations to Beech and Palm Classes for their excellent attendance!



Mathematician of the Week

This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Cameron, Palm Class

Upper Phase – John, Cedar Class

